



EMMANUEL CHURCH



NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

We share our home, building a vibrant, loving community.

The First Sunday after Christmas

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 29, 2024

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

HYMN 94

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

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.

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



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



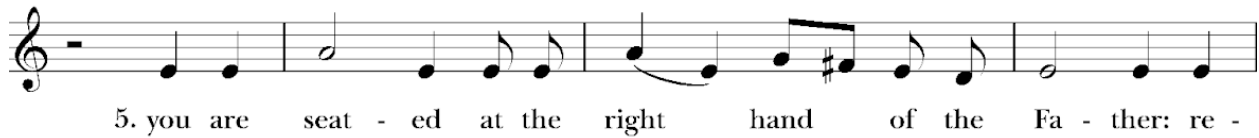
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



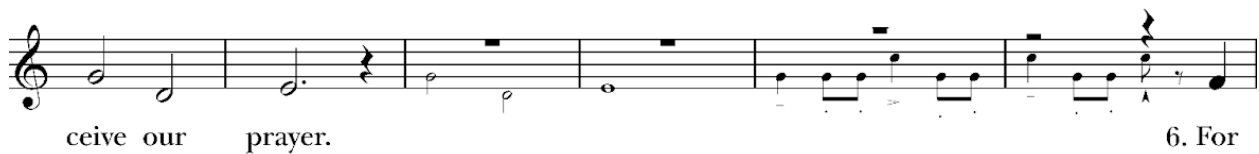
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



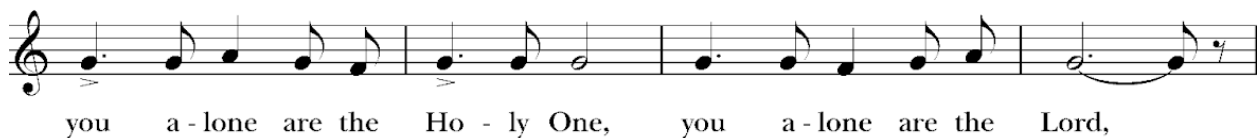
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



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



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. 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

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

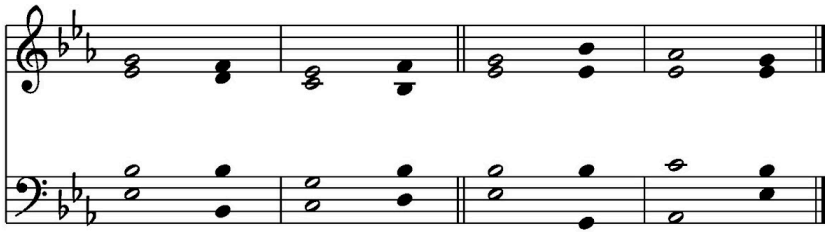
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 147:13-21



Worship the Lord, O **Jerusalem**; *
praise your God, O **Zion**;
For he has strengthened the bars of your **gates**; *
he has blessed your children with **in you**.

He has established peace on your **borders**; *
he satisfies you with the finest **wheat**.
He sends out his command to the **earth**; *
and his word runs very **swiftly**.

He gives snow like **wool**; *
he scatters hoarfrost like **ashes**.
He scatters his hail like **bread crumbs**; *
who can stand against his **cold**?

He sends forth his word and **melts them**; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters **flow**.
He declares his word to **Jacob**; *
his statutes and his judgments to **Israel**.

ΩHe has not done so to any other **nation**; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments. | Hallel**ujah**!

THE SECOND READING

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Lector The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

FOR THE SEQUENCE, Hymn 89

It came upon the midnight clear

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. *John 1:1-18*

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Della Wager Wells

THE NICENE CREED, *recited together, standing as you are able, facing East*

**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.

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

SANCTUS, *Book of Common Prayer* page 362

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Priest We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love
which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling
of Israel to be your people; *Et etc. ... concluding*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Priest We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, *Et etc. concluding ...*

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and
for ever.

People **Amen.**

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say, 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM



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MUSIC AT COMMUNION, *Breath of Heaven* Ali Hosford, *soprano* Suzanna Laramée, *piano*
Hymn 84, Love came down at Christmas
Bright Morning Stars Kentucky Folk Song

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

Priest Let us pray.

People 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 96

Angels we have heard on high

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Nancy Zitka, Andy Ross, *readers*
David Monroe, Jon Juhase, *ushers*

Jere Wells, *intercessor* Ellen Vadney, *livestream*
Carolyn Swiggart, Ed Gosling, *counters*

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.

Musicians' Circle

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

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

Today at 11:15 am **Farewell Coffee Hour in honor of Ali Hosford**, *Artist in Residence*.

Ali is stepping down as our first *Artist in Residence* in the Musicians' Circle, following a very rewarding tenure. Ali's schedule is very crowded and family time on Sunday morning is a missed opportunity that she wants to capture. Please join us following the 10:00 service to thank her and to wish her farewell. Ali has promised to return often to sing with us. Announcements about the future of the *Artist in Residence* program will be made in the New Year.

