



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.

June 14, 2026
10:00am—Holy Baptism
and Holy Eucharist in the
Lindsey Chapel

Preaching & Presiding: The Very Rev. Pamela L. Wertz

Deacon: The Rev. Robert Greiner

Organist & Choir Director: John Dilworth

Subdeacon: Jamie Shore

Crucifer: Joel Anderle

First Reader: Karen King

Second Reader: Susan Swan

Altar Guild: Glenn Seberg, Tatiana Stridh

Greeters: Elizabeth Richardson, Liz Levin

Sexton: Dennis Gaskell

Land Use Acknowledgment

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

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Third Sunday After Pentecost - Year A

Prelude Präambulum in G from the *Lüneberg Tablature Book*

Anonymous (17th century)

Announcements

Opening Hymn When morning gilds the skies
(*Please rise in body or spirit and open your hymnal*)

Hymn 427
LAUDES DOMINI

The Word of God

Opening Sentences

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

People: And blessed be God's Holy Name, now and forever.

Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Presider: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

People: Amen. (*Congregation is seated*)

The Lessons

First Reading Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said,

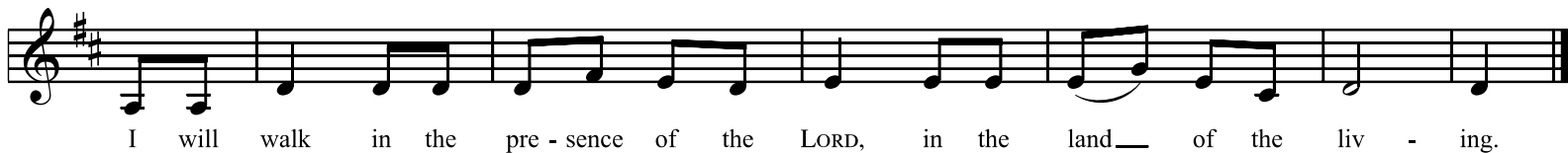
“Oh yes, you did laugh.”

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

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

Psalm 116, verses 1, 10-17 *Please join in singing the antiphon when indicated; verses are sung by the choir.*

Antiphon



- 1 I love you, O God,
because you have heard the voice of my supplication,
because you have inclined your ear to me
whenever I called upon you. [ANT.]
- 10 How shall I repay God
for all the good things done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of God.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to God
in the presence of all people. [ANT.]
- 13 Precious in your sight, O God,
is the death of your servants.
- 14 O God, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds. [ANT.]
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon your holy Name.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to you *
in the presence of all your people,
- 17 In the courts of God’s house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Alleluia! [ANT.]

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Second Reading Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn Come, labor on (stanzas 1-3)
(Please rise in body or spirit and open your hymnal.)

Hymn 541
ORA LABORA

The Gospel Reading Matthew 9:35-10:23

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who

...speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Hymn Come on, labor on (stanzas 4-5)

Hymn 541
ORA LABORA

The Sermon

Ms. Wertz

Presider: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents: We present Haven Michael Wrobel to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you by your prayers and witness help her to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.

Presider: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.

Presider: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.

Presider: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Presider: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

Presider: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents & Godparents: I do.

The Presider addresses the congregation.

Presider: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Haven in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

Presider: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Let us now pray for Haven, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Persons appointed lead the following petitions.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever.

People: Amen.

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us give thanks to our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, O God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Haven Michael, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant Haven the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Haven Michael, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Receive the light of Christ. *(A candle is lit from the Paschal candle.)*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

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hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -

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san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the Name of the

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Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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: 
A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray:

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.

Fraction Anthem

Cambridge Mass, Stuart Forster



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Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the
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bread. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the
bread. The bread which we break is the com - mun - ion of the
poco a poco cresc.
bo - dy of Christ. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the
break - ing of the bread. One bo - dy are we, for though
ma - ny we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord
dim. *p*
Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

Subdeacon: Let us pray.

All: 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

Presider: May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of Love; and the blessing of God Almighty, Author, Word, and Inspiration be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn O Praise ye the Lord!
(Please rise in body or in spirit and open your hymnal)

Hymn 432
LAUDATE DOMINUM

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fugue in A minor Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
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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Emmanuel Church Announcements

Today and Upcoming

We welcome Haven Michael Wrobel and her parents, Chris and Coral. Haven joins the Christian family through her baptism today.

Chapel Camp, today after the Worship Service

“Resonant Roots: The Lindsey Organ”

The vestry hired John Roper of Plenum Organ Company to do some major catching up with deferred maintenance to the leather parts and seals, and cleaning pipes in the Lindsey Chapel organ. When he began, many of the pipes were not "speaking," and the air leaks made the organ sound like it was wheezing! Returning the organ to reasonable playing condition will allow evaluation for future work to retain, augment, or replace the instrument. John Roper and John Dilworth will talk with us about their findings and experiences.

Chapel Camp, June 21 after the Worship Service

“Sacred Ground: Emmanuel’s Spirit in Building and Growing Community”

The 19th century, particularly following the end of the Civil War, saw the birth of many humorous, satirical publications and periodicals. A local example is *The Harvard Lampoon* which was founded in 1876. Unlike many of these magazines, *The Lampoon* continues to thrive in its lovely building in Harvard Square. Our guest, John Tittmann has been the architect caring for that building for many years, preserving its character while guiding its adaptation to changing times--a challenge that we at Emmanuel have also faced in the 21st century. We invite you to a discussion about buildings, and in particular how they can focus an organization’s identity and further its goals.

John is a founding partner of Albert Righter Tittmann Architects. He has always been interested in the varied languages of architecture, and how architecture communicates aspirations and culture.

Chapel Camp, June 28 after the Worship Service

“Sown in Time: Christian Communities in the 19th Century”

In the 1840s, utopian communities of all kinds—from Shakers to socialists—flourished in the U.S. At the same time, Catholic monastic communities in Europe experienced a renaissance, and Anglican monastic communities were re-founded both in England and America. Christine Piazza, our summer intern and a PhD student in American Studies, will present some of her research on Christian communities, from monastics to more colorful sects, and discuss what we can learn from them today.

B-SAFE & B-LOVE 2026 (Bishop’s Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment). Each year we join with others to support the summer day-camp activities organized by St. Stephen’s Youth Programs (<http://www.ssyphoston.org/>). There are many activities planned, along with the all-important academic support that children need during the summer months. Hopefully immigrant families will be able to attend without fear.

Emmanuel has signed up again as we successfully have the last four years for B-LOVE. Partnering with our friends at Central Reform Temple, we will support B-SAFE families for one of the four weeks with bags full of groceries. Our assignment is to fill 50 grocery bags with food and deliver them to St. Stephen’s on July 23rd. The aim is to help meet their needs in these times of continued economic upheaval and high food prices. Please consider joining the packing team on Thursday morning July 23 at the Allston Abbey. If you wish, there are other opportunities to volunteer at St. Stephen’s, 419 Shawmut Street (<https://www.ssyphoston.org/bsafe>).

Chapel Camp 2026

Theme: Fertile Ground

Date	Program/event
May 31	Seeds of Possibility: Fundraiser Tea for B-SAFE
June 7	Tending the Word: Rethinking Paul after 2000 Years
June 14	Resonant Roots: The Lindsey Organ
June 21	Sacred Ground: Emmanuel's Spirit in Building and Growing Community
June 28	Sown in Time: Christian Communities in the 19 th Century
July 5	Harvest Table: Garden, Fun, and Belonging at the Parish Picnic
July 12	Pilgrim's Path: Photos from the Camino
July 19	Healing the Soil: The Work of Reparations
July 26	Bloom and Spoon: Sundae Sunday
August 2	Fertile Margins: <i>Mending the Space Between</i> Book Talk
August 9	Deep Roots: Bach and Emmanuel's Musical Legacy
August 16	Scattered Seeds: The Poetry of Charles Coe
August 23	Hallowed Ground: Hymns of 1776
August 30	Rooted in Grace: The Emmanuel Movement and AA
September 6	New Harvest: Dim Sum Feast

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.

The **shape of our worship** service with Emmanuel Music, our Ensemble-in-Residence, 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.

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.

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.”

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.

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.

The Cantata, offered by Emmanuel Music’s professional choir and orchestra from September to May, is most often one 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. 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.

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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