



WELCOME TO  
EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

---

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

---

**Readings:**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:4-9

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

***Hymns (Blue Hymnal)***

Processional: #438 "Tell Out my Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

Sequence: #70 "Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement"

Communion: #640 "Watchman, Tell us of the Night", #76 "In Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry", #68 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

Recessional: #429 "I'll Praise my Maker While I've Breath"

---

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Seth Kellermann

**Sermon:** The Rev. Seth Kellermann

235 S. Church Street  
Grass Valley, CA 95945  
(530) 273-7876 - [emmanuelgv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:emmanuelgv@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.emmanuelgv.org](http://www.emmanuelgv.org)

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## The Word of God

At 8:00 AND 10:00 *Hymn #438 (Blue Hymnal)*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

*Celebrant: 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.*

*At 8:00 the following is spoken*

*Celebrant and People:*

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The following is sung at 10:00*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** 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. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

**Reader:** A Reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm

*[At 8:00 The Psalm is said. At 10:00 The Psalm is sung to the tune below.]*



Psalm 146:4-9 *Lauda, anima mea*

<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

<sup>5</sup> Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;

- <sup>6</sup> Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- <sup>9</sup> The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

## **The Second Lesson**

**Reader:** A Reading from James.

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*At 8:00 and 10:00 Hymn #70 is sung (Blue Hymnal)*

## **The Gospel**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind

receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### ***The Sermon***

*[We respond to the sermon by standing and proclaiming our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. This statement of faith has been a part of the church since 325AD.]*

### ***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.

## **The Prayers of the People: Form IV**

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

**Lord, in your mercy**

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and  
peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

**Lord, in your mercy**

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

**Lord, in your mercy**

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

**Lord, in your mercy**

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

**Lord, in your mercy**

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

**Lord, in your mercy**

*Hear our prayer.*

***Celebrant:*** *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 forever. Amen.*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept*

*Minister and 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.*

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

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.  
Announcements and celebration of birthdays and anniversaries follows.*

## **The Holy Communion**

*During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

*All stand*

*At 8:00 and 10:00 the Doxology is sung:*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
 him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing.*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 (say) this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*At 8:00 these words are spoken:*

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*At 10:00 these words are sung*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly,  
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might \_\_\_\_\_ hea-ven and earth are full \_\_\_\_\_  
full \_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless - ed is he who comes \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant:* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your

Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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. Then may be sung or said]*

*[At 8:00 a.m.]*

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*[10:00 (sung):]*

The musical score consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "Al - - - le - lu - i - a, Al - - le - lu - i - a Al - - - -". The second staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics "le - lu - ia". The third staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "The glo - ry of the Lord shall be re - veal - ed.". The fourth staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics "and all flesh shall see it to - geth - er.".

All repeat Alleluias

*Then, we sing*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

*The People join in saying the prayer of humble access*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

*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.

**At 8:00 and 10:00 Hymns #640, #76, #68 (Blue Hymnal)**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Kneel at the altar rail and hold your hands and bread will be put in them, please assist the ministers as they seek to give you wine. If you are not a baptized Christian, or if you do not wish to receive Communion today, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*To receive a blessing simply cross your arms across your chest. If you would like to be baptized, please speak to the Celebrant after church.*

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

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

*Celebrant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*At 8:00 and 10:00 Hymn #429 is sung*

## **The Dismissal**

**Deacon/Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God.