



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 26, 2026

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

Presiding: The Very Rev. Pamela Wertz

Preaching: The Rev. Isaac Everett

Deacon: The Rev. Robert Greiner

Organist & Choir Director: John Dilworth

Subdeacon: Joel Anderle

Crucifer: Joy Howard

First Reader: Joy Howard

Second Reader: Liz Levin

Prayer Intercessor: Brian McCaig

Altar Guild: Paul Curtis, Joel Anderle

Greeters: Karen King, Liz Levin

Sexton: Dennis Gaskell

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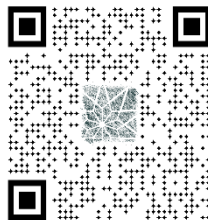
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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost - Proper 12, Year A

Prelude Intrada

John Ireland (1879-1962)

Announcements

Opening Hymn Not here for high and holy things
(Please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 9
MORNING SONG

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.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** *(Congregation is seated.)*

The Lessons

First Reading Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

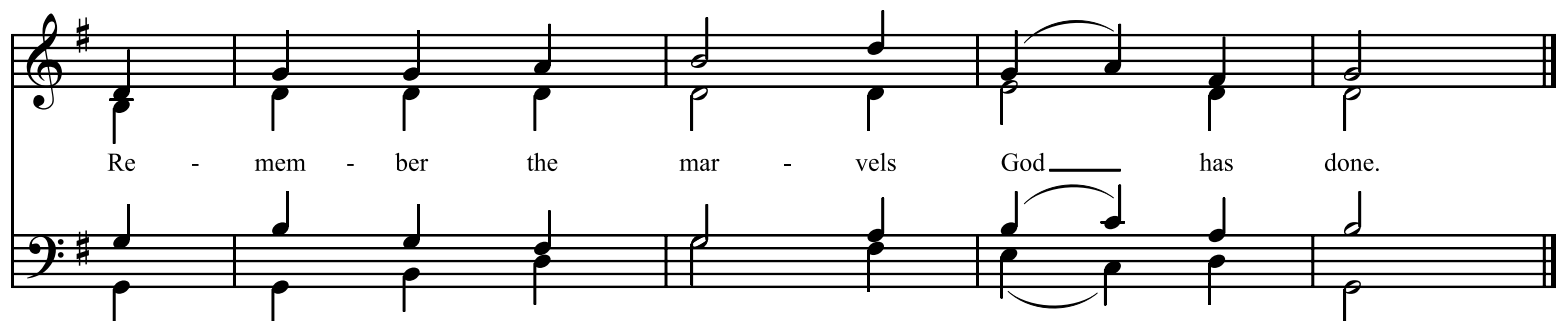
Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b

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

Antiphon:



1 We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name;
 we make known your deeds among the peoples.

2 We sing to you, we sing your praise
 and speak of all your marvelous works.

3 We glory in your holy Name;
 let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice.

[ANT.]

4 We search for you and your strength;
 we continue to seek your face.

5 We remember the marvels you have done,
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth,
6 We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant,
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones. [ANT.]

7 You are our God indeed;
your judgments prevail in all the world.
8 You have always been mindful of your covenant,
the promise you made for a thousand generations: [ANT.]

9 The covenant you made with Abraham,
the oath that you swore to Isaac,
10 Which you established as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
11 Saying, "To them will I give the land of Canaan
to be their allotted inheritance."
[45b] Hallelujah! [ANT.]

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Second Reading Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn Day by day
(*Please rise in body or spirit.*)

Hymn 654
SUMNER

The Gospel Reading Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Hymn Day by day
(Please rise in body or spirit.)

Hymn 654
SUMNER

The Sermon

Mr. Everett

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 Let us, with a gladsome mind
(Please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 389
MONKLAND

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, Prayer B

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,

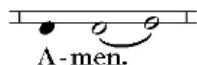
All: We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.

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.

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

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 God is Love, let heaven adore him
(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

Hymn 379
ABBOT'S LEIGH

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 at the chancel steps at the conclusion of the Postlude.

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Emmanuel Church Announcements

Today and Upcoming

Bible Study Every Tuesday Morning in July: Next on July 28th 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 28th. 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).

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

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 Mid-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



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