



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 9, 2026

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

Presiding and Preaching: The Rev. Dr. John Golenski

Deacon: The Rev. Robert Greiner

Organist & Choir Director: John Dilworth

Subdeacon: Christine Piazza

Crucifer: Joel Anderle

First Reader: Brian McCaig

Second Reader: Karen King

Prayer Intercessor: Rebecca Lightcap

Altar Guild: Joel Anderle, Tatiana Stridh

Greeters: Galen Gilbert, Lucille Heenan

Sexton: Dennis Gaskell

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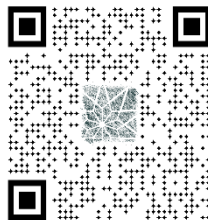
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Paper copies are also available in the pews.



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost - Proper 14, Year A

Prelude Overture from Partita in C major, GWV 127

Christoph Graupner (1683-1760)

Announcements

Opening Hymn Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove
(Please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 512
MENDON

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, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen. *(Congregation is seated.)*

The Lessons

First Reading Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

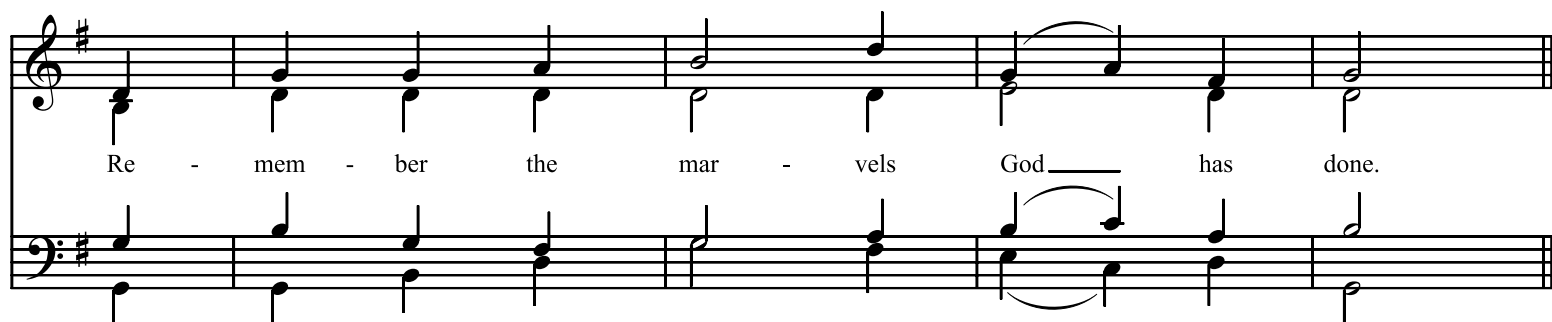
Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105, verses 1-6, 16-22, 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.]
- 16 Then you called for a famine in the land
and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17 You sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave. [ANT.]
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters;
his neck they put in an iron collar.
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass,
your word, O Most High, tested him. [ANT.]
- 20 The king sent and released him;
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
- 21 He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.
- 46b Hallelujah! [ANT.]

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Second Reading Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn O Light of Light (stanzas 1-2)
(*Please rise in body or spirit.*)

Hymn 133
ELMHURST

The Gospel Reading Mark 9:2-13

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean. Then they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” He said to them, “Elijah is indeed coming first to restore all things. How then is it written about the Son of Man, that he is to go through many sufferings and be treated with contempt? But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written about him.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Dr. Golenski

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)

During the Offertory, we invite you to donate in person or online by using our QR code. 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 Protector in te

Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

Words from the Collect for the Third Sunday after Pentecost
The Book of Common Prayer (1549)

Protector in te sperantium Deus, sine quo nihil est validum, nihil sanctum:
Multiplicata super nos misericordiam tuam;
ut te rectore, te duce, sic transeamus per bona temporalia,
ut non amittamus aeterna.

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy;
that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal,
that we finally lose not the things eternal.

Offertory Hymn Nature with open volume stands (Please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 434
ELTHAM

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.

Λ-men.

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.

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 Glory, love, and praise, and honor
(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

Hymn 300
BENIFOLD

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fugue in D major

Georg Philip Telemann (1681-1767)

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, August 9th after Worship Service

Deep Roots: Bach and Emmanuel's Musical Legacy

Grover Oberle, Emmanuel's Choir Director and organist from 1946 to 1958, was more adventurous than most of his peers. Our archives document many of his productions of major choral works with a chamber orchestra. He brought in both BSO and freelance musicians. As his tenure evolved, the influence of the nascent Boston early music movement on these productions became evident. These productions included a number of Bach cantatas. Occasionally, the Sunday service would include a chamber orchestra. When Craig Smith presented his first cantata in 1970, a dozen years later, some of the parishioners would have recalled Oberle.

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

Ministry of the Steps: Co-create Memorial to Victims of Gun Violence

Thursday, August 13, 10 am – 2 pm

Front plaza of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Let us remember and lament: join us to co-create a memorial to victims of gun violence and learn more about how to defend the Commonwealth's strong gun laws. Stay for multifaith prayers of lament for those who have died from gun violence. All are welcome to join for a few minutes for a few hours.

Chapel Camp, August 16th after Worship Service:

Scattered Seeds: The Poetry of Charles Coe

For this Chapel Camp, we'll focus on the poetry of Charles Coe. Please bring your favorite Charles Coe poem or your favorite memory of or story about Charles Coe for a discussion of the poems' and the poet's impact on each and all of us at Emmanuel. (Charles Coe was, before his retirement, the Mass Cultural Council's liaison to Emmanuel Music.)

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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