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.

January 9, 2022
10:00am—Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary
Presiding: The Rev. Isaac Everett
Preaching: The Rev. Pamela L. Werntz
Deacon: The Rev. Robert Greiner
Conductor: John Harbison
Organist: John Dilworth
Subdeacon: Jane Redmont
Crucifer: Mary Blocher
Torch Bearers: Melissa Fernau, Susan Entin
First Reader: Susan Swan
Second Reader: Galen Gilbert
Prayer Intercessor: Susan Entin
Greeters: Mary Beth Clack, Pat Krol
Altar Guild: Mary Blocher, Paul Curtis, Ed Mavers
Livestream provided by Emmanuel Music
Sexton: Dennis Gaskell
Welcome to Emmanuel Church! Whether we are gathering in the sanctuary or virtually, we are strong and united in the body of Christ in worship and community. Some of us may choose to be at the church, and most will remain at home. Wherever we are, we are Emmanuel. Here is what to expect if you decide to join us for worship in the sanctuary:

**General Notes:**
- All persons who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should not enter the building. If you are feeling ill, regardless of COVID-19 symptoms, please remain at home.
- **Masks/Face Coverings are required for all persons**, regardless of vaccination status.
- If you attend worship in-person and display symptoms within two weeks and test positive for COVID-19, please notify the Parish Office at info@emmanuelboston.org immediately.

**Entering the Sanctuary**
- Hand sanitizer and disposable masks will be available on the table before entering the Sanctuary.
- The Usher/Greeters, designated with a name tag and a red lanyard, will be available in the lobby and in the Sanctuary to provide hospitality and answer specific questions.

**During Worship:**
- Communion may be received by bread alone. Please follow instructions detailed in the service bulletin. If you do not wish to receive, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion is included for you to pray.
- Congregational singing is permitted.
- The most hygienic way to submit an offering is by using CashApp. Our CashApp cashtag is $EmmanuelChurchBoston. CashApp is a secure platform designed to allow you to quickly and easily make donations or payments. Please be sure to indicate if your gift should go towards your annual pledge, plate collection, or another special designation.

**After Worship:**
- If you do not use online giving, monetary offerings and newcomer cards may be placed in the offering box near the bottom of the chancel steps on your way out of the building.
The Holy Eucharist
The First Sunday after the Epiphany - Year C

Prelude  Melody
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1913)

Announcements

Opening Hymn  Brightest and best of the stars of the morning
(Holy rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 117
MORNING STAR

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - chin - ing,
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
4 rich - er by far is the heart’s a - dor - a - tion,
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: Morning Star: James Procter Harding (1850-1911)

The Word of God

Presider:  Blessed are you holy and living God.
All:  Glory to you for ever and ever.
The Collect for Purity

All: 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.

Gloria

All glory be to God on high

Hymn 421
Allein Gott in der Höh

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Let us pray. Heavenly God, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
All: Amen. (Please be seated)

The Lessons

First Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth--  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

Reader:  Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.  
People:  Thanks be to God.

Motet  “Tu solus qui facis mirabilia”  
Josquin des Pres

Tu solus qui facis mirabilia,  
You alone can do wonders,  
Tu solus Creator, qui creasti nos,  
You alone are the Creator, and created us;  
Tu solus Redemptor, qui redemisti nos  
You alone are the Redeemer, and redeemed us  
sanguine tuo pretiosissimo.  
With your most precious blood.

Ad te solum confugimus,  
In you alone we find refuge,  
in te solum confidimus  
In you alone we trust,  
nec alium adoramus,  
None other do we worship,  
Jesu Christe.  
Jesus Christ.

Ad te preces effundimus  
To you we pour out our prayers,  
exaudi quod supplicamus,  
Hear our supplication,  
et concede quod petimus,  
And grant us our request,  
Rex benigne.  
O King of kindness!

D’ung aultre amer,  
To love another  
Nobis esset fallacia:  
would be deceitful;  
Magna esset stultitia  
To love another  
et peccatum.  
would be great madness and sin.

Audi nostra suspiria,  
Hear our sighing,  
Replenos tua gratia,  
fill us with your grace,  
O rex regum,  
O King of kings!  
Ut ad tua servitia  
So we may remain in your service  
Sistamus cum laetitia in aeternum.  
With joy for ever.

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Second Reading  Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader:  Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.
People:  Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn  How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (stanzas 1-3)  
(Please rise in body or spirit)  

Descant

5 “The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed;
3 “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
4 “When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
5 “The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,

I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
1 is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
4 my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
5 I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

soul, to shake, no,
1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
5 that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,

Deacon:  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People:  **Glory to you, O Christ.**

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. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

**Gospel Hymn**  How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (stanzas 4-5)  Hymn 637

(See previous page)

**The Sermon**  Ms. Werntz

**The Creed**  (Please rise in body or spirit)

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. 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

*Our particular intercessions and thanksgivings are offered here for the Church, for the World, for those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and for those who have died. Please add your intercessions and thanksgivings, aloud or in silence at the * in each section.*

With hearts and minds open to the leading of God's Spirit, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Guide us in your grace. Beloved God, we thank you for giving us power through your Spirit to reveal your life to the world: strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example. * We are your Church, O God.

**Guide us in your grace.**

We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth you have given us to cherish and protect: nourish in us your love for all you have made. * We are your stewards, O God.

**Guide us in your grace.**

Guide and bless us in our work and in our play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life, that all people may share in the fulfillment of your creative work. * We are your servants, O God.

**Guide us in your grace.**

Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people; in those we love easily and in those with whom we struggle, in those different from us and those familiar to us. * We are made in your image, O God.

**Guide us in your grace.**

We thank you for calling us to a glorious heritage as your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us. * You are the life within us, O God.

**Guide us in your grace.**

We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, and those who are in any need or trouble. * You alone are our refuge, O God.

**Guide us in your grace.**

Bless those who are born today, those who will die, and all the departed, that joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise. * In you alone we have eternal life, O God.

**Guide us in your grace.**

Presider: Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.
Confession
Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.
All: God of 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 enslave 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.

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 online using our CashApp cashtag $EmmanuelChurchBoston.
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. Paper Welcome Cards and gifts may be brought to the box at the chancel steps at the end of the service.

At the Offertory Meinen Jesum laß ich nicht
Johann Gottfried Walther

Offertory Hymn  O Love, how deep, how broad, how high
Hymn 448
(please rise in body or spirit)

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out of the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Presider: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.” And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All:  
Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory.

Presider:  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you 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 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread  
(Silence is kept)

Presider:  
Behold who you are.  
People:  
May we become what we see.

Fraction Anthem  
Presider:  
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please proceed down the center aisle, taking care to maintain physical distancing. At the foot of the chancel steps, cup your hands to receive the bread from the priest and turn right or left to return to your seat via a side aisle.

Communion Motet  "O Lord, Increase My Faith"  Henry Loosemore

O Lord, increase my faith;
strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith.
Endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience;
in all my adversity, teach me to say Amen.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those who are unable to receive

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787), from Enchiridion of Indulgences, 1969, Catholic Book Publishing Inc., altered

Communion Hymn  Christ, when for us you were baptized  Hymn 121

(Please rise in body or spirit)  CATHNESS

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Music: CATHNESS, melody from The Psalms of David in Print and Measure 1635; harm. The English Hymnal 1906
Cantata  BWV 154 “Mein liebster Jesus ist verloren”  
Soloists: Deborah Rentz-Moore, alto; Frank Kelley, tenor; David McFerrin, bass  
Instrumentation: Oboe d’amore I & II, Bassoon, Organ, Violin I & II, Viola, Cello, Bass

Cantata for the First Sunday after Epiphany

1. Aria T
Mein liebster Jesus ist verloren:
O Wort, das mir Verzweiflung bringt,
O Schwert, das durch die Seele dringt,
O Donnerwort in meinen Ohren.

2. Rezitative T
Wo treff ich meinen Jesum an,
Wer zeiget mir die Bahn,
Wo meiner Seele brünstiges Verlangen,
Mein Heiland, hingegangen?
Kein Unglück kann mich so empfindlich rühren,
Alß wenn ich Jesum soll verlieren.

3. Chorale
Jesu, mein Hort und Erretter,
Jesu, mein Zuversicht,
Jesu, starker Schlängentreter,
Jesu, meines Lebens Licht!
Wie verlanget meinem Herzen,
Jesulein, nach dir mit Schmerzen!
Komm, ach komm, ich warte dein,
Komm, o liebestes Jesulein!
("Jesu, meiner Seelen Wonne," verse 2)

4. Aria A
Jesu, laß dich finden,
Laß doch meine Sünden
Keine dicke Wolken sein,
Wo du dich zum Schrecken
Wirst für mich verstecken,
Stelle dich bald wieder ein!

5. Arioso B
Wisset ihr nicht, daß ich sein muß in dem, das meine
Vaters ist?
(Luke 2:49)

4. Aria A
Jesus, let me find You,
let my sins
be not thick clouds
behind which, to my terror,
You would hide from me;
appear again soon to me!

5. Arioso B
Do you not know that I must be in that which is My
Father’s?
6. Recitative T
This is the voice of my Friend,
praise and thanks be to God!

My Jesus, my dearest treasure,
allows, through his word,

Himself to be comfortingly heard;
my sorrow would have nearly destroyed
the marrow in my bones;

Now, however, my faith grows strong again,
now I am most highly delighted;
for I behold the joy of my soul,
my Savior, my sun,

who after the troubled night of sadness
through His radiance makes my heart rejoice.

Rise, spirit, make yourself ready!

You must go to Him
in His Father's house, into his temple;

There He is visible in his Word,
there He will refresh you in the sacrament;
yet, if you would worthily enjoy His flesh and blood,
then you must kiss Jesus in repentance and faith.

7. Aria (Duet) A T
What happiness, Jesus is found!
Now I am troubled no longer.

He whom my soul loves
shows Himself to me at a happy time.

I will, O my Jesus, now nevermore leave You,
I will now in faith steadfastly embrace You.

8. Chorale
I will not let go of my Jesus,
I will walk beside Him forever;

Christ shall for ever and ever have me
guided to the springs of life.

Blessed, whoever says with me:
I will not let go of my Jesus.
**Post-Communion Prayer**  *(Please rise in body or spirit)*

Subdeacon: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Blessing**

Presider: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

**Closing Hymn**  The sinless one to Jordan came

**Hymn 120**

**SOLEMNIS HAEC**

**FESTIVITAS**

| 1 | The sinless one to Jordan came, |
| 2 | Up-rising from the water there, |
| 3 | A-bove him see the heavenly Dove, |
| 4 | How blest that mission then begun, |
| 5 | O Christ, may we baptized from sin, |
| 6 | On you may all your people feed, |

1 and in the river shared our stain;
2 the Father's voice did then declare
3 the sign of God the Father's love,
4 to heal and save a race undone!
5 go forth with you a world to win:
6 and know you are the Bread in deed,

| 1 | God's righteousness he thus fulfilled, |
| 2 | that Christ, the Son of God, had come |
| 3 | now by the Holy Spirit shed |
| 4 | Straight to the wilderness he goes |
| 5 | grant us the Holy Spirit's power |
| 6 | who gives eternal life to those |

1 and chose the path his Father willed.
2 to lead his scattered people home.
3 up on the Son's appointed head.
4 to wrestle with his people's foes.
5 to shield us in temptation's hour.
6 that with you died, and with you rose.

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**Dismissal**

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

All: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**  Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome Cards may be brought with any gifts to the box at the chancel steps at the conclusion of the Postlude.

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"Tu solus qui facis mirabilia" by Josquin des Pres

The Franco-Flemish composer Josquin des Pres is often regarded as the greatest polyphonic master of the Renaissance, second only to J. S. Bach in the art of counterpoint. *Tu solus qui facis mirabilia* is one of the few works of Josquin that is more chordal than polyphonic, thus evoking a more hymn-like quality. The rich, lower register of the voicing creates a direct, human and profound effect. As was typical in the Renaissance, sacred and secular text and music are mingled. The second part of *Tu solus qui facis mirabilia* opens with a musical and poetic quotation of Ockeghem's song, *D'ung aultre amer*, one of the most widely disseminated songs of the late fourteenth century. The secular poem is easily transferred to a sacred setting, and in the context of *Tu solus* becomes an expression of faith and devotion.

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**BWV 154**

BWV 154 was last presented on January 4, 2015, with Ryan Turner conducting. The vocal soloists were Krista River, alto; Frank Kelley, tenor; and Mark McSweeney, bass.

Composed in Leipzig, 1724, for the First Sunday after the Epiphany, BWV 154 uses as its starting point the Gospel reading from Luke 2: 41-52. Going to Jerusalem for Passover, Jesus stayed for three days after His parents left. They found Him in the Temple courts—sitting among the teachers and amazing them. Jesus said to His parents, "Didn't you know I had to be in My Father's House?"

The tenor aria with which the cantata begins is loaded with musical imagery – that of isolation, loss and searching. This is especially apparent in the chromatic and disjunct bass line. Set as a ground bass, it is nearly twelve tone in construction, using nine of the twelve notes available, and therefore lacks any clear harmonic direction. The violin and tenor line, although still chromatic, is slightly more coherent. The brief tenor recitative that follows, commences with an ascending phrase that marks a question----where will I find my Jesus, He who can show the path I wish to follow? It ends with the assertion that nothing could be as troubling as losing Him, but Bach offers a ray of hope that leads us to the chorale. Found in Part 2 of the *Saint Matthew Passion*, our chorale is simply harmonized, yet text of the verse is not yet fully comforting.

The voice of the soul in the pastoral alto aria brings no immediate relief. A pair of oboes d’amore takes the obligato, but the standard continuo line is completely absent – the organ (would have probably been a harpsichord) simply doubles the upper strings. The reason for this is ambiguous, although Bach scholar Alfred Dürr suggests that it implies ‘innocence’. The bass arioso quotes the Luke 2: 49 where Jesus asks his parents: are you not aware that I am about my Father’s business? The bass declaims his words to a melody that is constantly passed between singer and continuo.

The long tenor recitative that follows is the cantata’s turning point from doubt to faith, and thus sets the stage for the joyful alto/tenor duet. Textually organized in three couplets, the music follows course, clearly delineating the text to the listener. Bach represents the joy of finding Jesus in three distinct ways: 1) three note joy motive on off beats in the continuo that are echoes in the second violin and second oboe d’amore; 2) sustained notes on ‘wohl’; and 3) collective joy in the parallel thirds of the alto and tenor. Bach intensifies the elation in the third couplet by shifting to a brisk 3/8 in which alto, tenor and continuo all play an equal role. The opening ritornello returns to close out the movement, binding together the themes of spiritual delight and steadfastness. The final chorale, a direct harmonization of “Meinem Jesum laß ich nicht”, employs a walking bass line representing faithful will and Jesus’ omnipresence.

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Emmanuel Church Announcements

Today and Upcoming

Thank you for joining us in worship today! If you are joining us in-person, please be sure to read through the guidelines on page 2. Our livestream of the service will continue for the foreseeable future on our YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/EmmanuelChurchBoston. Whether you join us in person, livestreaming in real time, or in slightly delayed time, we are so grateful for your presence!

Please get your stewardship pledge cards in (or email to the parish administrator at parishadmin@emmanuelboston.org) as soon as possible so that the vestry can build a balanced budget for 2022 for our rector/staff salaries and programs. We currently have received 92 pledges toward our goal of 120 pledges. We know that if everyone pledges according to their ability, we will be able to meet our mission commitments.

Directory Updates - With the beginning of a new year, it’s time for us to update our parish directory. If you moved in 2021 or if you are new to the Emmanuel community and would like your contact information to be included, please let the Parish Office know by Thursday, February 3 at info@emmanuelboston.org or (617) 536-3355 x10. Copies of the Church Directory will be available after the Annual Meeting (February 6) by request to the Parish Office.

From the rector– In response to the latest surge of COVID-19 cases, we are strongly recommending that anyone who is immune-compromised or caring for someone who is vulnerable, to join us for worship via livestream for the next few weeks. For anyone who wishes to be with us in person, be assured that masking and physical distancing along with our ventilation system make our sanctuary quite safe in terms of fresh air.

- We do need to make some adjustments to our congregational life. Our leadership team has decided that our Annual Meeting, scheduled for February 6 after worship, will be held via Zoom, beginning at 1:00 pm. More details to come.
- We are suspending gathering for refreshments after worship for the Sundays in January.
- Emmanuel Music has made adjustments by postponing the Bach Institute Winter Intensive course, and will scale back the ensemble over the next several weeks for their musical offerings in our services.
- Café Emmanuel’s weekly luncheon for LGBT elders has been temporarily suspended. BostonWarm, common art, and many 12-step meetings are continuing with extra attention to masking, distancing, and testing.

I am particularly aware of the accumulation of grief we are carrying in our community and the many ways grief gets expressed, intentionally and unintentionally. It seems like a good time to remind you (and myself) of the scripture verse I use for an offertory sentence from Ephesians: “I beseech you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all gentleness and humility, with patience, bearing with one another in love.” Be kind to yourself and others as we navigate this season of Epiphany together. —plw

In and Around Emmanuel

A Note from Emmanuel Music - Due to the continual increase of COVID-19 cases in Boston and Massachusetts, Emmanuel Music has made the difficult, yet prudent, decision to postpone this winter’s Bach Institute. We intend to host this intensive later in 2022, and will keep everyone posted once further decisions have been made. If you have any questions, please email Jaclyn Dentino at jaclyn@emmanuelmusic.org.

Creche’s Annual Report - Visit https://creche.community to get the latest updates on Creche (the Charles River Episcopal Co-Housing Endeavor). Find news on its growth during the pandemic, leadership changes, financial statements, and more.
Emmanuel Center Statement of Purpose

Emmanuel Center is the programmatic partnership of Central Reform Temple and Emmanuel Church. Our two congregations are faithfully rooted in our distinct religious traditions and shared spiritual heritage. We strive to model compassionate encounters between Judaism and Christianity that affirm the difficult challenges of history and aspire to new levels of understanding. We collaborate with arts and educational groups on events that explore spiritual and ethical perspectives on our shared human experience.
New to Emmanuel?

Welcome to Emmanuel Church! You honor us with your presence. We are a faith community with a long history of challenging assumptions, of outreach, good preaching, and mission. We also have a long history of attracting deeply thoughtful people to engage in faith, doubt, music and art, conversation and fine liturgy. If you would like to learn more, please contact the Parish Office so we can connect.

In Episcopal liturgy, please stand in body or spirit when indicated. If you prefer to kneel during the prayers, please do. Please join in with the text in bold, when indicated. Hymns and responses to the liturgy usually found in the Hymnal 1982, Book of Common Prayer, and others are included in the bulletin. Our scripture readings are prescribed by the Revised Common Lectionary and are taken from the NRSV translation of the Bible. Psalm translations often come from the St. Helena Psalter.

Our commitment to expansive language dates from January 19, 1986, when the vestry vowed that our worship should “...speak of God, Christ, and our humanity in both male and female images.” Thirty-five years later, we continue to expand our language to embrace non-binary and gender-fluid words for people and the Divine, as well as non-anthropomorphic words for the Divine that are theologically coherent and biblically grounded. In accordance with this commitment, we welcome everyone to make changes in the language of the liturgy and in the hymns to that which is more fully inclusive. Our rector considers the disturbances this causes to be signs of the Holy Spirit, even as she acknowledges that words will always be insufficient to describe the Mystery of Life and Love.

In the sixth century, the “filioque” clause referring to the Holy Spirit crept into the Nicene Creed in the Church in the West (Roman) without consultation or agreement from the Church in the East (Orthodox): “…Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.” The Episcopal Church meeting in General Convention in 1994 agreed to remove the clause in the next revision of the Book of Common Prayer. In the meantime, since Emmanuel Church prints the creed text in our bulletins, we have removed the clause and adjusted musical settings to put the Episcopal Church’s intention into practice.

In our worship service, there are periods of silence which serve as transitions and moments of reflection within a rich liturgy. In scripture, silence lets Elijah hear the still small voice of God, and the Revelation to John speaks of the silence in heaven. You are encouraged to embrace this silence as an integral part of “God with us.”

Whoever you are, wherever you’ve been, whatever you’ve done, you are welcome to participate in communion here. At this time communion may be received by bread alone or by praying the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

Children are welcome to participate fully in the service. As soon as it is safe, we anticipate the return of our once-a-month Small Wonders program.

The Cantata, offered by Emmanuel Music’s professional choir and orchestra from September to May, is most often of Johann Sebastian Bach. The texts come from various sources: text in bold represents chorale text; text in italics represents direct scripture quotes; both are in conversation with the rest of the service. The shape of our worship service with the cantata has been compared to a labyrinth, where the Great Thanksgiving is at the center. The path into the center and the path back out is guided by scripture, prayers and meditations, through speech, music, and silence. Notes about the music can be found near the announcements.

It is our practice to remain seated through the Postlude. You are encouraged to respond “Amen” at its conclusion.

Monetary gifts may be made by dropping your donation in the box by the pulpit, mailing it to the church, or electronically via CashApp. CashApp (our cashtag is $EmmanuelChurchBoston) is a secure platform designed to allow you to quickly and easily make donations or payments. Please be sure to indicate if your gift should go towards your annual pledge or another special designation. If you are new to giving to Emmanuel Church and are using CashApp, please contact the Parish Office with your contact information.

In a typical week, Emmanuel Church provides sanctuary and hospitality for as many as fifteen hundred people who are living on the various margins of our society because of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, disability, addiction, immigration status, religion, and so on. Coming together to help lift heavy hearts and carry heavy burdens is what we do, and many hands make light work. Every single one of us has some capacity to join in this vital mission, thanks to Love.
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