



Emmanuel

Episcopal Church

. . . they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means, "God is with us."

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

17 January 2021 10:30 p.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE PEOPLE GATHER

¶This service is based on the Order for Holy Eucharist found in The Book of Common Prayer. It is customary for the people to prepare for worship in quiet and prayer.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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.***

THE GLORIA

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*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: *1 Samuel 3:1-20*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm: *Psalm 139:1-5,12-17*

Domine, probasti

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Antiphon: *LORD, you have searched me out and known me.*

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me;*
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places*
 and are acquainted with all my ways.

Antiphon

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,*
 but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before*
 and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;*
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Antiphon

- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;*
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made;*
your works are wonderful, and I know it well. *Antiphon*
- 14 My body was not hidden from you,*
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;*
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them. *Antiphon*
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!*
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;*
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. *Antiphon*

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

¶*The people stand for the reading of the Gospel*

The Gospel: John 1:43-51

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

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

¶Pause for silence and reflection; the people stand with the Celebrant to say

THE NICENE CREED

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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.*

¶The people are led in

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sisters and brothers, you were bought with a price. So let us offer ourselves to God, praying, "God, you call us; *give us ears to listen.*"

Holy God, you call your Church to share the good news of your love. We pray especially this day for our parish. We ask that you inspire us to do the work you have called us to do. Create in us generous hearts and willing spirits. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Linnea our Priest, Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Craig the Bishop of this ELCA Synod; for the Standing Committees of the Dioceses of

Eastern and Western Michigan; for The Academy for Vocational Leadership, teachers, students, and participants; for Christ Church, East Tawas, and Kathleen their Sr. Warden; for Church of the Resurrection, Battle Creek, and Terri their Sr. Warden; for the Church of Australia and their Bishop; for all in school, virtually and in person: Teachers, Staff, Students, and Administrators, parents and care givers; and in thanksgiving for these members of our congregation: Tim, David, Pat, and Judy; for the birthdays of: Jan, Sharon, and Russ; for the wedding anniversary of Wes and Georgia; and for family and friends of our parish serving in the Armed Forces: Christopher, James, Grant, John, Eric, Ross, Ben, April, Wesley, Jarrett, and Sam.

(Pause) God, you call us; ***give us ears to listen.***

Holy God, you call the nations to yourself. Open our eyes to see the goodness and respect the dignity of every human being. May we recognize that your goodness has no boundary or limitation.

(Pause) God, you call us; ***give us ears to listen.***

Holy God, you call us to care for your creation. Your works are wonderful. Open our eyes to the beauty of our world so that we might better tend to our planet.

(Pause) God, you call us; ***give us ears to listen.***

Holy God, you have made our bodies a temple for your Holy Spirit. We pray for all victims of physical and sexual abuse. Heal and glorify broken bodies that, being made whole by your love, they may glorify you.

(Pause) God, you call us; ***give us ears to listen.***

Holy God, you search us out and know us. Comfort and heal the sick and sorrowful that they may know they are not alone. Keep them ever on your mind and in your thoughts. We pray for healing for: Wayne, Dana, James, Ron, Jason, Michael, Dennis, Bob, Linda, Judy, Reg and Lania, Jodie, Skip, Teri, Rob, Alton, Brad, Mira, Jenna and Scott, Philip, Eric, Amy, Kathy, Jessie, Aine, the Pattok family, and Kathie; Cinny and Phyllis at Woodlawn Meadows; comfort for: Al, Jodie and the family of Rebecca; and in gratitude for successful surgery for Dennis.

(Pause) God, you call us; ***give us ears to listen.***

Holy God, if we climb up to heaven, you are there; when we make the grave our bed, you are there also. Hold the dead in your heart forever and comfort the living with hope eternal. We pray for . . . Rebecca, Elaine, Robert, Joe . . . *are there others?*

(Pause) God, you call us; ***give us ears to listen.***

¶*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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¶*All stand or kneel as you are able.*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

¶*The people stand in place for*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

¶*All greet one another in the name of Lord.*

THE BLESSINGS FOR ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

Prayers for those celebrating a birthday

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Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be.

Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for those celebrating a wedding anniversary

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Almighty God, giver of life and love, bless N. and N. Grant them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. And so knit their wills together in your will and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may live together in love and peace all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant How shall we respond to God's great love?

People *We shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, and with all our strength. And we shall love our neighbors as ourselves.*

Offertory Anthem

Mark Doster

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer C*

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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 God thanks and praise.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our forebears; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant These are 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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Those who are not physically present may recite the following prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

THE EPIPHANY BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world. And the blessing of God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, be with you always. *Amen.*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People *Thanks be to God.*

In this time of the flaring pandemic, please alert Linnea, sign in, wear a mask and sanitize whenever you enter the church building. Thank you.



Celebrant: The Reverend Paul Kuhlman; *Lector:* Rich Franklin; *Videographers:* Doug Auer, Steve Radant, John Howarth; *Altar Guild:* Marge Radant, Paul Kuhlman; *Tellers:* Amy Cherry, Shannon Thornton Nagy.

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