The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Sundays of Advent, Rite II

10:30 am

For the benefit of those who wish to pray, we ask that you please enter the Sanctuary quietly. Everything you need to follow the liturgy can be found in your bulletin. The congregational hymns are sung from the blue Hymnal 1982 *and the multi-colored* Lift Every Voice & Sing, *found in your pew rack. We are so glad you are here!*

Welcome & Announcements

All stand as able.

Hymn at the Opening

Presider Blessed are you, holy, and living God.
People **You come to your people and set them free. Amen.**
The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, '**Amen.**'

The Advent wreath is lit during the following hymn.

Song of Praise **56 (verse 1)** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That morns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.
The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, '**Amen.**'

All are seated for the readings.

First Reading Insert

After the Reading:
Lector The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter Insert

Second Reading Insert

After the Reading:

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for the hymn and remain standing for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn

The Holy Gospel

Insert

The Gospel is proclaimed with these words:

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel is concluded with:

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon

All stand for the affirmation of faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All **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 worshipped 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

Kindred in Christ, may God strengthen our hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, "O come, o come, Emmanuel; be Our hope and our salvation."

God our hope, increase in us love for one another that we may abound in your love. Keep your Church on the path of love and faithfulness.

O come, o come, Emmanuel; be Our hope and our salvation."
Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety.

O come, o come, Emmanuel; be Our hope and our salvation."
Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us the eyes to see you, the wisdom to prepare for you, and the faith to trust in you.

O come, o come, Emmanuel; be Our hope and our salvation."
Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this region—from city, village and town—together in a spirit of love and respect.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

O come, o come, Emmanuel; be Our hope and our salvation."
Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence.

O come, o come, Emmanuel; be Our hope and our salvation."
Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints.

O come, o come, Emmanuel; be Our hope and our salvation."
Be our hope and our salvation.

The Presider prays a concluding Collect and invites the People to the Confession of Sin.

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

All kneel. A period of silence is kept.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us, through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Presider offers the Absolution and the People respond, '**Amen.**'

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are seated.

Offertory Anthem

An offering is collected to support Good Shepherd's work of sharing God's love with the world. All stand for the presentation of the gifts and join in the hymn.

Doxology *Hymnal p. 72*

Hark! The glad sound! the Savior comes,
the Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

The Great Thanksgiving *Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2*

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

All sing the Sanctus (sung to the tune of hymn **304** *in the blue Hymnal).*

All **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.

All stand or kneel as the Presider recalls God's work in creation, humanity's fall, and the redemption of the world by Christ.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at a table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.
The People join the Presider in the Lord's Prayer.

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem

The Presider invites the People to the Holy Table, where all welcome to receive the Communion of Our Lord. If you do not wish to receive, please come forward and cross your arms, and the Presider will offer a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Hymn

After all have received Communion, the Presider returns to the Holy Table.
Presider Let us pray.
All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth, a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior Amen.**

The Presider offers a blessing, and the People respond, **'Amen.'**

Hymn at the Closing

The Presider dismisses the congregation, and the People respond, **'Thanks be to God!'**