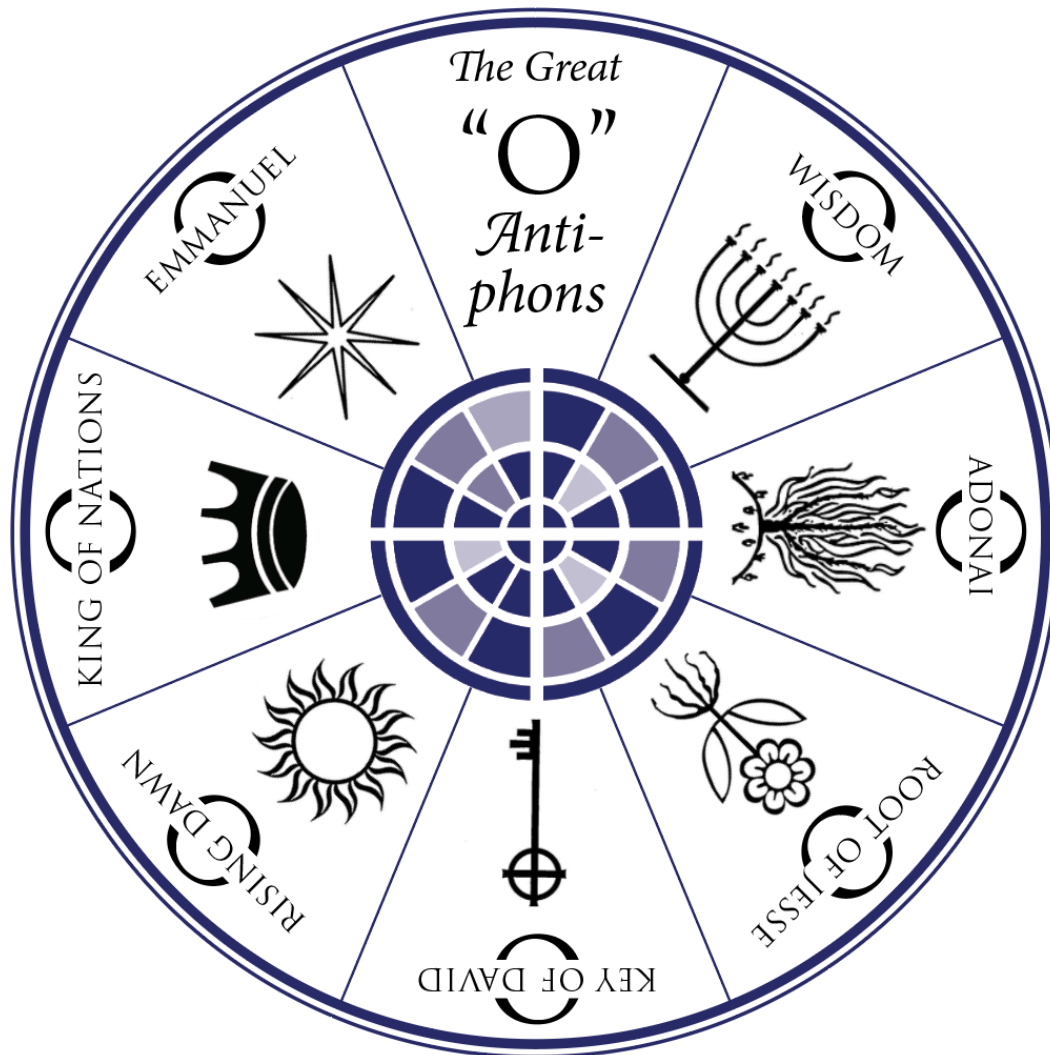


Emmanuel Church

The Episcopal Church on Mercer Island



**EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

DECEMBER 1ST, 2024

8:00 AM

Welcome Guests & Visitors

+ Welcome to the Episcopal Church. The mission of the Episcopal Church, as stated in our Book of Common Prayer, is “*to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.*” We seek to follow Jesus in loving and life-giving relationships with God, with one another, with all people, and with all God’s creation. Our worship, beliefs and practices are diverse and reflect influences from Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox traditions as well as on going reflection and prayer about what it means to believe in and follow Jesus Christ in a rapidly changing world. We Episcopalians are also known as Anglicans, part of the worldwide Anglican Communion with origins and ongoing ties to the Church of England.

+ Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We trace our history on Mercer Island to a first worship service in 1909 and to a prior church building, built in 1914, in an area of the island once known as East Seattle. We have met, worshiped, served at and gone forth in faith from the present church since 1959.

+ Welcome to Our Worship Today. The order for worship that we call the Holy Eucharist is printed, with music, on the following pages. It begins with the Liturgy of the Word: Bible readings, a sermon, an affirmation of faith, prayers, and greeting one another at the Peace. All this prepares us for the Eucharist itself — the word is derived from the biblical Greek word for thanksgiving. Here and elsewhere it may also be called Holy Communion, the Lord’s Supper or the Mass.

+ Welcome to Communion. The Real Presence of Christ in the blessed bread and wine is a primary belief in our Anglican tradition. Here at Emmanuel, any and all who are drawn to do so may receive Communion. Additional notes may be found at the appropriate place in today’s printed order of worship.

+ Welcome to Getting Around Here.

◆ **Our nursery and ministries with young children** are offered in various ways at various times. Please inquire with an usher, the clergy or other parents, or look for information on our website.

◆ **An accessible restroom** may be found across from the stairway outside the west doors of the narthex (the gathering area just beyond the doors of the church proper). Other restrooms may be found up the ramp and stairs at the east side of the narthex.

◆ **Hearing assistance devices**, with related instructions, may be found in and borrowed from a basket on a narthex table.

Please let us know how we may better welcome you.

Worship and Pastoral Notes

Today: The Feast of Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King was first promulgated by Pope Pius XI and first observed throughout the Roman Catholic Church in 1925. It has since been adopted in Anglican, Lutheran and other Christian traditions and is included in our own 1979 Book of Common Prayer. In all traditions it is observed on the last Sunday in ‘Ordinary Time,’ before the start of a new liturgical year on the First Sunday of Advent.

Pope Pius saw this feast, also known as the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, as a response to the rise of secularism and nationalism in the modern world – arguably unabated in this 99th year of the feast’s celebration. The Gospel readings appointed for this day rotate on a three-year cycle. Today’s text from the Gospel of John invites us to distinguish between the vicissitudes and treacheries of the world’s rulers and kingdoms, represented by Pontius Pilate, and the righteous dominion of God that Jesus embodied and into which he calls us.

The First Sunday of Advent, December 1

- At the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist next Sunday, the choir will lead and edify us with a Service of Advent Lessons & Carols in lieu of the normal Liturgy of the Word. Talk to our Music Director Fred McIlroy if you’d like to share in the choir’s holiday ministry!
- Advent wreath making is in the works! Subject to some details still being worked out as I write this, materials and instructions will be available after the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist next Sunday.
- Consider bringing safely preserved Thanksgiving leftovers that may be appropriate to share at coffee hour next Sunday!

Pastoral Care

Please let me know of parishioners who may be unable to regularly take part at Emmanuel and who may appreciate receiving Communion or a pastoral visit before, during or after the holidays. Thank you!



The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Interim Rector
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE ONE – 8:00 AM

Everything needed for participation in this liturgy can be found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in the pew front of you or at the page numbers of this worship bulletin listed below.

THE WORD OF GOD

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The Salutation and Collect for Purity..... Book of Common Prayer Page 323

The Summary of the Law and Song of Praise Book of Common Prayer Page 324

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.**Amen.**

The Reading from the Old Testament – Jeremiah 33:14-16..... Bulletin Page 4

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The Breaking of the Bread..... Book of Common Prayer Page 337

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THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT – Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM – Psalm 25

Read Responsively

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.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Lector A reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 21:25-36

All standing, the Priest says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

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."

After the Gospel the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE NICENE CREED

The Book of Common Prayer

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:

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,

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Holy God, beginning and end of all that is or shall be, hear our prayers as we await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Silence.*

Give hope to the powerless and humility to the powerful. Turn all hearts to peace and forgiveness wherever there is estrangement, division or violence. *Silence.* Holy God:

People **Be revealed in our justice and wisdom.**

Leader Show your mercy and justice in us and through the witness of all in your Church throughout the world. *Silence.* Holy God:

People **Be revealed in our words and actions.**

Leader We pray for all in need: travelers, refugees, the lonely or discouraged, the hungry and homeless, the sick and the suffering. *Silence.* Holy God:

People **Be revealed in our compassion and care for others.**

Leader Let us remember in particular at this time those for whom our prayers have been asked, including _____, and others we now name aloud or remember silently.

We remember all who have died, including _____, and others we now name aloud or remember silently [*pause*] _____.

Let us give thanks for all who have gone before us and whose witness has inspired us and sustained our faith. *Silence.* Holy God:

People **Be revealed in our hope and perseverance.**

The Celebrant may add the following or another Collect.

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, 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.



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