

EMMANUEL CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

Emmanuel Episcopal Church has been serving the urban community of greater Boston as a dynamic center for spiritual discovery and renewal since 1860. We explore Christian tradition and foster inquiry through the celebration of liturgy, music, and the arts. We strive for justice and peace.

Emmanuel Church welcomes all people without exception to our Eucharistic table. We honor individuals of every age, gender, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation, and religious background, and we respect the dignity of every living being.

**December 15, 2024**

**10:00am—Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary**

Presiding & Preaching: The Rev. Pamela L. Wertz

Deacon: The Rev. Robert Greiner

Conductor: Michael Beattie

Organist: John Dilworth

Subdeacon: Jamie Shore

Crucifer: William Fitzner

Torch Bearers: Mary Blocher, Karen King

First Reader: Brian McCaig

Second Reader: Jane Redmont

Prayer Intercessor: Rebecca Clark Lightcap

Greeters: Brian McCaig, Elizabeth Richardson

Altar Guild: William Fitzner, Mary Blocher

Advent Wreath provided by Glenn Seberg

Livestream provided by Emmanuel Music

Sexton: Dennis Gaskell

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Founded in 1860, Emmanuel Church is located on land once used by the matriarchal Massachusetts Tribe for fishing in the estuary of the Quinobequin (now Charles River). Acknowledging this is an expression of our appreciation and a small, first step on the Way of Love, toward respect and accountability to Indigenous or First Peoples, who continue to suffer as a consequence of genocide and forced removal perpetrated by white ancestors of European descent. Our next steps have to do with actions to end violence directed toward them, which occurs when their histories are erased, cultures are trivialized, labor is exploited, and resources are seized.

As the current occupiers of this territory, we must amplify First Peoples' voices, honor their dignity, and repent of our complicity in their oppression.

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<https://www.emmanuelboston.org/mission/social-justice/land-acknowledgement/>

**The Holy Eucharist**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent - Year C**

**Prelude** Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele, P. 129

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn** Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding  
*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

Hymn 59  
MERTON

*Descant*

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935).

**The Word of God**

Presider: Blessed are you holy and living God.

All: **You come to your people and set them free.**

**The Collect for Purity**

Presider: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
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### The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## The Lessons

### **First Reading** Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Motet** O vos omnes

Tomás Luis da Victoria (1548-1611)

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam, attendite et videte:	O all ye that pass by the way, behold and see:
Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.	If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.
Attendite, universi populi, et videte dolorem meum.	Behold, all ye people, and see my sorrow:
Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.	If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

### **Second Reading** Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

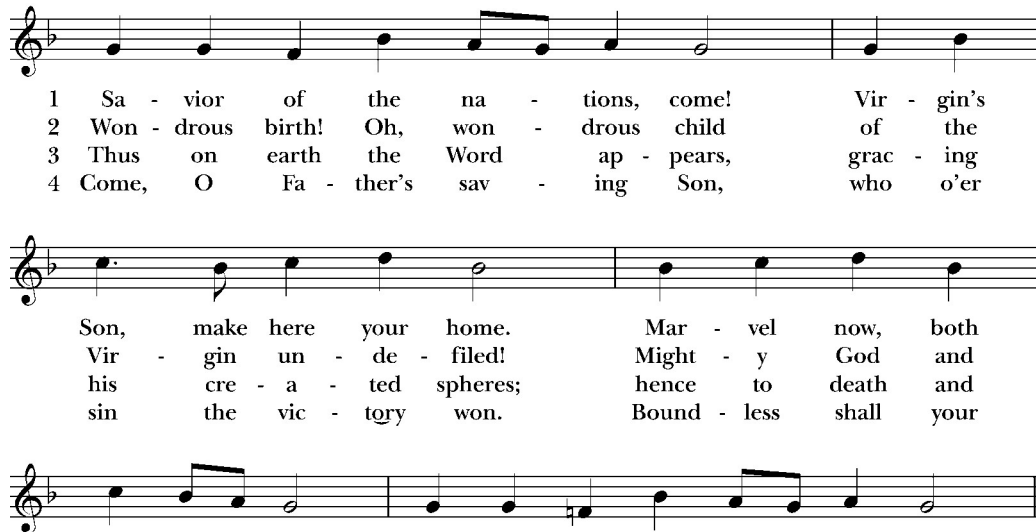
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn** Savior of the nations, come! (St. 1-2)

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

Hymn 54

NUM KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397); tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938). Sts. 3-4 Copyright © 1982, James Waring McCrady. Music: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, melody from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524; harm. Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616).

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

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

**The Gospel Reading** Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel Hymn** Savior of the nations, come! (St. 3-4)

*(See previous page)*

Hymn 54

NUM KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

**The Sermon**

Ms. Wertz

**The Creed**

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

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We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the Al - might - y, ma - ker of  
hea - ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be - lieve  
in one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly  
be - got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God, be - got - ten, not made, of one Be - ing with the Fa - ther.  
Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion  
he came down from hea - ven: by the pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - rit  
he be - came in - car - nate from the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man.

For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;

he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain

in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scend - ed in - to hea - ven

and is sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will come a -

gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the dead, and his king - dom

will have no end. We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord,

the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther.

With the Fa - ther and the Son he is wor - shiped and glo - ri - fied.

He has spo - ken through the Pro - phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly

cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism

for the for - give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. A - - - - - men.



**Prayers of the People** *(The Leader and People pray responsively. Please add your prayers in the silences, aloud or in your heart)*

We pray now for the church, the world, particularly for all who are in need,  
knowing that God is able to transform any circumstance into a moment for blessing.

After every petition, we respond:

**God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Glorious God, empower the church throughout the world and particularly this parish in our life and witness. Break down barriers that divide, so that united in your truth and love, we may confess your name, feast at one table, and serve you with one accord.

**God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the ministries to which you have called each of us, and for the laity, deacons, priests and bishops who serve among us; and we pray that we may be faithful witnesses to your passion for justice and mercy for all people.

**God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside fear, greed and vain ambition. Inspire them to strive for righteousness and peace, so that all your children may be free.

**God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Hear the cries of all who are hungry, all who are homeless, all who suffer the effects of war. Give those of us who consume most of the earth's resources the will to reorder our lives, so that all may have their rightful share of food, care, shelter and fullness of life.

**God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Look with compassion on all who suffer illness and distress, especially those we name, either silently or aloud. Support them with your love and lead us to be healers, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

**God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving for their lives and loves, we remember those who have died. Give to them rest and peace, and give to us such a measure of communion with them as you know to be best for us. And bring us all to serve you in your eternal realm.

**God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

Presider: O God, in your loving purpose, answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. By your grace, grant us the will and the wisdom to make this world new, and all for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Confession**

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Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **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.

Presider: 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**

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

People: **And also with you.**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Sentence**

I beseech you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love. (Eph. 4:1-2)

*During the Offertory, we invite you to donate using the collection plate as it is passed, or online using our CashApp cashtag \$EmmanuelBostonGive.*

*If you are visiting or new to Emmanuel, we also invite you to take this moment to complete the Welcome Card online, linked on the inside cover of the bulletin, or a paper Welcome Card. Paper Welcome Cards and gifts may be placed in the collection plate.*

**Offertory** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

**Offertory Hymn** Comfort, comfort ye my people

Hymn 67

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

PSALM 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 Lord God  
 of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full  
 of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O  
 Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he  
 that comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider: 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 Author of all.

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


On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 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."  
 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All:   
A - men.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

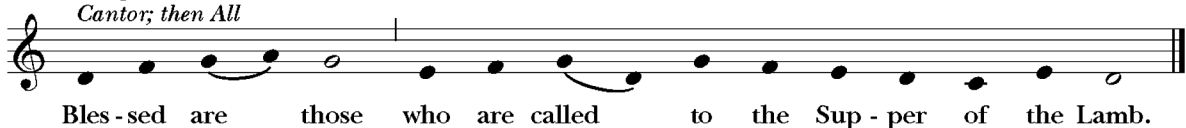
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread** (*Silence is kept*)

**Fraction Anthem**

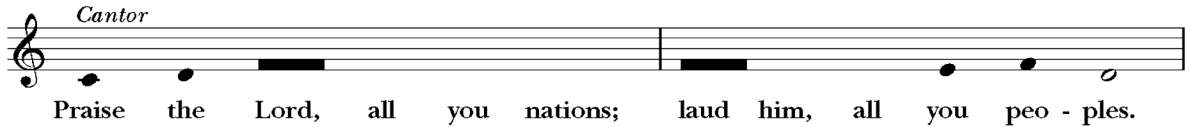
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*Antiphon*  
*Cantor; then All*

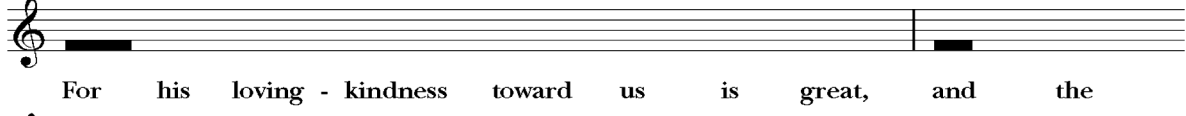


Bles - sed are those who are called to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

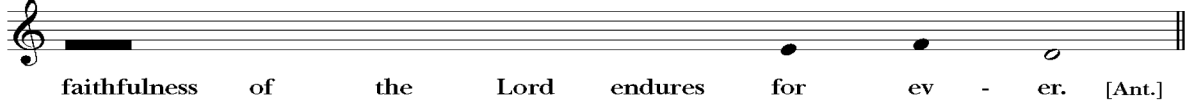
*Cantor*



Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peo - ples.



For his loving - kindness toward us is great, and the



faithfulness of the Lord endures for ev - er. [Ant.]

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Communion**

*All who desire a deeper relationship with the Holy One may come to the table.*

**Communion Motet** O sacrum convivium

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

O sacrum convivium,  
In quo Christus sumitur,  
Recolitur memoria passionis eius;  
Mens impletur gratia,  
Et futurae gloriae, nobis pignus datur.

O sacred banquet,  
in which Christ is received,  
the memory of his Passion is renewed,  
the mind is filled with grace,  
and a pledge of future glory is given us.

**Communion Hymn** Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes  
*(Please open your hymnal and rise in body or spirit)*

Hymn 72  
RICHMOND

**Soloists:** Mara Riley & Janet Ross, soprano; Clare McNamara, alto;

Eric Christopher Perry, tenor; Will Prapestis, bass

**Instrumentation:** violin I/II, viola I/II, cello, bass, harpsichord, organ

Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr.  
Ich bitt, wollst sein von mir nicht fern  
Mit deiner Hülff und Gnaden.  
Die ganze Welt erfreut mich nicht,  
Nach Himmel und Erd frag ich nicht,  
Wenn ich dich nur, Herr, habe.  
Und wenn mir gleich mein Herz zerbricht,  
So bist du doch mein Zuversicht,  
Mein Teil und meines Herzens Trost,  
Der mich durch sein Blut hat erlöst.  
Herr Jesu Christ, mein Gott und Herr,  
In Schanden laß mich nimmermehr!

I love you tenderly, O Lord.  
I pray, be not far from me  
With thy help and grace.  
The whole world does not delight me,  
I do not ask for heaven or earth,  
If I can only have you.  
And even if my heart should break,  
Yet you are still my confidence,  
My portion and my heart's comfort,  
Who has redeemed me through his blood.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord,  
Let me never more be put to shame!

Es ist ja, Herr, dein Geschenk und Gab,  
mein Leib und Seel und was ich hab  
in diesem armen Leben,  
damit ichs brauch zum Lobe dein,  
zu Nutz und Dienst des Nächsten mein,  
wollst mir dein Gnade geben.  
Behüt mich, Herr, vor falscher Lehr,  
des Satans Mord und Lügen wehr,  
in allem Kreuz erhalte mich,  
auf daß ichs trag geduldiglich.  
Herr Jesu Christ, mein Herr und Gott,  
tröst mir mein Seel in Todesnot.

It is indeed, Lord, your gift and present,  
My body and soul and what I have  
In this poor life,  
Therefore I must use them to your praise,  
In service and use to my neighbor,  
So that you will grant me grace.  
Protect me, Lord, from false teachings,  
From Satan's death and lies forfend,  
In all adversity sustain me,  
So that I may bear it patiently.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my Lord and God,  
Comfort me in my dying agony.

Ach, Herr, laß dein lieb Engelein  
Am letzten End die Seele mein  
Im Abrahams Schoß tragen,  
Den Leib in seinm Schlafkämmerlein  
Gar sanft ohn einig Qual und Pein  
Ruhn bis am jüngsten Tage!  
Alsdann vom Tod erwecke mich,  
Daß meine Augen sehen dich  
In aller Freud, o Gottes Sohn,  
Mein Heiland und mein Gnadenthron!  
Herr Jesu Christ, erhöre mich,  
Ich will dich preisen ewiglich!

Ah, Lord, let your dear little angel,  
at my final end, take my soul  
to Abraham's bosom.  
Let my body, in its little sleeping chamber,  
absolutely softly, without any anguish or pain,  
rest until the last day!  
At that day wake me from death,  
so that my eyes may see you  
in all joy, O Son of God,  
my Savior and Throne of grace!  
Lord Jesus Christ, hear me,  
I will praise you eternally!

"Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr," Martin Schalling  
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**Post-Communion Prayer** *(Please rise in body or spirit)*

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Subdeacon: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Author,**  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing**

Book of Occasional Services (BOS) Advent

Presider: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and illuminate the stumbling blocks in your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** People, look East  
*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

WLP 724

BESANÇON CAROL



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may  
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has  
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -  
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music: *Besançon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

## Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

J.S. Bach

*Welcome Cards may be brought with any gifts to the box near the door at the conclusion of the Postlude.*

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## Music Notes

*Today's cantata is made possible by income from the Young Fund of Emmanuel Church.*

### O vos omnes

Tomás Luis da Victoria (1548-1611)

The text for *O vos omnes* is adapted from the Latin Vulgate translation of Lamentations 1:12. It was often set, especially in the sixteenth century, as part of the Tenebrae Responsories for Holy Saturday. In our motet, time itself seems to be suspended. The personal feeling of the text is breathtakingly conveyed through carefully nuanced textures, text painting and expansive musical gestures.

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### Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr, BuxWV 041

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1708)

*Buxtehude, Herzlich lieb hab ich, o Herr was last presented on March 4, 2012, with Michael Beattie conducting. The vocal soloists were Theresa Wakim, soprano; Pamela Dellal, alto; Martin Near, countertenor; Jason McStoots, tenor; and Paul Guttry, bass.*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1708) for many years held one of the most important church positions in Northern Germany, that of organist at the Marienkirche in Lübeck. He was a stupendous virtuoso (Bach's 250-mile pilgrimage on foot to meet him and hear him play is legendary) and he is still perhaps best known for his compositions for the organ. He achieved some fame additionally for the establishment of his Sunday afternoon concert series called Abendmusiken held on the five successive weekends before Christmas and it is for these concerts that much of his brilliant vocal music was written. The chorale-cantata *Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, O Herr* is considered one of the finest compositions of its kind in the 17th century. Buxtehude sets all three versus of the chorale with breathtaking imagination. The solo voices are accompanied frequently by organ alone, while the independent string parts support the chorus or provide commentary. The first verse is a simple unornamented rendition by the solo soprano accompanied by an arresting five-part string counterpoint. In the second verse the five solo singers predominate in a colorful set of variations. It is the third verse that contains some of the most extraordinary music. Listen for the wafting string tremolos during the description of the angels carrying the soul to the bosom of Abraham – or the 'freeze-frame' moment on the word 'ruhn' [rest]; the soloists hold long sustained notes over an undulating string accompaniment. From there, the piece accelerates and intensifies joyfully. The final Amen brings the piece to a brilliant and exuberant conclusion.

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## Join us this afternoon for Christmas at Emmanuel in collaboration with Project STEP Sunday, December 15th at 4pm

Ring in the holiday season with traditions old and new as we celebrate with uplifting works of J.S. Bach, featuring students from Project STEP, setting the stage for the New England premiere of Evan Williams' *A Little Mass for Christmas*. Start something bright and new with Emmanuel Music this winter. Pay-what-you-can tickets available at [emmanuelmusic.org](http://emmanuelmusic.org)



## **The Bach Institute | Upcoming Events**

The Bach Institute, sponsored by Emmanuel Music and hosted by Emmanuel Church, seeks to share the deep knowledge and experience of the Emmanuel Music ensemble in performing the sacred cantatas of J.S. Bach. Drawing on fifty years of practical experience offering these profound works in a worship context, we bring a unique perspective on the communicative power and timeless relevance of this music, as well as insights into technique, interpretation, and pacing. The Bach Institute January 2025 Intensive takes an important leap forward with its proposed focus on "Bach and Society." This year the Institute seeks to engage members of Emmanuel and Boston's wider community by exploring the message in Bach's music and its power to challenge and transform our lives. Bach's cantatas speak vividly and poignantly about the human condition; our aspirations, our failings, and how to create right relationship to God and to our neighbor. This year's Bach Institute will explore how a just society might work from the perspective of the cantata literature.

All programs are free - reservation required for each program at  
<https://www.emmanuelmusic.org/learn-engage/the-bach-institute>

### **SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EVENTS**

Jan. 11, 11:30am, Cantata Open Rehearsal (in-person only)

John Harbison rehearses BWV 123

followed by 1:00pm, Conversation: John Harbison discusses BWV 123

Jan. 12, 10:00am, Cantata BWV 123

(in-person and livestreamed), John Harbison conducting

Jan. 13, 7:00pm, Pamela Dellal, Ryan Turner,

and guest Adrian Anandawan, Artistic Director of Shelter Music Boston

(in-person and livestreamed), Conversation: Bach and Society (I)

Jan. 15, 7:00pm, Ecclesia Ministries TBD, Pamela Wertz, and Common Art artists

(in-person and livestreamed) Conversation: Bach and Society (II)

Jan. 16, 7:00pm, Heidi Braun-Hill, violin (in-person and livestreamed)

Masterclass: featuring the Bach Institute 2025 Fellows

Jan. 18, 11:30am, Cantata Open Rehearsal (in-person only)

Ryan Turner rehearses BWV 72

followed by 1:00pm, Conversation: Ryan Turner and Pamela Dellal discuss BWV 72

Jan. 19, 10:00am, Cantata 72 (in-person and livestreamed)

Ryan Turner conducting, featuring the Bach Institute 2025 Fellows

Jan. 19, 7:00pm, Bach Institute Showcase Concert

(in-person and livestreamed), featuring the Bach Institute 2025 Fellows and Common Art artists

SNOW DATE Jan. 20, 7:00pm, Bach Institute Showcase Concert

## Emmanuel Church Announcements

### *Today and Upcoming*

#### **Pledging to Emmanuel Church**

If you value the worship and programs of Emmanuel Church, and the clergy and staff that support them, please make a pledge for 2025.

A pledge is an indication of the financial support you intend to offer for 2025. A pledge may be fulfilled in one gift, quarterly, monthly, or weekly. A pledge may be fulfilled in advance of 2025 (and so designated) or at any time during 2025.

The amount of your pledge depends entirely on you. Every pledge counts as 1, and the total number of pledges reflects the number of households committed to supporting the parish. No amount of money is too small or too large! For reference, in 2024 Emmanuel received 81 pledges, and the median pledge amount was \$2,500. For a parish of our size, we hope to receive 100 pledges in 2025. We are about two-thirds of the way there.

A pledge may be made by completing a pledge card or by emailing the parish administrator at [parishadmin@emmanuelboston.org](mailto:parishadmin@emmanuelboston.org).

Thank you!

**Looking to make a world of difference in your Christmas giving this year?** Episcopal Development and Relief, which helps people around the globe, has many ways for you to change lives in honor of those you love. You can empower our global neighbors with water, bicycles, business training, and more. For more information, go to the website

<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/gifts/catalog>

#### **Help us Green Emmanuel's Sanctuary**

Volunteers are needed today to help green Emmanuel's sanctuary. Join us immediately after the service in the sanctuary. Pizza and soft drinks will be available. Many hands make light work or at least make things more entertaining. It is always a good time!

#### **Christmas Services at Emmanuel**

**Blue Christmas on the Longest Night, Saturday, December 21 at 6 pm** in the Lindsey Chapel. A service of lament with Communion and Healing Prayer, with Church of the Covenant, the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and The Crossing.

#### **Christmas Eve in the sanctuary. Tuesday December 24.**

7:00 pm: Gospel of Luke Nativity Story with Carols

7:30pm: Festival Holy Eucharist with *Das neugeborne Kindelein*, BWV 122

**First Sunday after Christmas, Sunday December 29, 10:00am** in the Lindsey Chapel (no livestream)

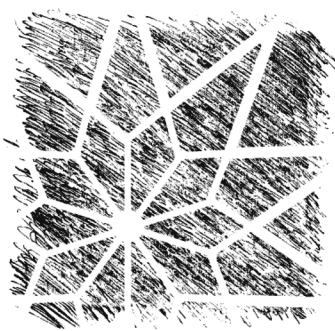
**Second Sunday after Christmas, Sunday January 5, 10:00am** in the Lindsey Chapel (no livestream)

## *In and Around Emmanuel*

**Emmanuel Announcements & “This Week at Emmanuel”** If you would like to submit an announcement for inclusion in our Sunday Announcements, please email the Parish Office. Our weekly E-news is sent by email every Wednesday with announcements listed here plus many more. If you would like to receive those, please contact the Parish Office or sign up on our website.

**Have you moved in 2024?** If you moved recently or if you are new to the Emmanuel community and would like your contact information to be included in the parish directory, please let the Parish Office know at [parishadmin@emmanuelboston.org](mailto:parishadmin@emmanuelboston.org).

**Do you know someone who is in the hospital, or confined at home?** The Care Commission provides pastoral ministry by writing notes, making visits, and more. Pastoral care needs are being coordinated by Pavel Hradecky ([pavel.hrx@gmail.com](mailto:pavel.hrx@gmail.com)) and ( Deacon Bob Greiner ([deacon@emmanuelboston.org](mailto:deacon@emmanuelboston.org))). If you have a need, please contact him.



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