



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH — OF THE — TRANSFIGURATION

TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

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## Edwards Order of Worship The First Sunday of Advent December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017



Dear Friends,

Welcome to our community of faith. We are so glad to have you worship with us this morning! It's our most fervent prayer that the Holy Spirit has connected you to the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. We invite you to be a part of any of our ministry and if we can serve you in any way don't hesitate to contact us, 970-476-0618.

Blessings,

*Father Brooks, Mother Emily, Deacon Steve, Denise, Margie, Mary, Rebecca, Katie and Kimberly*  
(ECOT Staff)

Please introduce yourself to us, especially if we can serve you anytime in the coming year.

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- Mission and Outreach opportunities
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Adult Teachings
- Resources for personal challenges or help in a difficult time

***Please complete and tear this form off and place in the offertory plate.***

## Opening Hymn

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Verses 1 & 2



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## Jesse Tree Presentations

The Brewster Family

*Jesse Tree*

The Baird Family

*The World, the Birth of Life*

The Rinn Family                      *Adam & Eve, the apple and the serpent*  
The Jaffe/Kammerer Family                      *Noah and the Flood, the Ark*  
The Thurston/Albert Family *Father Abraham, the tent and the camel*  
The Brownlee Family                      *Isaac and the Ram, Agnus Dei*

### Welcome & Announcements

*Celebrant*                      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*                      *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

*Emmanuel*

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel;  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God is with us, revealed in us;  
His name is called Emmanuel.*

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*                      The Lord 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 forever. Amen.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

*All sit.*

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.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

*People*                    *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 80:1-7,16-18

- 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.*

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                        *Thanks be to God.*

*All stand.*

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

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,

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving bass lines.

**Holy Gospel**

Mark 13:24-37

*Deacon  
People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
***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.”

*Deacon*                      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                        *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Sermon

### Nicene Creed

*All stand.*

*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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Robert; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

*Pray for the Church.*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

*Pray for justice and peace.*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

*Pray for those in any need or trouble.*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

*Pray that they may find and be found by him.*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

*Pray for those who have died.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
*Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.*

*Silence*

*The Deacon then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant 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.***

*The Priest stands and says*

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.*

**Peace**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
***And also with you.***

“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Thy kingdom come!". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system has five lines of lyrics. The second system also has five lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

1 “Thy king - dom come!” on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;  
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;  
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;  
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,  
5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.  
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.  
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near;  
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;  
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

## Holy Communion

*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.***

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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 this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*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.***

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

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 forever. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.*

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

*The Celebrant says*

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 baptized persons are welcome and encouraged to receive both the bread and the wine of the Eucharist. People who are not baptized or who prefer not to receive communion are invited to come forward and cross their arms to receive a blessing. Those desiring a gluten-free wafer may request one from the priest when they come forward to receive communion.*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
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**

**Dismissal**

*Deacon*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

## A Note on Today's Readings

*The First Sunday of Advent—Year B*

Welcome to our parish. The season of Advent begins today. The name of the season means “coming,” and it celebrates God’s coming to us in the birth of Jesus and looks toward Christ’s return at the end of history as Savior and Judge. The first reading from Isaiah reflects the intensity of the prophet’s hope for the Messiah. In a period of Israel’s history when confidence in the people’s own efforts to build God’s Kingdom had collapsed, Isaiah expresses that hope in a passage that has been a part of the Advent liturgy since the earliest days of the Church, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down...”

In the second reading we hear Paul’s greeting in his first letter to Corinth. Recognizing the many spiritual gifts of the Corinthian church (a source of their strength, but also a source of the controversy which caused him to write) he says that those spiritual gifts are given to prepare us to greet the return of Christ. Jesus’ message to his followers is an assurance that he will return and that our lives should be lived in preparation for that return. This theme of watching for his return is always central on the first Sunday of Advent. Today’s reading from Mark is the parable of the door-keeper. It reminds us that we are always to be on the watch for Jesus’ return.

The liturgy is the way the Church lives in the time between Jesus’ first coming and his second coming. In word and sacrament he comes to us again and again, veiled, but present to eyes of faith. In the Eucharist and in ministry to others we are continually being prepared to greet him when he comes again in glory.

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