



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.

July 19, 2026

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

Preaching and Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker

Deacon: The Rev. Robert Greiner

Organist & Choir Director: John Dilworth

Subdeacon: Christine Piazza

Crucifer: Joel Anderle

First Reader: Jane Redmont

Second Reader: Galen Gilbert

Prayer Intercessor: Carolyn Roosevelt

Altar Guild: Tatiana Stridh, Joel Anderle

Greeters: Ben Ericson, Diane Smith

Sexton: Dennis Gaskell

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:

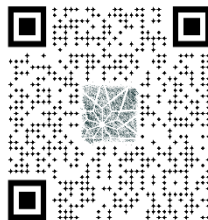
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Paper copies are also available in the pews.



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost - Year A

Prelude Offertoire

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

Announcements

Opening Hymn Immortal, invisible, God only wise
(Please rise in body or spirit and open your hymnal)

Hymn 423
ST. DENIO

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. Amen.**

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.**

Song of Praise *(sung three times)*

Trisagion, S102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** *(Congregation is seated.)*

The Lessons

First Reading Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

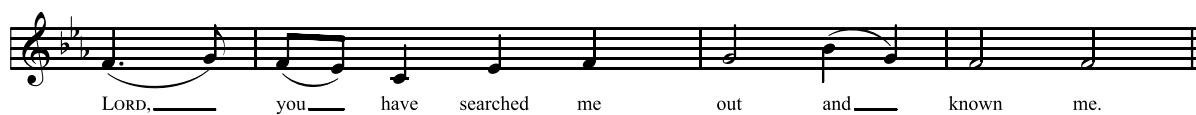
Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

Please join in singing the antiphon when indicated; verses are sung by the choir.

Antiphon:



- 1 O God, you have searched me out and known me;
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places,
 and are acquainted with all my ways. [ANT.]
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
 but you, O God, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before,
 and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it. [ANT.]
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit;
 where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
 if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. [ANT.]

8 If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
9 Even there your hand will lead me,
and your right hand hold me fast.
10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"
11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike. [ANT.]

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.
23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting. [ANT.]

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Second Reading Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn Seek ye first the kingdom of God (stanza 1)
(*Please rise in body or spirit and open your hymnal.*)

Hymn 711
SEEK YE FIRST

The Gospel Reading Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and

sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn Seek ye first the kingdom of God (stanza 2)
(Please rise in body or spirit and open your hymnal.)

Hymn 711
SEEK YE FIRST

The Sermon

Dr. Tucker

The Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (*The Leader and People pray responsively*)

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, Mary, and Ian, our Bishops; 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 Sentences

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)

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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 placed in the collection plate.*



Offertory Anthem Siehe, das ist Gottes Lamm

Gottfried August Homilius (1714-1785)

Text: John 1:29

Siehe, das ist Gottes Lamm,
welches der Welt Sünde trägt

Behold the Lamb of God,
which bears the sins of the world

Offertory Hymn God the sculptor of the mountains
(Please rise in body or spirit)

WLP 746
SANDRIA

1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,
God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:
God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:
God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:
God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:
you are womb of all cre-a-tion, we are form-less; shape us now.
you are gate of all de-liv'-rance, we are sight-less; lead us now.
you are pres-ent ev-ery mo-ment, we are search-ing; meet us now.
you are host at ev-ery ta-ble, we are hun-gry; feed us now.

Words: John Thornburg (b. 1954). Music: Sandria, Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give our 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 forever sings 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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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,

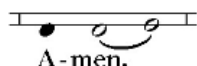
All: **We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

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:



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.**

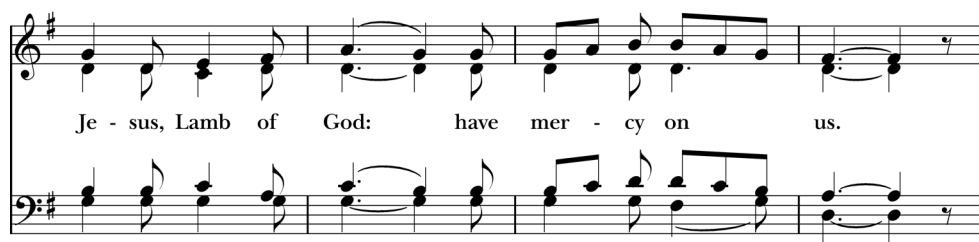
The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Behold who you are.

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

Fraction Anthem

S164



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

Subdeacon: 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

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 As Jacob with travel was weary one day
(*Please rise in body or in spirit and open your hymnal*)

Hymn 453
JACOB'S LADDER

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Dialogue sur les Grand Jeux from *Suite du premier ton*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1767-1749)

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

Chapel Camp, Today after Worship Service:

Healing the Soil: The Work of Reparations

Join us after the service to explore the ways in which we enrich the lives around us - within our community and outside of it. What are the ways in which Emanuel Church enriches the lives of the many people who cross our threshold and live alongside of us?

Bible Study Every Tuesday Morning in July: Next on July 21th at 7:30am

July is an odd-number month, and Bible Study with Pam is back. This is a weekly Zoom happening throughout July and is scheduled for every Tuesday at 7:30am. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 21th. All are welcome to participate in an always lively discussion of the upcoming Sunday scripture reading(s). To obtain the Zoom link, please contact the parish office via email (info@emmanuelboston.org).

B-SAFE Grocery Packing, Thursday, July 23rd, 9:00-11:00 AM

Allston Abbey

We need your help! Each year we join with many others to support B-SAFE summer day-camp activities organized by St. Stephen's Youth Programs (<http://www.ssypboston.org/>). Emmanuel has signed up again for something we have done for the last four years. Partnering with our friends at Central Reform Temple, we support B-SAFE families with bags full of groceries. Our specific assignment is to fill 50 grocery bags with food and deliver them to St. Stephen's for the families on July 23rd. Please consider joining the packing team on Thursday morning July 23 at the Allston Abbey (5 St Lukes Rd, Allston) from 9am to 11am. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Peggy Bradley at margaretkbradley@icloud.com.

Chapel Camp, July 26 after Worship Service

Bloom & Spoon: Sundae Sunday

Immediately following the service in the Lindsey Chapel, we will enjoy our annual summer sundae bar in celebration of not one, but two wedding anniversaries: Pam and Joy AND John Dilworth and Louis Caldarella! Our rector and her wife, and our organist will scoop ice cream, and you can add your favorite sauces and toppings. Louis will be traveling but he promises to make the best ice cream ever for us to enjoy! Non-dairy frozen treats will be available too.

Chapel Camp, August 2 after Worship Service

Fertile Margins: *Mending the Space Between* Book Talk

Please join us for a conversation with The Rev. Dr. Bill Blaine-Wallace, rector of Emmanuel Church from 1993-2005, about his newest book, *Mending the Space Between: 7 Habits of Contemplative Justice* (Orbis Books). Dr. Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot wrote the foreword and she will be introducing (or re-introducing) Bill and his work to us. Bill will have some copies of his book for sale.

A Midsummer Night's Picnic, Saturday, August 8th, 6:00 PM

Parkman Bandstand on the Boston Common

The congregations of the Boston Harbor Deanery will gather to enjoy Shakespeare on the Common's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. We will meet at 6 PM at the Parkman Bandstand on the Boston Common (near Tremont and Avery) to ensure that we can sit together AND see the performance! Look for orange balloons! Bring a blanket or low beach chairs and picnic food (or purchase food from food trucks). The play begins at 8 pm. (No rain date.) Please RSVP for this event to Bill Comer, comer@emmanuelboston.org



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