



Emmanuel Episcopal Church + San Angelo, Texas

December 25, 2011- 10:00a.m.

Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word Of God

Prayer Book Pg. 355

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. **Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis

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Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

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Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Canticle 21 *Te Deum laudamus*

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Gospel: John 1:1-14

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.

Sermon: Deacon Gary Sanford

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Deacon:

As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

Deacon:

By the wedding of the human and divine natures in Christ Jesus.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Katherine our Presiding Bishop, Scott our own bishop, Gail and Bob our priests, Gary our deacon, Susanna our seminarian, for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, especially..., for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead, especially..., and those who mourn.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary, the Blessed Joseph, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

Presider

Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

Absolution and The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, *Prayer B*

Lord's Prayer

Post Communion Prayer

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THE ALTAR GREENERY AND FLOWERS WERE GIVEN BY THE FOLLOWING:

Sandy Seifert in thanksgiving for my children
Barbara Jackson in memory of parents Ronald & Sheila Kennedy
Wayne & Jan Ulrich in memory of Mary Ulrich & Kerry Linley
Kenny Hollingsworth in thanksgiving for family

THE CHRISTMAS GREENERY IN THE CHANCEL AND NAVE:

Christmas Wreath: donated by Gloria & April Guevara in honor of Our Little Nursery Angels.
Christmas Trees: donated by Joe & Rebecca Duncan in memory of our parents and
Ron & Mavis Bell in memory of loved ones.

***THE POINSETTIAS ADORNING THE CHANCEL AND NAVE WERE
GIVEN BY THE FOLLOWING:***

H. R. Wardlaw III Family to the Glory of God
The Harvey Family in memory of YoYo (Shell/Youker dog)
Frank & Jo White in memory of parents
Rebecca & Joe Duncan in thanksgiving for grandchildren
Harry & Dorothy Hall in thanksgiving
Eva & Lee Horton in thanksgiving and in memory of loved ones
Sara & Jim Lummus in memory of Donald Lummus
Jay Lummus in thanksgiving
Chris & Steve Holt in thanksgiving

Those Who Serve:

Lector/Chalice Bearer: John Caldwell
Usher: Wayne Ulrich

Prayer List for Christmas Week

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, Nancy Kloboucnik, Jeannie Sklenarik, Tim Berryman

Wedding Anniversaries: Glenn & June Doggett, Robert & Polly Harper, Mark & Bryce Thieman

Birthdays: Anne Marie Carter, John Glassford, Polly Harper, Alexander Steadman, Lori Hollingsworth, King Walker, Anna Wardlaw

Anniversaries of the Departed: Virginia Jones, Paulett Diane Atwood, Mary Nutall, Donald Otto, Theresa March Doss,

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

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

And please remember those in need of our continued prayers: Tim Berryman (friend of Barbara Burney) 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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: So that our staff may celebrate the holidays with their families the office will be closed Mondays, December 26, 2011 and January 2, 2012. Mtr Gail will be out of town the week following Christmas. Fr. Bob will be available for any pastoral emergencies.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WEEKDAY PROGRAMS: There will be no Sunday school or weekday services this week. Regular Wednesday evening programs will resume January 4, 2012.

EPIPHANY PAGEANT AND FEAST, JANUARY 11: The annual celebration of the visit of the Magi will take place Wednesday, January 11 in the church and followed by the grand Feast in the Parish Hall. This fun event is a highlight of this parish and everyone is invited to attend and bring a friend.

- **PAGEANT REHEARSAL** for children and youth participants in the Pageant will be **Sunday, January 8, from 3:00—5:00 p.m.. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board!**

ANNUAL PARISH REPORTS DUE. All committee heads are asked to submit an end of the year report for the Annual Parish Meeting. If at all possible submit your report as an email attachment to: receptionist1@emmanuel-sa.org. (Hand written reports will be printed as is. Sorry but we do not have time to re-type the reports.) **Deadline is JANUARY 16, 2012** for reports to be included in the packet.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, JANUARY 22, following the 10:30 am service. We will elect new Vestry members and delegates to Convention, and approve the 2012 Budget. We will hear reports on the many activities of our parish. This the official annual gathering of our parish and all active members of Emmanuel should make an effort to attend.

AGAPE GROUPS Final plans are being made for the 2012 Agape Dinner Groups which will start up in January. Everyone is invited to participate. The plan for this first year is to have groups of 8 to 10 people who will meet about 4 or 5 times in the next year. Each couple or individual will host only once during the year. The Vestry and the Planning Committee have endorsed this. It should be fun and good for the growth of our church. If you have not signed up and would like to join in the fellowship, please see the sign up sheet near the Parish hall. If you have any questions please call Theo or Philip Houser at 655-5425. Deadline is December 31st.

Vestry 2011

Carl White, Senior Warden;
Cora McGowan, Junior Warden;
Karl Wehner, Treasurer
Jared Eggemeyer, Gary Gibian, Wayne Neighbors, Betty Jones, Mary Tinsley, Heidi Brooks,
Adam Busenlehner, Elizabeth Grindstaff,
Susan Kinney, Joe Duncan
These individuals are here to serve you and appreciate your comments and support.

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