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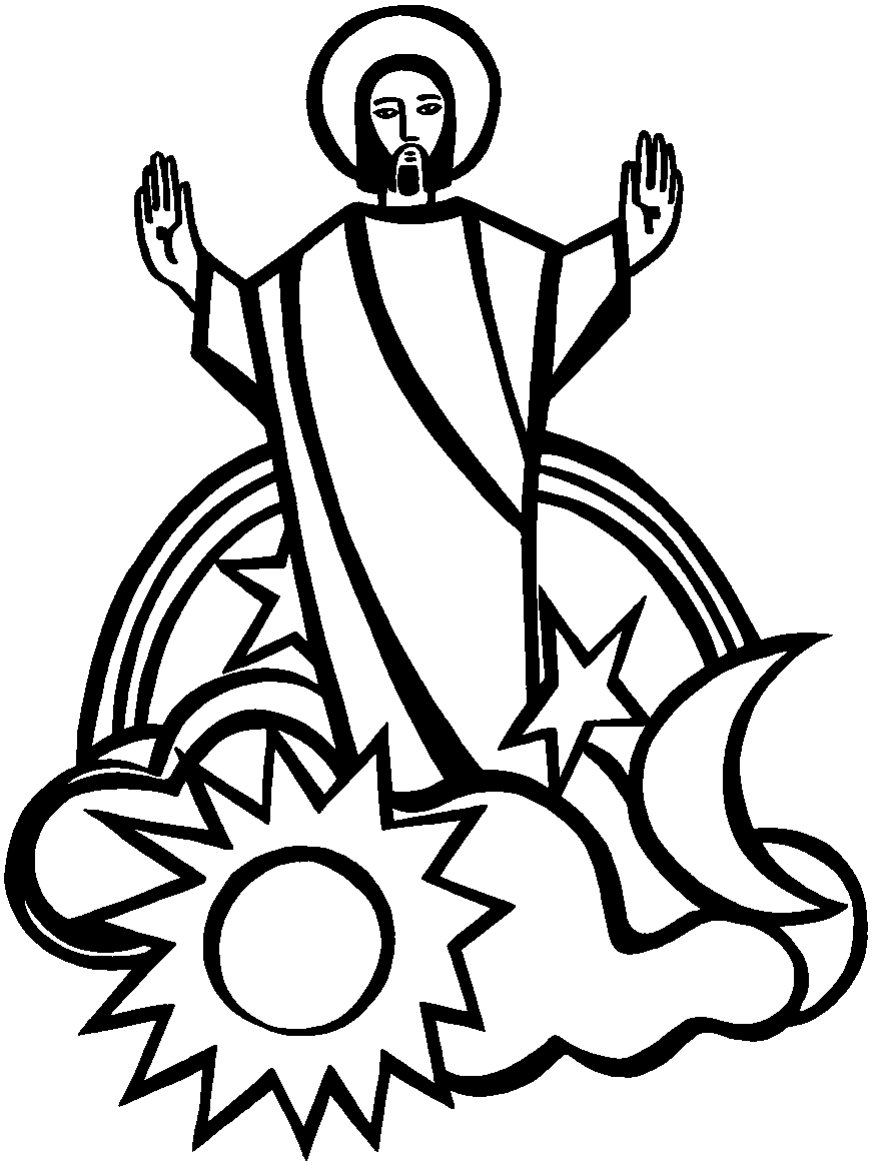
The Episcopal Church on Mercer Island



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2026 | 8:00AM

Preacher/Celebrant: The Reverend Ted Renaud

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Angell

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

All that you will need to take part in worship may be found here in this worship leaflet and in the blue Hymnal 1982. You will see text in italics called *Rubrics* that give instructions for the flow of worship through who is speaking and places for sitting, standing, or kneeling. You are welcome to participate as much or as little as you feel comfortable. Additional prayers you may wish to use personally can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer in the pew in front of you from pg. 814 to 841.

❊ THE SEASON OF ADVENT –

In our Anglican-Episcopal tradition, the Church's annual cycle of feasts, fasts and seasons begins with the First Sunday of Advent – today. Advent is characterized by themes of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus, in other words, the period immediately before Christmas. The Latin *adventus* is a translation of *parousia*, commonly used in the Greek New Testament in reference to Christ's 'second coming.' Therefore Advent serves a dual reminder: of the original waiting of the Hebrews for the birth of the Messiah as well as the Christian anticipation of the second coming of Christ. Elements of the liturgy for Advent include an Advent Wreath, purple vestments and paraments, and music texts and settings appropriate to the season's themes and traditions.

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PRELUDE –

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us Pray.
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 READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM – 80:1-7, 16-18 *Read Responsively*

Qui regis Israel

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.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES — 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Lector A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.
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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 13:24-37

All standing, the clergy appointed says to the People

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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."

After the Gospel the Reader says

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON - The Reverend Ted Renaud

THE NICENE CREED *Enriching Our Worship* *All stand, as able, and say together*

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Book of Common Prayer, Form VI

Intercessor

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Phil our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

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

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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People
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.

ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please share the Peace of Christ with others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Our spiritual practice as Christians includes support of the church through financial giving. You may give in the offering plate or online using PayPal. To donate via PayPal … ⇨

Information on receiving Communion may be found on page 9.

OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship (1997)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift our hearts to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ 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 Jesus 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept after which the Celebrant says

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to participate in communion at Emmanuel. Primarily our communion takes place at the altar rail. You can stand or kneel. If you want to abstain from the bread or wine, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If the steps to the altar rail present a challenge for you, you may stand at the bottom of the stairs, or ask an usher to have communion brought to you in your seat.

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BIRTHDAYS AND GENERAL THANKSGIVINGS

Whether recently, today or in days to come, whether members of this parish or guests: Those celebrating a birthday or anniversary are welcomed to come forward. Led by the Celebrant, all pray:

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 hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, faithful and true, whose steadfast love endures forever; we give you thanks for sustaining _____ and _____ in the life they share and for bringing them to this day. Nurture them and fill them with joy in their life together, continuing the good work you have begun in them; and grant us, with them, a dwelling place eternal in the heavens where all your people will share the joy of perfect love, and where you, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, using the following or another form

May our merciful and gracious God ever strengthen you in faith, hope and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in ways of truth, justice and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, abide within you, be known among you, and go forth with you into the world, now and always. **Amen**

THE DISMISSAL *All respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

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Covenant for Our Common Life and Witness

We, the members, staff, and clergy of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, aspire to personally and collectively demonstrate and advocate the following principles in all of our relationships.

1. **We Demonstrate Christ's Command to Love One Another**, treating all with generosity, kindness, and empathy.

   "*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you*." John 15:12

2. **We Respect the Dignity of Every Person,** listening to one another and honoring differences.

   Jesus said, "*In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.*" Matthew 7:12

3. **We Speak Truth in Love,** sharing our hopes, concerns, and perspectives in a spirit of collaboration.

   "*Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.*" Ephesians 4:25

4. **We Promptly Address Conflicts and Pursue Reconciliation,** whenever and with whomever it is needed, seeking to heal and restore broken relationships.

   "*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*" Ephesians 4:32

5. **We Promote Unity,** acknowledging that we share a love for this community and its future.

   "*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace*." Ephesians 4:3

6. **We Practice Humility,** recognizing the needs, concerns, and interests of others alongside our own.

   "*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit."* Philippians 2:3a. "*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*" Micah 6:8

7. **We Pray For Each Other, the Church, Our Community, and Our World.**

   "*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for all people.*" 1 Timothy 2:1

By way of this covenant, we seek to share in a parish community that reflects Christ's love and peace to all, where every person is valued and respected, and where we work together for the common good of the church, our community and our world.

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