

## 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.

**August 17, 2025**

**10:00am—Holy Eucharist in the Lindsey Chapel**

Presiding and Preaching: The Rev. Dr. John D. Golenski

Deacon: The Rev. Robert Greiner

Organist & Choir Director: John Dilworth

Subdeacon: Karen King

First Reader: Karen King

Second Reader: Carolyn Roosevelt

Prayer Intercessor: Kelly Hager

Altar Guild: Paul Curtis, Tatiana Stridh

Greeters: Liz Levin

Sexton: Dennis Gaskell

*Are you visiting or new to Emmanuel?*

We'd love to talk with you! Newcomers and Visitors are encouraged to fill out a Welcome Card by using the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code to the right or at this address:  
<https://forms.gle/hxpUdqMnEX12JvLT9>



Paper copies are also available in the pews.

Do you want to sign-up for Emmanuel Music's e-list? Send an email to [music@emmanuelmusic.org](mailto:music@emmanuelmusic.org) and we'll add you to our list!

*Land Use Acknowledgment*

Founded in 1860, Emmanuel Church is located on land once used by the matriarchal Massachusett 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. Read more about our Land Use Acknowledgment on our website:

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

**The Holy Eucharist**  
**The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost: 15C**

**Prelude** Intrada

John Ireland (1879-1962)

**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn** All creatures of our God and King  
*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

Hymn 400  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**The Word of God**

Presider: Blessed be God: eternal Majesty, incarnate Word, abiding Spirit.

All: **And blessed be God's Holy Name, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity**

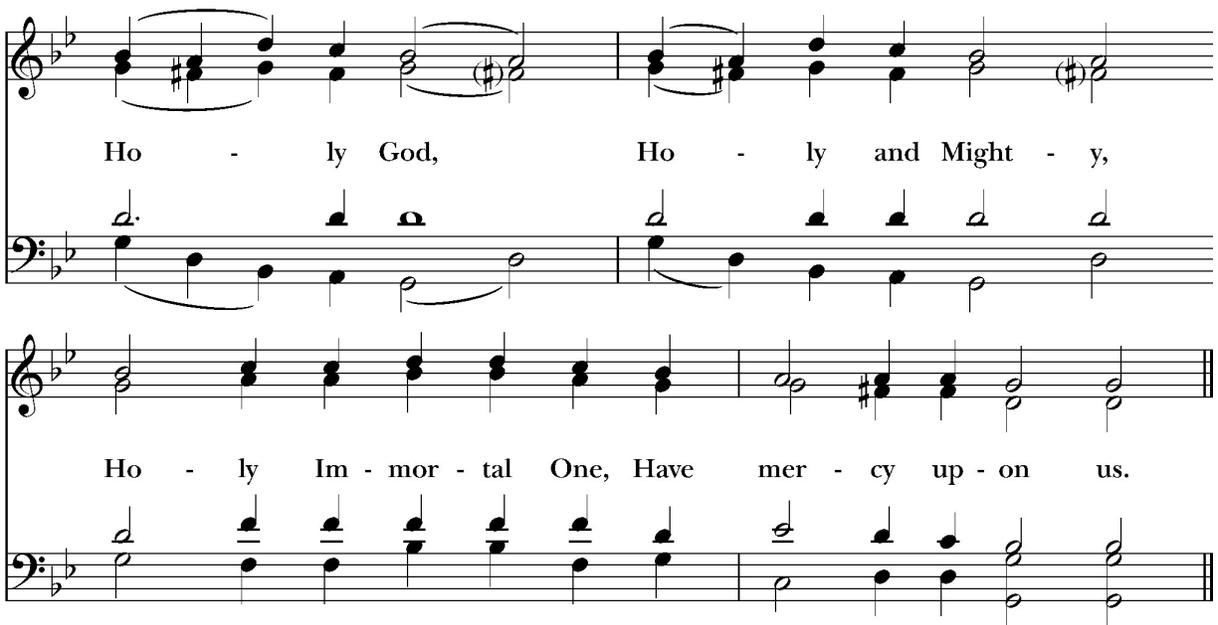
Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

**Trisagion**

*(Sung three times)*

S102



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

**The Collect of the Day**

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## The Lessons

**First Reading** Isaiah 5:1-7

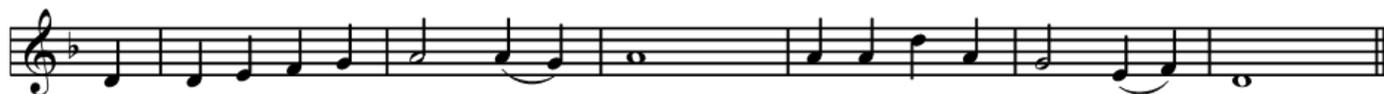
Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?  
And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18** *Please join in singing the antiphon when indicated; verses are sung by the choir.*

**Antiphon**



The vine-yard of the LORD of — hosts is the house of Is - ra - el.

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.

**Antiphon**

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea  
and its branches to the River.

**Antiphon**

12 Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**Antiphon**

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish;  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

**Antiphon**

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 God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Antiphon**

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**Second Reading** Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won

strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn** They cast their nets in Galilee (St. 1-2)

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

Hymn 661

GEORGETOWN

**The Gospel Reading** Luke 12:49-56

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

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Hymn** They cast their nets in Galilee (St.3-4)

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

Hymn 661

GEORGETOWN

**The Sermon**

Dr. Golenski

## The Nicene 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** *(The Leader and People pray responsively)*

Form VI, BCP p. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to those who are sick, friendless, or needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Julia, our bishop; Marissa, our canon; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our Sovereign;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal realm.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Confession

EOW, p. 56

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 enslaves 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)

#### Offertory Anthem Deep River

African American Spiritual,  
arr *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals* (1992),  
ed. Carl W. Haywood (b. 1949)

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,  
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp ground.  
Oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast,  
That promised land where all is peace?  
Oh Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp ground.

*During the Offertory, we invite you to donate online using our CashApp cashtag \$EmmanuelBostonGive.  
If you are visiting or new to Emmanuel, we also invite you to take this moment to complete a Paper Welcome Card; or the  
Welcome Card online, linked on the inside cover of the bulletin. Paper Welcome Cards and gifts  
may be brought to the box near the entrance of the chapel at the end of the service.*

#### Offertory Hymn Christ is the King! O friends upraise (Please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 614  
CHRISTUS REX

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Sanctus

S130

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Presider: 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 God,

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

Presider: 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, reconcile all things in your Christ and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; 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 God, now and for ever.

**All:** Amen.

### 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Behold who you are.

People: **May we become what we see.**

### Agnus Dei

S164

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.

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

## Communion

There is one communion station at the foot of the chancel steps. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request, as well as non-alcoholic grape juice in the ceramic chalice *All without exception are welcome to receive. You who hunger and thirst for deeper communion with the Holy One come to the table.*

*As you receive communion, we ask that you refrain from dipping the bread in the cup.  
As an alternative, please sip from the cup or hold your bread over the cup  
without touching the cup as the chalice is presented.*

## Post-Communion Prayer *(Please rise in body or spirit)*

BCP, pg. 365

Sub-deacon: 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

EOW, pg. 71

Presider: The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn *Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve* *(Please rise in body or spirit)*

Hymn 546

SIROË

## Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude *Fugue in F*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

*Welcome cards may be brought with any gifts to the box near the entrance of the chapel at the conclusion of the postlude.*

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## Emmanuel Church Announcements

### *Today and Upcoming*

**Today's Chapel Camp After the Service: Chapbook Extension!** Today's chapel camp will be dedicated to poetry! Bring a poem to share, as well as a brief, one-sentence explanation of why you chose that poem. And don't worry if you can't supply an explanation; we all have poems we love for reasons we can't articulate. We'll dedicate the hour to reading our poems to each other. Please join us even if you don't have a poem to share!

### **Next Week's Chapel Camp: August 24: Public Garden Tour with Galen Gilbert**

Galen Gilbert will guide campers on a tour of the Public Garden. Expect an outline of its history, highlights of its flora and fauna, and pointers to well-known cultural connections such as sites of popular film scenes. It's sure to be a fun stroll!

### **Please Support Those Affected by the Texas Hill Country Flooding**

Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with partners to support people affected by the Texas flooding. The Flood Response Fund is an important tool for responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery. Please contribute to Episcopal Relief & Development's Flood Response Fund to support these efforts. Please see the QR code to the right.



### *Ways to Get Involved*

**Chapel Choir** - Our chapel choir is eager for new members! If you're new to Emmanuel, or if you've been here for years, if you're desperate for any solos, or if you need a neighbour singing in your ear - all are very welcome. Our "Chapeltide" season, when the cantata series pauses and chapel choir sing every Sunday morning, has arrived. Scores are always circulated well in advance so singers have a chance to work through the notes before a rehearsal on Sunday morning. If you're interested in making music with us over the summer, please get in touch with Organist & Choir Director John Dilworth ([organist@emmanuelboston.org](mailto:organist@emmanuelboston.org)).

**Language Reading Groups at Emmanuel** - Want to learn or brush up an ancient language? Join one of Emmanuel's Reading Groups. We currently offer:

Hebrew Reading Group - Wednesdays at 9AM (co-sponsored with Central Reform Temple)

Greek Reading Group - Thursdays at 9AM

Latin Reading Group - Fridays at 9AM

Beginners are always welcome. Email the Parish Office: [info@emmanuelboston.org](mailto:info@emmanuelboston.org) for the Zoom link.

**Bible Study via Zoom** Bible Study meets virtually on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 am in all odd-numbered months. These lively conversations with the Rector take place via Zoom. If you would like to participate in the next Bible study, please contact the Parish Office at [info@emmanuelboston.org](mailto:info@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 Deacon Bob Greiner ([deacon@emmanuelboston.org](mailto:deacon@emmanuelboston.org)). If you have a need, please contact him.

**Emmanuel Church Photography and Social Media** - Communicating through social media helps our efforts to build community and expand our reach to people who are new to Emmanuel, as well as to Emmanuelites around the world. Volunteers help spread the Word by taking photos before, during, and after services, posting and sharing online. We value the sanctity of our worship and aim to strike a balance between sharing life at Emmanuel and creating a sacred space for all, filled with wonder, love, thanksgiving, and praise. No one will be tagged or identified by name in a photo without their permission and other privacy wishes will be respected on request. If you are interested in helping in these efforts, have concerns, or have high resolution photos of the Emmanuel community to share, please email [photos@emmanuelboston.org](mailto:photos@emmanuelboston.org).

**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.

## *In and Around Emmanuel*

**We are excited to welcome Emmanuel Music’s new Board President**

**Charles Blandy** (watch his greeting and appeal in our latest edition of this Week at Emmanuel Church). A long time tenor at Emmanuel, Charley follows in the footsteps of Dana Whiteside and brings his years of experience and commitment to this new position.



It’s an exciting time at Emmanuel, with a new Executive Director, new Board President, and a celebratory 55th season of incredible dedication and artistry. Due to the generosity of a donor, we are only \$10,000 away from meeting our 55 for 55 goal - raising \$55,000 in honor of our 55th season.

Help us close the gap between now at the end of August! If you wish to donate, please refer to the QR code.

**Canon Installation of Rev. Chris Wendell: Sunday, September 7, at 4:30 p.m.** All clergy and laity in our diocese are invited to attend a special service of Evensong at St. Paul’s Cathedral in Boston, at which Bishop Julia Whitworth will install the Rev. Chris Wendell as Canon to the Ordinary in our diocese. The service will be a time to gather in prayer as a diocesan community as the program year begins, enjoy the experience of worshiping in our cathedral, and offer blessing to Canon Wendell as he takes up this new call. The Rev. Canon Tina Pickering, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of New Hampshire, will give a homily; musical selections from the Cathedral Schola and others will enrich our service; and a simple reception will follow. Clergy: no need to bring vestments; just come and enjoy a time for worship, prayer, and celebration of a new call. Please join us!

**Sun Way Pilgrimage: Sunday September 21, 2025.** Emmanuel Church and Central Reform Temple invite you to participate in the Boston Interfaith Climate Allies' SUN WAY PILGRIMAGE in downtown Boston on Sunday September 21, 2025 from 1:00-2:30 pm, as we gather to “pray with our feet” for deeper climate justice. This public, prayerful, peaceful, and joyful processional is a part of the wider international SUN-DAY action (sunday.earth) that celebrates solar & wind and the movement to free our world of fossil fuels. As too many people and parts of nature are being harmed by climate injustice, the fierce moral urgency of now impels us as people of faith and good will to act. In this “sacred action”, we will take to the streets to boldly declare that there is more than enough alternative energy freely given by our Creator and available to all of us in ways that will not cause more harm, inequity, or injustice.

**September 23, 2025, 7:00- 8:30pm: Metacomet’s Rebellion/King Philip’s War: A Story of its History and Legacy Hosted by: Dioceses of Massachusetts and Western Massachusetts**

This event is part of a series of offerings in commemoration of the 350th anniversary of the beginnings of Metacomet’s Rebellion.



Pokanoket Tribal Historian Dog Strong Turtle Brown Jr. will explain how early skirmishes and clashes in culture from the Native peoples’ earliest contacts with Europeans eventually led to Metacomet’s Rebellion. Registration is required; register using the QR code..

## *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.

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 \$EmmanuelBostonGive) 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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