

EMMANUEL CHURCH

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

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The Third Sunday of Advent



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 15, 2024

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

What Sweeter Music Can We Bring?

John Rutter (ca. 1985)

*What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honor to this day,
That sees December turned to May.*

*We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.
The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him. The nobler part
Of all the house here, is the heart.*

*Why does the chilling winter's morn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:
'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth
Gives life and luster, public mirth,
To heaven, and the under-earth.*

*Which we will give him; and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour, who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.
What sweeter music can we bring,
Than a carol for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?*

- Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

HYMN 376

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

THE WORD OF GOD

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY, *prayed aloud by all*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Advent wreath is a treasured way in our Episcopal tradition to mark our progress during Advent as we wait for God's light to break through the darkness with Jesus' birth. While the Advent wreath is a tradition that originated in families, and is not part of our worship liturgies, it is a lovely tradition to remember at the start of worship as we light candles for hope, peace, joy, and love. The four candles do not have any specific meaning within The Episcopal Church, but the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love are perfect for Advent, with joy on the third Sunday — Gaudete Sunday — represented by the pink candle. For churches that observe Advent with the liturgical color purple, the pink represents a lift in the observance of Advent as a semi-penitential season, or mini-Lent. In contrast, many Episcopal churches use Sarum blue vestments and altar hangings during Advent, which distinguishes the unique features of hopeful waiting in Advent over the penitence of Lent as we wait for God to come in human flesh. (prayers adapted from the text of The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski for Virginia Theological Seminary)


Third Sunday of Advent

Leader Today we light the first, second, and third candles of the Advent wreath. The first candle is for HOPE, the second candle is for PEACE, and the third candle is for JOY.

The candles are lit.

People **Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD S273, *Book of Common Prayer* page 356




Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



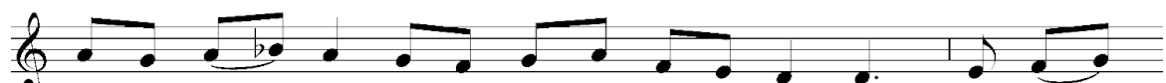
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,




you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive



our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**



Surely, it is God who **saves me**; *

I will trust in him and not be **afraid**.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure **defense**, *
and he will be my **Savior**.

Therefore you shall draw water with **rejoicing** *
from the springs of **salvation**.

And on that day you shall **say**, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his **Name**;

Make his deeds known among the **peoples**; *
see that they remember that his Name is **exalted**.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great **things**, *
and this is known in all the **world**.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your **joy**, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of **Israel**.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spirit**; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen**.

Isaiah 12:2-6

THE SECOND READING

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

FOR THE SEQUENCE, Hymn 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Luke 3:7-18

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Roger Bullard

THE NICENE CREED, *recited together, standing*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *form VI*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*silence, then...*) For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

We pray for our mayor, our governor, our president and for this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Grant to the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give courage, wisdom, and foresight to Senators and Representatives, and legislators in States, Cities, and Towns, to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations. Give understanding and integrity to the Judges and officers of our Courts, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians, for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honor as your children, for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For our rector, our bishop, our presiding bishop, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for

In the cycle of prayer of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island we pray for... .

In the Emmanuel Church Cycle of Prayer, we pray for

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation we ask your prayers for ... hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(*the people may add their thanksgivings*)

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

CONFESSION

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
(Silence is kept)

Have mercy upon us, **most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

NOTICES

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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AT THE OFFERTORY

Domine Deus

Antonio Vivaldi (from *Gloria*)

for the presentation of gifts the people stand and sing
Hymn 380, stanza 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer A*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Et etc.* ... concluding who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S115, *Book of Common Prayer* page 362

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord
God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full
of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Priest Holy and gracious Father: ... whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Holy and gracious Father: *Et etc. ... concluding*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, *Et etc. concluding ...* we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM S160

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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COMMUNION

Adagio, from Oboe Concerto in C Minor
Hymn 81, *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

Alessandro Marcello

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *prayed aloud together, standing, kneeling or sitting as you prefer*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 72

Hark! The Glad Sound

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

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Nick Brown, Debbie Venancio, *readers* Nancy Zitka, *intercessor* Ellen Vadney, *livestream*
Valerie Martin, Jon Juhase, *ushers* Carolyn Swiggart, Ellen Vadney, *counters*
Duffy, *Parish Intern*

The Musicians' Circle

Ali Hosford, *Artist in Residence*, Randy Elkins, *Director of Music & Organist*
Nellie Horvath, *Music Assistant*, Ethan Boucher & Tara Byrnes, *Choral Scholars*
Kenneth, *Guest Artist in Residence* (oboe)

Brooke Daigle, Nancy Zitka, Margaret Keiran, Debbie Venancio, Danielly Muchiutti,
Kathleen Tocke, Duffy, Suzanna Laramée, Della Wager Wells+, Jane Dyer, Susan Barnes+,
Paige Dinger, Barbara Chapman, Caleb Dinger, Duffy, Ellen Vadney, Kevin Venancio,
David Thalmann, David Frazier, Ryan Brown, Lyndsay Brown (sound), Jodie DeSalvo,
Elinora-Rosaria Deininger, Luke Bayne, Duffy, Marshall Saunders, Sylvia Strong, Tim Dolan

Bible Study follows the 8:00 a.m. service in the Library.
Choir Practice follows the 8:00 a.m. service in the Church.
Coffee Hour follows the 10:00 a.m. service in the Library.

SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY

December 24 **Christmas EVE Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music** - at 4:00 p.m. Please join us for this most beautiful of services in the rare, exquisite beauty of our Church.

December 25 **Christmas DAY Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music** at 10:00 a.m. This year Emmanuel hosts the Christmas Day service bringing together congregants from Emmanuel, St. Johns and Trinity. We will be led by clergy from each congregation and by the Emmanuel Musicians' Circle. Wear those Ugly Sweaters!!
