

Bulletin for December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

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Prelude

“O Come Emmanuel”

Guest organist: Connor Scott

The congregation is invited to say the words together in bold. Please sing along with us! To prepare for worship, you may want to place a candle or two in the place where you worship, to light during the opening prayer.

Welcome

The ushers and the rector welcome the congregation. If you are new to us, consider filling out our [“get connected”](#) form, let us get to know you better.

Advent Bidding Prayer:

In this season of Advent, we bring our prayers to the very beginning of the service. We pray together for the church, the world, the poor, and those who mourn. The response to the prayer is the ancient Advent Hymn “O Come O Come Emmanuel”

Alleluia, our God and Savior now draws near:

O come, let us worship, alleluia.

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves in heart and mind, for the coming of Christ Jesus, our savior and judge. This season we walk the way of shepherds and wise ones, seeking after the holy child of Bethlehem.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God’s loving purposes, the proclamation of prophets, the hope of salvation. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world that Christ came to save.

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y pow'r to
here un - til the son of God ap - pear.
save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

For peace and good will over all the earth, for leaders of nations and communities, especially for those preparing to assume elected office. For our partners at Cristosal working on behalf of human rights in central America, and all those who work for justice and peace.

For the mission and unity of the church, for bishops, priests, deacons, and all who minister in Christ's name. In this Missouri Diocese we pray this week for Grace Church Jeff City

Because this of all things would rejoice Christ's heart, let us remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and little children. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, we remember all those who are suffering with the disease, and all of the nurses, doctors, and first responders caring for them. We remember family members who are unable to visit, especially as infections increase. *You are invited to add your own prayers, even to write your prayer request in the comments as you watch.*

Finally, let us remember before God his strong and humble mother, and those who rejoice with us but upon another shore and in a greater light, that whole multitude which no one can number whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Christ Jesus, we are one for evermore.

Opening Sentences

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *–Isaiah 40:5*

O God, open thou our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Presider reads ancient prayers that signify our longing for Christ's coming, and the coming of God's reign as we light an additional candle each week during Advent. You are invited to light your wreath with us (or any candle).

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Somebody's Knockin' On Your Door *Traditional*

Guest Musician: Brooke Myers with Bria Jones

Somebody's knockin' on your door.
Somebody's knockin' on your door.
Somebody's knockin' Somebody's knockin'
Somebody's knockin' on your door.

Maybe it's Jesus as the door.
Maybe it's Jesus as the door.
Maybe it's Jesus. Maybe it's Jesus.
Maybe it's Jesus as the door.

Open the door and let him in.
Open the door and let him in.
Open the door. Open the door.
Open the door and let him in.

Give Glory to our Risen Lord.
Give Glory to our Risen Lord.
Give Glory to our Risen. Give Glory to our Risen.
Give Glory to our Risen Lord.

THE FIRST READING:

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11)

The Lord God's spirit is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me
to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim release for captives,
and liberation for prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and a day of vindication for our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for Zion's mourners,
to give them a crown in place of ashes,
oil of joy in place of mourning,
a mantle of praise in place of discouragement.

They will be called Oaks of Righteousness,
planted by the Lord to glorify himself.

They will rebuild the ancient ruins;
they will restore formerly deserted places;
they will renew ruined cities,
places deserted in generations past.

I, the Lord, love justice;
I hate robbery and dishonesty.
I will faithfully give them their wage,
and make with them an enduring covenant.
Their offspring will be known among the nations,
and their descendants among the peoples.
All who see them will recognize
that they are a people blessed by the Lord.

I surely rejoice in the Lord;
my heart is joyful because of my God,
because he has clothed me with clothes of victory,
wrapped me in a robe of righteousness
like a bridegroom in a priestly crown,
and like a bride adorned in jewelry.
As the earth puts out its growth,
and as a garden grows its seeds,
so the Lord God will grow righteousness and praise before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE PSALM (PSALM 126) ST. HELENA PSALTER

When God restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations,
“God has done great things for them.”

God has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O God,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John (John 1:6-8,19-28)

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

This is John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, "Who are you?"

John confessed (he didn't deny but confessed), "I'm not the Christ."

They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

John said, "I'm not."

"Are you the prophet?"

John answered, "No."

They asked, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

John replied,

*"I am a voice crying out in the wilderness,
Make the Lord's path straight,
just as the prophet Isaiah said."*

Those sent by the Pharisees asked, "Why do you baptize if you aren't the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?"

John answered, "I baptize with water. Someone greater stands among you, whom you don't recognize. He comes after me, but I'm not worthy to untie his sandal straps." This encounter took place across the Jordan in Bethany where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Mike Angell

Anthem: Marching to Zion

1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join
2. Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But
3. The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets; Be-
4. Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry; We're

1. in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet ac-
2. children of the heavenly King, But children of the heav'n-ly
3. before we reach the heav'n-ly fields, Before we reach the heav'n-ly
4. marching through Immanuel's ground, We're march-ing thro' Im-man-uel's

1. cord, And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne...
2. King, May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys a-broad...
3. fields, Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the gold-en streets...
4. ground, To fairer worlds on high, To fair-er worlds on high...

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful
We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Prayer for Stewardship

Holy Communion's annual campaign for giving is ongoing. Today we will bless the pledges that have been gathered. If you haven't yet pledged, there still is time.

Gracious and everlasting God, the giver of all good gifts, you have blessed us and our parish abundantly. Grant us the hope to dream and the courage to live into our possibilities. Make us faithful stewards, both for the provision of our necessities and for the relief of those who are in need. Bless the efforts of our Annual Giving this year to extend the work of spiritual renewal in our church and community of faith. Through Jesus Christ, who gave all of himself, we offer this prayer. Amen.

Announcements:

Announcements are shared

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the way Christ taught us, and in the language of our hearts.

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

[See announcements](#)

Concluding Prayers

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

With love and compassion,
come, Lord Jesus.

With judgement and mercy,
come, Lord Jesus.

In power and glory,
come, Lord Jesus.

In wisdom and truth,
come, Lord Jesus.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and may the Blessing of the Triune God be with us all this day and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace is then exchanged.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Peace is then exchanged. Consider sending a text, a message on Facebook, or even writing a letter or email to someone who could use some peace.

Concluding Hymn:

Wade in the Water Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal #143

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

Fine

1. See that host all dressed in white,
 2. See that band all dressed in red,
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
 wa - ter. 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

D.C.

The Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Let us Bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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