

Advent 2, Year C

December 8, 2024 9:00am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II Contemporary

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

**Music today from the Glory & Praise hymnal. **

Prelude: #486 The Lord is my Light

Call to Worship: Church Bells will ring

(all stand, as are able, and remain standing until the Collect)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(Members of the congregation will come forward and light the candles of the wreath appropriate to the day.)

Processional Hymn: #484 *Give Me Jesus*

Opening Acclamation:

Celebrant Blessed be God Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. 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 Kyrie



Verse 2: Walk among them, I'll go with you. Reach out to them with my hands. Suffer with me, and together, we will serve them, help them stand.

Refrain

Verse 3: Forgive us Father; hear our prayer. We would walk with you, anywhere; Through your suffering, with forgiveness, take your life into the land.

Refrain

The Collect of the Day (Advent 2, year C)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

(all are seated)

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

After the reading, the Lector will say: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah Benedictus Dominus Deus

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, * born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, * from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers * and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, * to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson from the New Testament: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

After the reading, the Lector will say: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: #625 Here I Am (verses 1 & 3)

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

(All stand as are able)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon (All are seated)

Rev. Sr. Patti Hale, O.P.

*The Nicene Creed (All stand as are able)

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.

Prayers of the People, Form IV (The people may stand or kneel as they prefer)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Brief Silence is kept

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Convict the hearts of people everywhere to let go of hate, violence and indifference. Change our hearts of stone to hearts of flesh and give us grace to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew us with a right spirit.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember especially those who have asked for our prayers: Carol & Ron, Brian & Ingrid Sullivan, Hayden Reeves, The Nasburg Family, Michael Stewart, Betty Carroll, Celeste & Steve Tyson, Ginna, Jeff Clark, Chase, Jim, Wayne, Trish, Wayne Murray & Family, Tom Collins, Maylee Brock, Amy Grile, Gene, Loanne Lark, Carol-lee, Larry & Terri K., Sally Johnson, Teri W., and any others on your heart this morning....

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died. May your will for them be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

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 Celebrant concludes with the absolution.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Peace (All stand as are able)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements, Birthdays, Thanksgivings

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: #390 I cannot tell it all

(the altar is prepared for the Eucharist and a collection is received)

Doxology tune #682

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above all ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer D (all stand as are able)

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.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:





The people stand or kneel.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." +

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, + and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Bishop Sean Rowe, Bishop Diana Akiyama and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all those we love so dearly and all those who have no one to love them.

Remember all who have died + in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St Dominic and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past.

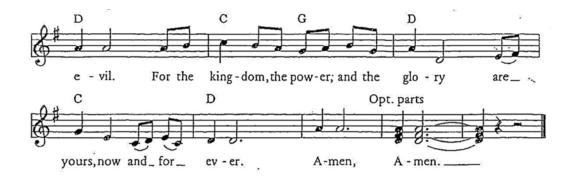
We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Silence is kept. Celebrant makes a solemn bow.

The Lord's Prayer (sung)





The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Presider: "Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world." (John 1:29b) These are the gift of God, for you, the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and lives for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Music During Communion: #478 Precious Lord take my hand

(All baptized Christians of any denomination and including children are welcome to come forward and receive the Eucharist. Our custom is to receive the wine from the Chalice by sipping. If you prefer not to sip, hand the wafer to the server who will dip the wafer into the wine and hand it to you. Please receive it with your fingers and consume it right away. If you are not yet baptized, we welcome you also to come forward and receive a blessing. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate it to the priest.)

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing of the Congregation (all stand, and remain standing)

Recessional Hymn: #723 Soon and Very Soon (verses 1-3)

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: #339 As With Gladness (verses 1-3)

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We are so glad you are with us this morning. Please join us after worship as our fellowship continues downstairs with coffee hour. Please ask the usher or priest for a visitor information packet if you would like to learn more about Emmanuel Church.

Intercessory Prayers: Don W., Melia, Jeff, Charlotte, Fred K., Sam, Kyle, Susie, Clayton, Rosemary Silverstein, Jennifer, Russ & Tracy Clarke, Riley, Butch, David H., Robert, Gus, Janine, Kelly, Tasha Roberts, Caroline McKemy, Tyler, Lisa G., Janelle, Tiernan McCoy, Conner, David B., Dana, Ellen Jones, Jonathan, Ralph, Beth, Sue O'Neal, Jeff K., Judy Ann, Jerry, Mary K., Janet, Kate, Charlie, Chris, Chris Hewitson, Lucious and Sarah, Michael, Lois, Eddie, Mark Archer, The Davenport Family, Lance & His Family, Carma & Bill, Nick & Megan, Elizabeth R., Abby, Mike and Dawn Crow, Virginia & Larry O'Neal, Caroline Stewart, The Potmesil Family, Jeff Hines, David B., Matt, Ryan, Cindy, Tina Jones, Mark and Judy Jennings, Tim, Carol & Ron, Brian & Ingrid Sullivan, Hayden Reeves, The Nasburg Family, Michael Stewart, Betty Carroll, Celeste & Steve Tyson, Ginna, Jeff Clark, Chase, Jim, Wayne, Trish, Wayne Murray & Family, Tom Collins, Maylee Brock, Amy Grile, Gene, Loanne Lark, Carol-lee, Larry & Terri K., Sally Johnson, Teri W.

EVENTS this week:

- Coos Food Cupboard M-W-F 12:00pm-2:00pm, Thursday 5pm-7pm
- Tuesdays, 6:00pm, Contemporary Choir Rehearsals
- NO WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER services until 1/8/2025.
- Wednesday, 2:00pm, Emmanuel Choir Rehearsals
- Wednesdays, 2:30pm, Coos Food Cupboard Meeting in the undercroft.
- Thursday, December 12, 7:00pm, Summer Wind Ensemble and Sea Breeze Chorus Concert at Emmanuel.
- Friday, December 13: 2025 Pledge Deadline!

Server's This Sunday 12/8/24: Choral Eucharist, Rite II

9:00am Lector: Nat Jaeggli LEM/Intercessor: Terrye Laird

Music Director/Organist: Tom Collins

Contemporary Choir: Neville Cordell, Pam Chaney, Nancy Clarke,

Kerry Oxford, Mark Jennings, Al Rumsch, Jennifer Ortega

Audio/Visual: Sr. Amy Linder, OP and Nancy Layne Ushers: Brian Sullivan, Jay Davidson, Mark Jennings

Priest: Rev. Sr. Patti Hale, OPA Coffee Hour: Chuck & Diana Wall Counters: Jay Davidson, Jill Davidson

Altar Guild #1: Sue Wall, Dedee Ousley, Diana Wall

Loanne Lark

Server's Next Sunday 12/15/24: Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00am Lector: Neville Cordell LEM/Intercessor: Chuck Wall

Music Director/Organist: Tom Collins

Audio/Visual: Sr. Amy Linder, OP and Nancy Layne Ushers: Brian Sullivan, Jay Davidson, Mark Jennings

Priest: Rev. Sr. Patti Hale, OPA

Coffee Hour:

Counters: Nat Jaeggli, Sally Jaeggli

Altar Guild #2: Judy Knutson, Liz Cowden, Susan Foreman

Announcements

Pledge cards

If you haven't returned your 2025 pledge card, please do so <u>before Friday</u>, <u>December 13</u>, so a budget draft can be presented to our Vestry at their December meeting and important decisions made. If you need a pledge card sent to you, please let Kerri in the parish office know. Pledge cards can also be picked up in the parish office or the church entryway. Thank you!

Emmanuel Christmas Baskets

We NEED volunteers to wrap the gifts. You are welcome to come to the church anytime the parish office is open, and someone will let you in or you can help us wrap gifts during coffee hour. Everything you need is in the undercroft. We also need volunteers to help distribute the Christmas Baskets from December 16-18. Sign-up sheet is in the church entryway or contact Kerri in the parish office.

Any questions? Contact Susan Foreman at 541-808-5242 or smforeman.sf@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to make an offering toward the poinsettias that decorate our church at Christmas time in memory of or thanksgiving for a loved one, please contact the church office BEFORE Monday, December 23, and your remembrance will be included in the Christmas bulletins. Suggested donation amount is \$15.00.

Longest Night Service

Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 PM

Sister Amy will be leading a Longest Night Service. This is a Christmas Observance designed for those for whom the holiday is a very difficult time. For example, it is a service for those who have lost a child, a spouse, a pet, or a job. Also, someone who may be going through a health crisis or simply feel depressed this time of year. It is held near the winter solstice to proclaim the light and hope we have in Christ on the darkest night of the year. There are hymns, a series of Scriptures which are read followed by reflections on the texts and the lighting of candles. It is a gentle and pastoral service for those who might be feeling 'outside' the joy of the season. If you know anyone who might benefit from this service, please invite them to attend.

A Call for Help & Sponsorship... HRACC: Celebration of Life Saturday, December 21st, 2024

Transforming the traditional Homeless Persons' Memorial

An annual event on the longest night of the year, to recognize those who died unnecessarily as a consequence of homelessness. We welcome all community members to join together celebrating in dignity: with food, art and unity.

Schedule of Activities & Creative Opportunities:

- ★ 11:30 am: FREE breakfast at Coos Bay Fire Station(CBFS):
 - Dignity Arch Art creation and Raffle Drawings.
- ★ 1-4 pm: Enjoy snacks, warm drinks & the arts at local Venues:
 - Coos Head Food CoOp (Open Art Studio),
 - o So It Goes (Open Mic),
 - Time Bomb (Live music),
 - o Front St. Bike Shop (Mini horse & art bike rides, raffle),
 - $\circ\quad$ Egyptian Theater: Human rights film & resource tables,
 - Chalk Labyrinth at Gazebo in Mingus Park.
- ★ 6-8 pm Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 400 Highland Ave, CB:
 - o 6 7:15 pm: FREE Dinner & Raffle Drawings.
 - o 6:45 pm: Lilah Bidwell Human Dignity Award.
 - o 7:15 pm: Dignity Arch Candlelight Memorial (outside).
 - 4-7 pm: The HRACC SunStore will be a place to redistribute community donations and services to all participants.

For more information contact:

Bittin: 541-217-4095, Christopher: 541-217-0286

humanrightsadvocatescc@gmail.com



ACCEPTING DONATIONS

for the

SunStore & Online Auction

Camping supplies, batteries, warm clothing, socks & shoes, feminine hygiene items, raingear, hand warmers, mittens, hats, propane tanks, gift cards from a store of your choice (\$10 - \$50).

FIVE WAYS TO GIVE...

1.Donate items:

CBFS (12/18-12/21) Community Drop Boxes (TBD)

2. SCAN HERE:



3. Mail check made to HRACC:

a 501-(c)3 Non-profit org. to POB 1501, Coos Bay, 97420

4. Help with Online Auction:

November 29th - December 15th

5. Volunteer today!!

Contact us today.

Vestry

Nancylee Stewart, *Sr. Warden*.......Al Rumsch, *Jr. Warden*Jennifer HopeJason Davidson
Beth Bennison......Chuck Wall
Terrye Laird.....Dave Kronsteiner.....Pam Chaney
Diana Wall, Clerk Bob Huggins, Treasurer

Parish Staff

Kerri Coldren, Administrator Grant Cable, Sexton Tom Collins, Music Director The Rev. Sr. Patti Hale, OPA, Rector

Parish Office Hours

Mon - Fri. 9:00AM to 5:00 PM**

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Rector's Office Hours

Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00am-Noon

Available at other times by appointment.

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Useful Websites

Emmanuel Parish: www.episcopalcoosbay.org
The Episcopal Church: www.episcopalchurch.org
The Lectionary Page: www.lectionarypage.net
Forward Movement: www.forwardmovement.org

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