

Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church

**Prelude . . . . . “O Come, O Come” . . . . . George Lachenauer**

Good morning and welcome to Emmanuel Church this First Sunday of Advent. Pentecost. Our service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I begins with Hymn 61. You may follow along with the service bulletin posted on Facebook and our website, or simply sit back and enjoy the service.

**Hymn 61 . . . . . “Sleepers, Wake!”**

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us, the shout of rampart guards surrounds us: “Awake, Jerusalem, rise!” Midnight’s peace their cry has broken, their urgent summons clearly spoken:

“The time has come, O maidens wise! Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!

Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share.”

Zion hears the watchmen singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing,  
she wakes and hurries through the night,

Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious in strength of grace, in truth victorious:  
her star is risen, her light grows bright.

Now come, most worthy Lord, God’s Son, Incarnate Word, Alleluia!

We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall.

Lamb of God, the heavens adore you; let saints and angels sing before you,  
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.

Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals: through them we stream to join the  
immortals as we with joy your throne surround.

No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such delight: Alleluia!

Therefore we sing to greet our King; for ever let our praises ring.

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*The Advent Wreath Liturgy was compiled and written by the Rev. Matthew Kozlowski.*

Celebrant: Today we light the first candle of the Advent Wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE.

***The candle is lit.***

Scripture: Psalm 33:20 - We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Celebrant and People: Eternal God, we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption of our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope.

**The Word of God**

**Penitential Order . . . . . P. 319**

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

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

**Confession . . . . . P. 320**

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

**Absolution . . . . . P. 321**

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Hymn S91 . . . . . Kyrie Eleison**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**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**

*A period of silence follows each reading.*

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 25:1-9**

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

#### **Second Reading: I Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that

we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Luke 21:25-36**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon ..... The Rev. Denise Guinta**

**The Nicene Creed**

**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 . . . . . P. 328**

Leader: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire

continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially \_\_\_\_\_], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [\_\_\_\_\_ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

### **The Peace**

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

### **The Holy Communion**

**Hymn 72** ..... **“Hark! the Glad Sound”**

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes, the Savior promised long;

let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan’s bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure;  
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven’s eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.

**The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer II**

The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Hymn S114 ..... “Sanctus”**

**Celebrant and People**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

*Here may be added*

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel or stand.*

Celebrant

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth,<sup>7</sup>

and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 Breaking of the Bread ..... P. 337  
 “Christ Our Passover” ..... S158**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us,  
 O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
 The Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven. **Amen.**  
 The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**  
*This Prayer can be said by those at home*

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church,  
 where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you  
 praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim  
 your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you  
 today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to 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**

**Communion Hymn 640 ..... “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”**

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.  
 Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height, see that glory beaming star.

Watchman, does its beauteous ray aught of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.  
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.  
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.  
Traveler, darkness takes its flight, doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease; hie thee to thy quiet home.  
Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Let us pray.**

**Celebrant and People**

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.**

**The Blessing    Amen.**

**Hymn 57    .....    “Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending”**

Lo! he comes. with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;

with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

**Dismissal**

**Postlude . . . . . “Von Himmel hoch” . . . . . J. S. Bach**

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**We pray for Christ's comfort and healing Grace for:**

<b>Alice C.</b>	<b>Jim H.</b>	<b>Rachel and baby Penelope</b>
<b>Charlie C.</b>	<b>Jim H.</b>	<b>Susan P.</b>
<b>Mamie C.</b>	<b>Art H.</b>	<b>Shane R.</b>
<b>Meneta D.</b>	<b>Laura K.</b>	<b>Retta</b>
<b>Mary</b>	<b>David L.</b>	<b>Rita R.</b>
<b>DuMontier Family</b>	<b>Hal and Peter M.</b>	<b>Jean S.</b>
<b>Nancy C. C. E.</b>	<b>John M.</b>	<b>Tayborne</b>
<b>Barry H.</b>	<b>John M. (2 Johns)</b>	<b>Ginger B. T.</b>
<b>Kathie H.</b>	<b>Lida P.</b>	<b>Ann B. T.</b>
		<b>Sharon W.</b>

**We pray for all Haitians as they continue to recover from the earthquake there, and for those living in the dangerous situation in Haiti.**

**Today’s participants: Officiant and Preacher, The Rev. Denise Guinta; Deacon, The Rev, Susan Peyton, Deacon; Lector, Charlotte Hadfield; Intercessor, Meneta Deaton; Organist, Sarah Grove-Humphries; Soloist, Elaine Echols; Audio, Cass Cannon; Video, Michael Hancock**

**DUE TO RECENT SURGES IN THE COVID VIRUS and its variants, we request that masks be worn by ALL (whether vaccinated or not) while inside the church buildings. Thank you, Emmanuel Vestry**

**THE STAUNTON AUGUSTA COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH SOCIETY invites you to a Holiday Open House at Montgomery Hall Park on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 1-3 p.m. Please bring canned good for donation to the Valley Mission!**

**MANY THANKS to everyone who has already submitted your pledges for 2022! To those who have not done so, please help us prepare our 2022 budget by getting them to us as soon as possible. You can mail or drop them by our church office, or you can put them in the offering plates during a Sunday morning service. Next year is an important year for us, so we want to be as prepared as possible by building our budget in the most responsible way. We will present it at our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, December 5th. Many thanks. Steve Berneking**

**YOU ARE INVITED to Emmanuel Church on Saturday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. for their Holiday Fun to Benefit Outreach at Emmanuel. On Saturday there will be crafts, cards, and a \$20.00 per person/make and take. On Sunday, after the 10:30 a.m. church service, you may purchase Meneta's photography, Sharon's ornaments and more.**

**EMMANUEL'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held next Sunday, December 5, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. At that time, nominees for 2022 Vestry will be elected to fill the expiring terms of Wendy Brown, Mary Evans Lott, and Nicole Rutan. Those nominees are listed below with a brief bio. We will also hear reports from our Commissions and a presentation of the 2022 budget. Please join us.**

### **VESTRY NOMINEES**

#### **JAMIE FRYE**

**I have been confirmed in the Episcopal Church for approximately 16 years with my husband, Dan, prior to our marriage in the historic Gibson Memorial Chapel at the Blue Ridge School, where we met. We have three children, Ella (14), Ian (12), and Marin (8) who were all baptized in the same church we were married in. Our family began attending Emmanuel when we were serving as dorm parents at Stuart Hall nearly twelve years ago. Outside of raising a family, I am a full professor at JMU where I direct the Athletic Training Master's Program. I look forward to increasing my involvement at Emmanuel by serving on the vestry during a pivotal time in the church's history as we welcome new leadership.**

## **JOHN KOLP**

**I grew up in New Orleans and was raised a Catholic, serving as an altar boy. Later in my adult life, I attended Quaker Meeting for a number of years. I earned a BA in Philosophy and a MA in History and then left New Orleans for New York City, seeking fame and fortune. I found neither but did find something far better, my wife Cyndy Seibels. We were married at the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration (aka Shrine Mont) in Orkney Springs, VA. Five years to the day later our daughter and only child, Hattie, was baptized there. After 43 years in the Big Apple (40 for Cyndy) we retired to Virginia and settled on Staunton as the best town in the Valley. The Sunday after closing on our house, we attended Palm Sunday mass at Emmanuel and knew we had found a new home. I am a "serial volunteer" and have served as Treasurer of 3 different organizations. I acquired a passion for hiking in 1977 and regularly enjoy the many opportunities to be on the trail in the mountains around Staunton.**

## **LUCY GAINES**

**Hello fellow Emmanuelites! I am looking forward to serving you on our Vestry and thank you for your support. I am originally from Little Rock, AR and grew up a Preacher's Kid in the Methodist Church I went to college at Duke University and graduated in 1988 with a MS in Physical Therapy. I moved to Staunton to work at Woodrow Wilson Rehab Center and met my husband, Jeff (a fellow Arkansan!). We joined Emmanuel after being invited to attend a service by Dr. Pres Manning. I think this was in 1993 or '94. We have raised 3 children in this church (Mollie - 25, BeccaMarie - 22, and Luke - 20). I currently work full-time for Augusta Health Home Health as a Physical Therapist. My hobbies include knitting fun hats and socks and playing bassoon in the Stonewall Brigade Band.**

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