



# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

December 11, 2011—10:30 a.m.

Organ Voluntary on *Gabriel's Oboe*

Enrico Morricone

Opening Hymn: No. 59, Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Merton

THE WORD OF GOD

Book of Common Prayer, Page 355

Opening Acclamation

Dr. Jeffrey Womack, Oboe

Presider: Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Kyrie Eleison: S 91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE 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.*

## FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61: 1-4, 8,11

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of ashes, the oil; of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with 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 righteousness and praise to sprang up before all nations.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Listening devices are available at the back of the church: Speak to one of the ushers for assistance.  
Respectful silence prior to the service is requested.**

**Anthem by the Junior choir: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

**THE SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: No. 75 *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying***

***Ascension***

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

**THE GOSPEL: JOHN 1: 6-18, 19-28**

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.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor thee prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon: The Reverend Gail E. Davis**

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People: Form III**

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**Prayer for a new Rector**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**Confession of Sin**

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**The Peace**

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem: Each Winter as the Year Grows Older**

**William & Annabeth Gay**

**At the Presentation: Hymn #380 (stanza 3)**

**Old Hundredth**

**The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B**

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: S 128**

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.

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

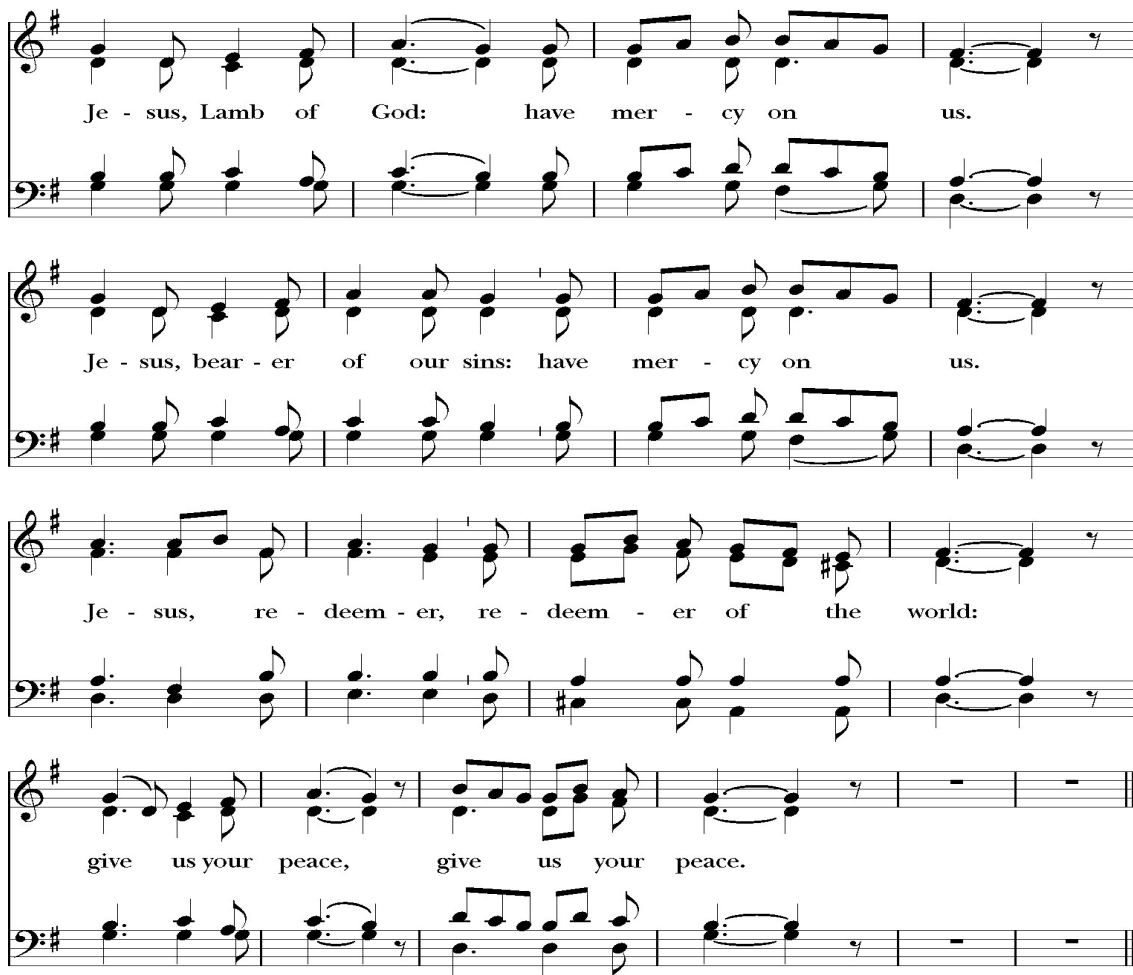
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*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept*

*Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.*

**Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God S 164**



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, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

**Communion Hymns: 64, 462**

**The Sending Out Prayer**

Deacon: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to *N* so that they may share with us in the food of our pilgrimage the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*All*: We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen

**Postcommunion Prayer**

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**Closing Hymn: No. 70, *Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment***

***Herald,***

**Dismissal**

**Organ Voluntary on *Sonata in A Minor***

**G.P. Telemann**

**Dr. Jeffrey Womack, Oboe**

A Service Opportunity for the Parish  
Christmas for Kids 2011  
Children's Advocacy Center

This year we are gathering donations for individual children in the CASA, Hope House and Family Enrichment Services programs through the Children's Advocacy Center. Just select an ornament from the Christmas tree in the parish hall, purchase a gift for that particular child, and return it to Emmanuel by Wednesday, December 14.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

### **Sunday Ministry**

**Lay Readers:** Mary Tinsley

**Chalice Bearers:** Cindy Caldwell, Bill Carter

**Ushers:** King Walker, Richard Spence

**Eucharistic Visitors:** Bob Keeling

**Altar Guild:** Team 2: Betty Jones, Cora McGowan, Patricia Clare, Laura Derby, Gill Hughston, Mary Manitzas, Caroline O'Connor, Sonya King

**Acolytes:** 1st Crucifer – Rylan Haecker

2nd Crucifer – Eli Howard

Torch Bearer (Plates) - Rudy Shell

Torch Bearer (Missal) - Julia Shell

Church Banner - Hunter Shell

### ***Prayer List***

**Those in Need of Healing:** Jennifer Camp, Rebecca Smith, Gary Oaks, Louise Tweedy, Kay Ellis, Angela Gray, Courtney Podschun, Elizabeth Martinez, Bill Armstrong, Clayton Taylor, Thomas Giley, Donna Boyd

**Those who Have Died:** Eugene Decker

**Anniversaries of the Departed:** Frances Allen, Betty Lewis, Ellen Dalrymple, Marion Lewallen

**Wedding Anniversaries:** James & Gerry Lummus, Dr. John and Lana Marlow

**Birthdays:** Adam Busenlehner, Lillian Flowers, Carol Morris, Kay Ellis, Rachel Glassford, Craig Kinney, Charles Owens

**Pray for our Clergy:** Katharine our Presiding Bishop; Scott our Bishop; Gail our Interim Rector, Bob our Pastoral Assistant; Gary our Deacon; Susanna our Seminarian, Jeff our Postulant for Holy Orders

**Pray for our Government Officials:** Barack our President, Rick our Governor, Alvin our Mayor.

**And please remember those in need of our continued prayers:** Louise Tweedy, Nancy James (friend of Gail Camp), Kay Ellis, Brandy and Robin Ellis (daughters of Kay Ellis), Turner Doggett, Jeremy Holbert, Bob Miller, Kathy Turner, Gene Smith, Jeremy Holbert, Debra Tankey, James Lummus, Mel and Marie Layne (parents of Jan Ulrich), Felicia Benavidez, Allen Cunningham, Gayle Hershberger, Buddy Ingram, Michael Hagan (son of Mike and Wanda Hagan), Geri Denny, Jeannine McKee (mother of Carolyn McKee), Greg Schooley (friend of Jetty Davis), Vada Reynolds (friend of Jess & Glenda Stanford), John Powell, Aaron Nixon (grandson of Charles & Barbara Owens), Mary Manitzas, Janet Harris, Monte Noelke (Brother of Gretchen Noelke), Glenda Willingham (niece of Bobbie Ludwick), Pat Maier, Elton Fewell (Uncle of Becky Smith), Meg Taylor Vick, Joan Menzies (friend of Gretchen Noelke), Daniel Luraschi (son-in-law of Ervin & Veronica Silence), Callie Cochran, James Pullen, Milt Johnson, Calvin McArty, Carolina, Pat Aiken (friend of Jess & Glenda Stanford), Charles Ludwick, John Wernke, Lorene Knox (mother of Glenda Stanford), Elvina Brady, Sharon Farber, Louise Dermody, C.C. & Mary Louise Veltmann, Alvin Nored (father of Jean Cornell), Charlie Campbell, Susan McDaniel, Lynn Blankman, Frances Shackelford, for the departed: Brent Spence

**Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces at this time especially:**

LCpl William Higgins, Shawn Bose, Jim Schatz

## ***Announcements and Reminders***

**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH!** If you are visiting we hope that you will return again and often, and make this your church home. You are invited to fill out a visitor's card and place it in the alms basin. You may also sign the Guest Register. Informational brochures are found at the entrance of the church. We are glad you are here!

**ADVENT WREATH** is given by The John Caldwell family in memory of Jolyn Caldwell.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers adorning the altar are given to the glory of God by the Josephine T Bell Estate in memory of Frank Bell's birthday.

**STEWARDSHIP AND 2011 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN** A reminder, extra pledge cards can be found at the back of the church. You may change or amend your Pledge at any time during the year simply by notifying the office. Have a question about your pledge? Mtr. Gail Davis or Dr. Wehner (Treasurer) can gladly and confidentially assist you.

**SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES:** Adult Forum, Rm. 126 of the Kreps building starting at 9:15am. The class is reading and discussing *Strength for the Journey*, by Peter J. Gomes. Faith Matters, 9:30 in the library upstairs, open to all adults!

**SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP** (9th-12th grade) meets in the undercroft from 4:00-5:30 Sunday evening.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**— 9:30a.m. Sr. High will meet in the undercroft kitchen with Max, Jr. High will meet in the undercroft with Karl and Elaine.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS:** 5:30 Holy Eucharist; Dinner at 6 pm. Programs for the adults and youth at 6:45. Adult Bible Study, led by Fr. Bob and Garnett Teakell that meets in the Parlor is reading Luke, all are invited to join.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** led by Mother Gail is studying "Jonah" at 10am every Thursday morning in the Great Room. We look forward to welcoming new and former members to become a part of this special group of inquiring minds as we travel on our spiritual journey together.

**PROJECT DIGNIDAD:** Fill the black basket at the front of the church with dry or canned goods to help the emergency food pantry. All donations are blessed at the altar before taking them to P.D. Tax deductible donations are of course welcome and checks may be made to "Project Dignidad". Speak to Rebecca Duncan for more information and volunteer opportunities.

**CIDER AND SWEETS** in the Giving Store. Looking for that perfect gift? We are here to help you with your gift giving needs! Happy Shopping!!!!

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIR** will be caroling this Sunday, December 11th at 6:00. They will be visiting some of our home bound parishioners and then arrive at the Supper Sharing.

**THE ADULT CHRISTMAS SUPPER SHARING** will be held **this evening**, December 11th at 6:30 at the home of Dr. Norma Faubion 918 Ashford Drive. Co-hosts this year are Frank & Jo White and Jess & Glenda Stanford. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

**END OF THE YEAR REPORTS DUE!** It is that time of year again! All committees and organizations of Emmanuel are asked to submit an end of the year report for the Annual Parish Meeting taking place January 22. **REPORTS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 16** Submit your end of the year report as an email attachment to our secretary: [receptionist@emmanuel-sa.org](mailto:receptionist@emmanuel-sa.org) Reports submitted handwritten or in other forms will be included in the packet "as is". (Sorry, but we cannot retype your report for you.) If you have questions regarding your report please call the church office or speak with Mtr. Gail.

**"GO GREEN & RECYCLE"**: thanks to a generous donation, Emmanuel Church is making more efforts to "GO GREEN". Please help us by putting any recyclables in the large black bins located near the Parish Hall. Go Green & Recycle does not require that we sort the recycling, so you can just drop it in one of the bins or the large green tote in the copy room. This is perfect for recycling Sunday bulletins, food wrappers and cans from meals, even the paper and plastic cups used during Courtyard Coffee. (Please note that they are not accepting styrofoam, yet.)

### CHRISTMAS ART

Calling all children and youth of Emmanuel who love to draw! We want to see your original Christmas pictures.

You are invited to submit **ONE** original drawing based on the theme

**"While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night"**. (See the bulletin board for instructions.)

Please return your selection to Ms. Jane or place in the

envelope located on the bulletin board. **All** drawings will be featured on one of our bulletin boards and **one** drawing will be the cover art for our Christmas Eve bulletin.

**All pictures must be returned by next Sunday,  
December 18!!**

**Sound like fun??** Check the bulletin boards in the main building for more details!

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### **Worship Service Schedule for Christmas**

Christmas Eve, December 24, Saturday at 5:00 pm  
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Christmas Day, December 25, Sunday at 10:00 am

\*Please note: There is only one service Christmas Day, a "Said" service

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Ms. Gloria Guevara, Nursery Supervisor

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*These individuals are here to serve you and appreciate  
your comments and support.*