



EMMANUEL CHURCH

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

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

The Second Sunday after Christmas



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

January 5, 2025

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

HYMN 110

The snow lay on the ground

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



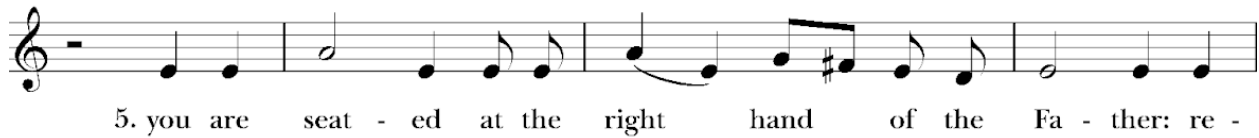
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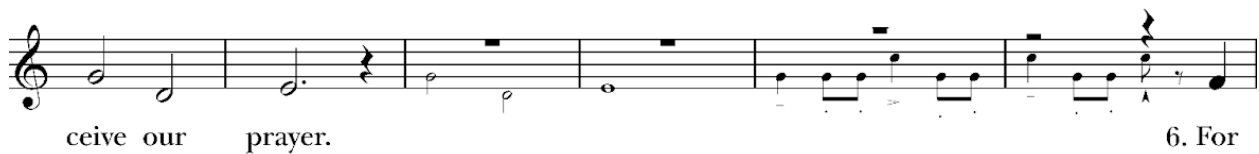
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



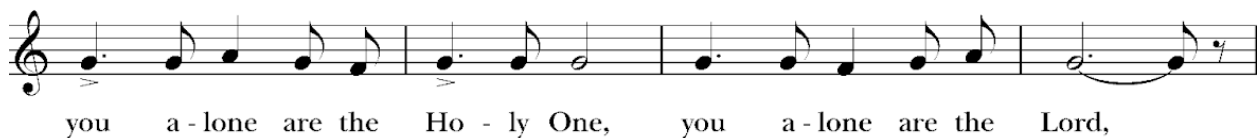
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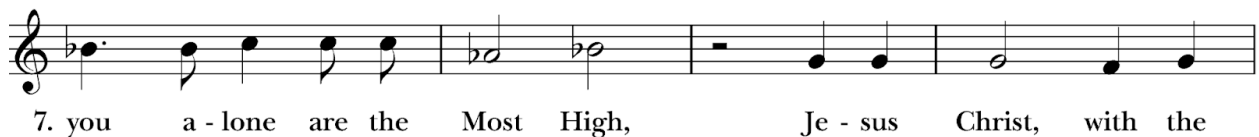
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



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

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Thus says the Lord:

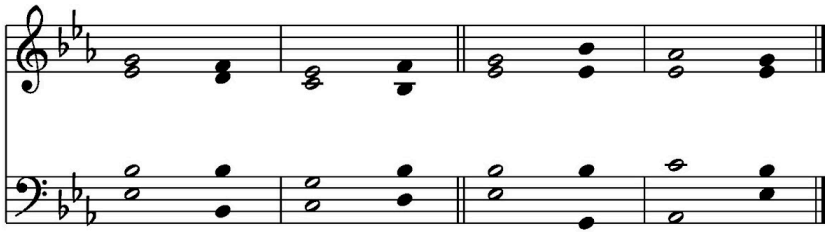
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.
Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 84:1-8



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of **hosts!** *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living **God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her **young;** *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my **God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your **house!** *
they will always be **praising you.**
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in **you!** *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' **way.**
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of **springs,** *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of **water.**
- 6 They will climb from height to **height,** *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in **Zion.**
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my **prayer;** *
hearken, O God of **Jacob.**
- 8 Behold our defender, O **God;** *
and look upon the face of your **Anointed.**

THE SECOND READING

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe. *Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a*

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. *Matthew 2:1-12*

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

Prayer For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SANCTUS

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



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy



on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy



on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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MUSIC AT COMMUNION, Hymn 115 *What child is this*

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 119

As with gladness men of old

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Nick Brown, Debbie Venancio, *readers* Margaret Keiran, *intercessor*

Ellen Vadney, Lyndsay Brown, *livestream*

Mary Twichell, Jackie Breen, *ushers* Ellen Vadney, *counter*

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

Caleb Dinger & Suzanna Laramee, *Artists in Residence*, Randy Elkins, *Director of Music & Organist*
Ethan Boucher & Tara Byrnes, *Choral Scholars*, Nellie Horvath, *Music Assistant*,
Brooke Daigle, Nancy Zitka, Margaret Keiran, Debbie Venancio, Danielly Muchiutti,
Kathleen Tocke, Ali Hosford, Della Wager Wells+, Jane Dyer, Susan Barnes+,
Paige Dinger, Barbara Chapman, Carmen DeFabo, Elinora-Rosaria Deininger,
M. Duffy, Ellen Vadney, Kevin Venancio, David Thalmann, David Frazier, Ryan Brown,
Lyndsay Brown (sound), Jodie DeSalvo, Luke Bayne, Sylvia Strong

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Sylvia Strong in thanksgiving for my daughters, Kerry and Susannah, and their families

Andy Ross & Brian Ladley in honor of our family and friends

David & Marcia Monroe in thanksgiving for our beloved family, past, present and future

Ellie & Annie Sherman in loving memory of our parents, Edith & Everett Sherman

Perry & Debra Venancio in memory of James & Paula Ottilige and Alfred & Helen Venancio

Jan Barrett in memory of my grandmother, Maude E. (Clarke) Covell

Suzanna & John Laramée in memory of Rene & Mary Laramée, Irene Lemoine, Shirley Robinson, and

Francis Driscoll. In honor of Randy Elkins & the Musicians' Circle of Emmanuel Church, Della & Jere Wells,

Deirdre & Michael Lemoine, Marshall, Quinn and Sammy

Jackie Breen in memory of my son, Christopher Shea

Ed & Fay Gosling in memory of all those we hold so dear in our hearts

Jim & Nina Kaull in memory of Donald Kaull

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Wesley Stiess in memory of my mom, Elizabeth Newell Stiess

Sandy Chapman & Debbie Venancio in memory of Ann & Arthur Peckham and Charles & Aimee Ottlige

Sandy & Ken Chapman in memory of James & Paula Ottilige and Frederick & Theresa Chapman

Ken & Sandy Chapman in thanksgiving for our children Lyndsay & Ryan Brown and Kristen & Ray Goddu, and our grandson Cameron James Goddu.

Della+ & Jere Wells in memory of Carolyn Wells, Robert E. Wells, Jean Hess Wells, E. Rupert Wager, and

Carman B. Hill, and in thanksgiving for the birth of Whitley Wells, December 20, 2023, daughter of

Judson DeWitt Wells & Sofia von der Schulenburg Wells, granddaughter of Della+ & Jere Wells,

and in memory of Gloria ("Tee") Wilkins.

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