

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Advent 1

Sunday, December 3, 2023, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a. m.



Welcome to Emmanuel. We invite you to join with us in worship. Please maintain prayerful silence in the Nave to prepare for worship.

Prelude: (wreath lighting) “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” Wesley/Prichard, arr. by Jay Rouse

Processional Hymn 57 *Lo! he come, with clouds descending* [Hemsley]

Liturgy of the Word BCP 355

All standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The celebrant continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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.**

Kyrie *The following is said at 8:00 a.m. & sung at 10:30 a.m.* **S-96 [Schubert]**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading (*seated*) Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading (*seated*)

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 68

Rejoice! rejoice believers

[Llangloffan]

Holy Gospel (*stand*)

Mark 13:24-37

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

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children depart for Chapel after the Gospel.

Homily

The Rev. Rhonda E. Wheeler

Nicene Creed (stand)

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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 (Taken from Enriching Our Worship)

Leader: As the new year dawns, let us pray to prepare for the Day of the Lord, saying “Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.”

For the holy church of God, for its members in all places and our mission of creating peace and concord in the nations of the world, we pray:

People: Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.

Leader: For our beloved country and those chosen to lead, for Joseph, our President, Glenn, our Governor, for those

who represent us, and for those who serve in courts of law, we pray:

*People: **Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.***

Leader: For our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishop Susan, for our parish clergy; for the ministry of all the baptized and for all the holy people of God, we pray:

*People: **Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.***

Leader: For the welfare of God's creation, all nations, tribes, and peoples, help us to stay awake in expectation, caring for this world and one another day by day, we pray:

*People: **Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.***

Leader: For the concerns of this family of faith, that we may do your will in feeding the hungry, working toward peace, and using our resources wisely, we pray:

*People: **Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.***

Leader: For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray:

*People: **Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.***

Leader: For all those whom we love but see no longer, we pray:

*People: **Holy One, enlighten the eyes of our hearts.***

Leader: I invite your additional prayers, silently or aloud:

Silence

Celebrant: O God, you promise a peace the world cannot give; overwhelm us with such an awareness of your peace and presence that we become your peacemakers through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

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

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace *(all stand.)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem (Emmanuel Choir and Tim Bradley, bass clarinet)

"We Wait"

Ruth Elaine Schram

Offertory Prayer

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..

Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer A)*

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The people stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S-130 [Schubert]

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive from the common cup, it is acceptable to receive the bread only or to intinct. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by placing crossed hands over the chest. Please speak to the Rector if you would like to learn more about baptism.

Hymn 339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

[Schümcke dich]

Post-Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 616 (v. 1, 4, 5) *Hail the Lord's Anointed*

[Es flog ein klein Walvögelein]

Dismissal

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Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"*

Ernest Sands

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hampton, Virginia

December 3, 2023

Welcome to Emmanuel!

If this is your first visit to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, consider making this your spiritual home. Sunday services are found in the red Book of Common Prayer located in your pew or in the printed bulletin. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal, the red & black Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal (L), or the green Wonder, Love, & Praise hymnal (W).

If this is your first time visiting the Episcopal Church, simply relax and enjoy the service. Don't worry about doing things "right," for God has brought you here for a purpose and together, as the people of God, we can enjoy each other's company and the presence of God you bring into our midst.

All people are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church and you can do so by coming to the rail, standing or kneeling, and holding out your hands to receive the bread (Body of Christ) and when the cup is offered to you, either drink from the common cup- first cup; or dip the bread in the wine yourself (intinction) - second cup. Communion in one-kind (bread) is a completely full & sufficient communion. If you would prefer to have Rev. Rhonda and a chalice come to you, please notify an usher.

Filming during the service - Recognizing that not all are able to re-gather, we will broadcast the 10:30am service.

Safety Protocols at Emmanuel - Mask wearing is appropriate anytime but not required. In close quarters, like the Vestry room and library, it may make sense to consider wearing masks depending on the participants. Hand sanitizer is available. In the event of an emergency, please stay calm, stay seated, and listen for instructions.

The sanctuary flowers are given this week by Carol Colonna to the glory of God and in loving memory of Evelyn Glass.

The sanctuary candle is given this week by Suzzane Jewett to the glory of God and in honor of Noel's birthday.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00am R - Andy Gurkin; C - Barb Fisher, Margaret Parker

10:30am R - Laura L. Manigault; C - Margaret Parker, Kim DeCoster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder - Emmanuel's sanctuary and chapel are open for quiet prayer and reflection during office hours. We return to normal operating hours this week: Tuesday - Friday; 8:30a - 3p.

Healing Prayers - On this first Sunday of the month, Emmanuel's Lay Eucharistic Visitors offer healing prayers at prayer stations by the communion rail. Please feel free to stop by a station for a healing prayer after you receive communion.

Christmas Party - Today! at 9a in the parish hall. All are invited. There may even be a "special guest" visiting.

Angel Tree - Angels with the family members' wishes are available in the parish hall starting today. Each angel has the person's name, age, gender, and gift request. Please take an angel and then let Carol know which angel you have taken. Please return gifts in an unwrapped box, along with the angel, to church on *Sunday, December 17*. The gifts will be wrapped and then distributed in time for Christmas!

2024 Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Candle sign up lists are now posted on the bulletin board beside the parish office.

Christmas Decorations - Gifts may be made toward the purchase of decorations for the church, including greens, floral arrangements, and poinsettias. People who wish to present names of loved ones and donations for the memorial flowers

are asked to do so by *December 22*. The suggested donation is \$30.00. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel Episcopal Church and annotate *Christmas Decorations* on the memo line.

Mission Team - The team's Christmas party is *Monday, December 4 at 6p* in the parish hall. If you've ever been curious about the work of the mission team, come have dinner and get all your questions answered! (Please note the date change.)

EECinema - The December movie selection is the new classic "Home Alone" (the original that launched the movie series). Come join the laughter and fun on *Tuesday, December 5 at 12 noon* in the vestry room.

Midweek Bible Studies and Worship services will meet at 11a on December 6, 13, and 20.

Blood Drive - Emmanuel will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive on *Wednesday, December 13 from 1p - 5p*. You may sign-up with the Red Cross. They are gifting a \$10 Amazon card to all those who donate.

Episcopal Church Women Luncheon - The Kaiser Reese Circle invites all the women of the church to a Christmas lunch and gift exchange on *Saturday, December 16 at 1p* in the parish hall! Please bring a gift for the exchange (around \$15) and lunch will be served. Rules of the gift exchanged will be explained during the lunch.

Vestry Highlights - Vestry met last Wednesday, November 29. The following are highlights from that meeting:

- Financial report for October was presented.
- Finance Committee will be preparing the 2024 budget next week.
- Rector's Housing Allowance was updated for 2024.
- Financial Contractor was hired to work alongside Gale. Her name is Cary Kelly.
- Stewardship Team reminds everyone to turn in their pledges and thanks those who have.
- Diocesan Council is Feb 9-10.
- Parish Annual Meeting is Jan 28 at 9:00 AM.
- 17th Annual Trivia Bowl is Jan 27, 6:00-8:00.

In Need of Prayer — *Bob, Cephise, Carol, Diane, Becky, Rose, Clara, Boyd, Patti, Beth, Cathy, Earl, Claire, Tristan, Maria, Willie, Suzanne, Carole, Donna, Nancy, Karen T, Arline, Ron, Bonnie, Sandy H, Kim, EJ, Ramon, Wade family, Jerry, Malka, Faye, Raisa, Mike, Betty, Tom, Sheila, Mary, Elizabeth, Doug, Geoff, Jovie, Barbara, Diane P, Barbara & Harold, Jim & Susie, Richard, Ed, Helen, Mary Jane & Bob, Gina & Tal, Sarah, Bill, Rhonda T, Mary B, Carl, Alex, Pixie, Sharon & Denis, Fran, Velma, Bobby L, Charlie, Jan F., Brenda, Darlene & Jason, Peggy, Judy, Laura, Lee Ann, Betty F., Sandy, Carole, Kelly family, Tim & Debra, Sally Sue, Sierra, Donna B., Diane K, Aaron, Mary, Kathleen, Charlene, Rebecca, Matthew, Beth M., Mia, Mark, Peggy M, LaMar, Melanie, Andy, Kai, Dakota, Sue, Nancy W., Doris, Carol Sue, Hellman family, Larry, Carol, Gerry, Mary Jane, Betty Anne, Barbara, Gale, Richard, Jane, Diane W., Delores, Carla, Anna, Andrew, Michelle, Bria, Abby, Anika, Xaria, Jonel, Mary & Lee, Belinda, Brian, Robin, King family Dynes family, Shirley, Edith, Mikon, Ragon family, Michelle, Devin, Breonna, Morgan, John, Keith A., Longshore family, Gerry R, Joe, Bishop Curry, Parker, Jon, Karla, Ed H., Gary & Sheila, Debra Sue, Jerry C., Alice, Sandy R., Jack, Shelly, Kyle, Jackie & Calvin; Lisa & David, Pam, Tyson, Mia*

Stewardship Moments

Rooted in Abundance - "If the only prayer you ever say in your whole life is 'Thank you', that would suffice." - "Mutts"
Sunday comics

EVENTS THIS WEEK	
Sunday, December 3 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am:	1 ADVENT Worship Christmas Party
Monday, December 4 - 6:00pm: 7:00pm:	Mission Team AA
Tuesday; December 5—12:00pm:	EECinema
Wednesday, December 6 - 11:00am: 12:00pm & 6:00pm: 5:00pm: 6:30pm: 7:00pm:	WoW Healing Service with Communion Finance Property Compline
Thursday, December 7 - 12:00pm: 5:30pm: 6:00pm:	Fitness Rejoice Ringers Choir
Friday, December 8 -	
Saturday, December 9 - 8:00am: 9:00am:	AA Altar Guild
Sunday, December 10 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am & 11:30am:: 9:15am:	2 ADVENT Worship Emmanuel Cafe Yeas

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