

*EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH*

*Welcomes you*

First Sunday of Advent

*December 3, 2017*



Celebrant – The Reverend Russ Ingersoll

Choir Director & Organist – Mr. Kenyon G. Scott

Prelude

*Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel* – Bernard Reichel

Processional Hymn 59

*Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

## The Holy Eucharist - Rite Two - BCP 355

### The Word of God

Hymn S-280

Glory to God

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Lessons

First Reading

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

### **Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## The Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Hymn 74

*Blest Be the King Whose Coming*

## The Holy Gospel

## Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in

clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

## The Sermon

The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People	<b>Form VI</b>	BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence. Pray responsively*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our presiding bishop, and Holly our bishop and for all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add petitions in the silences, either silently or aloud.*

For the sick and home bound; Rosemary Nichols, Paul Peterson, Mollie Emerson, Bishop Heath Light, Nick St Pierre, Michael Rose, Jane Ruef, Mary Catherine Plaster, Brenda Clark, Bill Simpson, Betty Ann, baby Sam, Rachel Ford, Steve Levchak, Harriet Clark, Charles Williams, Larry Aaron, Billie Reynolds, Paul & Mitzi Noble, and Martha Jane's granddaughter, Christine Moore. *Silence*

For those serving in the Armed Forces and in humanitarian enterprises, far from home and possibly in dangerous circumstances, especially Geoffrey, Michael, James, Katie, David, and Chris. *Silence*

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

*The People may add thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.*

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name forever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

Anthem

*Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending*

Words, Charles Wesley; Music, Augustine Arne

Doxology

Hymnal 380, verse 3

### **The Holy Communion**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 129

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Communion Hymn 56

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1,6 & 7)*

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn 490

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Postlude

*Rigaudon – Georg Boehm*

### **Special Announcements**

Greenery on the altar is given to the glory of God by Janis Chaney & Lisa Mullis.

Birthdays – Janice Chaney – 15<sup>th</sup>

Don't forget the **Holiday Favorites Concert**, sponsored by Emmanuel and Chatham First **here this evening at 7:30 pm**. Maestro David Stewart Wiley, conductor of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra will join Kevin and Bryan Matheson for a truly memorable Christmas program. The concert will feature classic Christmas selections for piano and strings, plus Christmas stories and a new holiday sing-along sure to put you in the Yuletide spirit, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Please review the names on the prayer list for the sick and military service and let Richard Camp know if any should be taken off the list or any new added. It would also be helpful to provide the mailing address for those you have on the list so that cards could be mailed.

The annual congregation meeting will follow the service on **December 10th**. The vestry will provide chicken, please bring a dish to share.

Mary Hicks Heitzler and Martha Jane Rush will complete their terms on the vestry at the end of 2017 and will serve as the nominating committee. Please give the names of church members who are willing to serve to either of them or any other member of the vestry before the annual meeting.

Greening of the church will be on **December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 PM**. Please contact Sharon Taylor if you have any questions. Come join the fun when you can!

Hanging of the Greens at Hargrave will be on **December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**. All are invited.

## **Ministers of the Eucharist**

Lay Eucharist Minister: John Geyer

Readers: Betty Camp & Cara Kinsley

Prayers: Dorothy Diggs

Ushers: Walter Coles & Langhorne Jones

Coffee: Mark & Jayne dePaulo

Altar: Betty Camp

Counters: John Geyer & Betty Camp

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### **Worship Schedule**

December 10<sup>th</sup> - Reverend Jim Mathieson

December 17 – To Be Announced

December 24 @ 11:00 am – Reverend Jim Mathieson

December 31 – Morning Prayer at 11:00am with Lessons & Carols

### **Vestry Members**

Mary Hicks Heitzler (2017) and John Geyer (2019) - Co-Wardens

Ashby Cothran (2019)

Walter Coles (2018)

Langhorne Jones (2018)

Martha Jane Rush (2017)