

**Emmanuel
Episcopal Church
5 EASTER - Holy Communion under special circumstances**



Sunday, May 3, 2026, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Emmanuel. We invite you to join with us in worship.

Prelude "Canon in D" Pachelbel

Opening Hymn 518 *Christ is made the sure foundation* [Westminster Abbey]

Liturgy of the Word **BCP 355**

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of 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.**

Gloria (*The following is said at 8:00 a.m. and sung at 10:30 a.m.*) **S-278 (Mathias)**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading (*seated*) **Acts 7:55-60**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died .

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

BCP 612

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

Second Reading (*seated*)

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner",

and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 487 *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

[The Call]

Holy Gospel (*stand*)

John 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also

do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

Deacon Darlene A. Jackson

Nicene Creed (*stand*)

**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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: As a royal priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices, let us pray to God for the needs of every living creature.

Leader: For the holy churches in every place and for the unity of all.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For this holy assembly and for all who seek in Jesus the way, the truth, and the life.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For all the recently baptized and for all illumined by the light of Christ.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Susan our Bishop, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For the world and its leaders, for Donald our President and our nation, for Abigail our Governor, and Jimmy our Mayor and all the people of this land.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For all those in trouble and need, and for those injured by malice and guile.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For those who have died in the resurrection of Christ and for all the dead.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: For ourselves, for our families, and those we love.

People: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Leader: Blessed are you, God our Father, who calls us to dwell with you in heaven. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and draw your holy people to your side; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you**

Holy Communion

The Deacon says

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name and bring offerings and come into his courts with praise.

Offertory Anthem (Emmanuel Choir) *"Shalom"* Dan Forrest

The people stand and sing the Presentation Hymn as gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented at the altar:

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving

Today's Holy Eucharist is offered from the Reserved Sacrament, previously blessed.

Holy Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament

The Deacon stands and says

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Almighty God, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood:

Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Deacon then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Deacon

**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.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Deacon says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Hymn 304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

[Land of Rest]

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with this spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out**

**to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Deacon says:

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 623 (v. 1-3) *O what their joy and glory must be* [O quanta qualia]

Dismissal

BCP 366

Deacon or LEM Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Christ

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Spiritual

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hampton, Virginia

May 3, 2026

Welcome to Emmanuel!

If this is your first visit to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, consider making this your spiritual home. Sunday services are found in the red Book of Common Prayer located in your pew or in the printed bulletin. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal, the red & black Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal (L), or the green Wonder, Love, & Praise hymnal (W).

If this is your first time visiting the Episcopal Church, simply relax and enjoy the service. Don't worry about doing things "right," for God has brought you here for a purpose and together, as the people of God, we can enjoy each other's company and the presence of God you bring into our midst.

All people are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church and you can do so by coming to the center of the rail and holding your hands to receive the bread (Body of Christ). Afterwards to receive the wine (Blood of Christ), please move to either the right or the left side. The right side is where you can drink from the common cup and the left side is where you can dip the bread in the wine yourself (intinction). Communion in one-kind (bread) is a completely full & sufficient communion. If you would prefer to have the clergy and a chalice come to you, please notify an usher.

Filming during the service - Recognizing that not all are able to be present in the sanctuary, we broadcast the later service.

Cell Phones - Please remember to mute or turn off your phone before the service starts.

Safety Protocols at Emmanuel - Mask wearing is appropriate anytime but not required. In close quarters, like the Vestry room and library, it may make sense to consider wearing masks depending on the participants. Hand sanitizer is available. In the event of an emergency, please stay calm, stay seated, and listen for instructions.

The sanctuary flowers are given this week by Carol Bowers to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cathy Bowers.

The sanctuary candle is given this week by Anne Chisman to the glory of God and in honor of Emmanuel Episcopal Church's staff.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00am R – Charles Walker; C – Margaret Seitz, Charles Walker

10:30am R – Chris Johnson; C – Margaret Parker, Carol Bowers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder – The sanctuary and chapel are open for quiet prayer and reflection during office hours: This parish office is open Tuesday - Friday 8:30a – 3p.

Rev. Rhonda is away on a Church Pension sponsored retreat (CREDO until *May 4*).

First Sunday of the Month - There will be healing stations on either side of the communion rail this morning for those wishing to receive healing prayers after communion. Additionally, the baptismal font will be placed by the chancel steps for those wishing to renew their baptismal vows.

Parish Breakfast – This morning, we have our monthly parish breakfast at 9a in the parish hall. You are all welcome!

EECinema – This *Tuesday, May 5, at 12 noon*, Emmanuel will be showing the 1948 comedy, “Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream Home” starring Cary Grant and Myrna Loy. Join us in the parish hall for popcorn & a movie!

Book Club –*This Friday, May 8 at 11:30a*, Emmanuel’s book club meets to discuss Stephanie Dray’s historical fiction novel Becoming Madam Secretary, based on the life of Frances Perkins, the first female US cabinet secretary. Please note the date and time as they are different than the usual book club schedule. All are welcome to join in the discussion.

Mother’s Day Tea is *Sunday, May 10 at 9a* in the parish hall. All ladies of the church are invited to this special tea in honor of you and your ministry at Emmanuel. Gentlemen, if you would like to assist in the preparations, you will be meeting on Friday, May 8 at 4p.

Hampton Blitz – Emmanuel will be participating in the Blitz on *Saturday, May 9 from 8a to 2p*. We are working outside doing yardwork and repairing fencing. General laborers needed! Our house is in southeast Newport News this time. Here is the link to the event registration page for volunteers:

<https://habitatpgw.volunteerhub.com/vv2/event/c3d2d767-e576-464f-945d-8602311bac6f>

Prayer Retreat – A new installment of “Teach Us to Pray” is being planned for *Saturday, May 16, 10:30a – 2p*, with lunch included. Please save the date and a sign-up list will be going up soon.

Annual Meeting, part II – *Sunday, May 17 at 9a* is the program portion of our annual meeting. This is the meeting where we get to celebrate the many ways God is working in and through Emmanuel. The vestry is hosting a light breakfast during the meeting. If you are the lead or chair of a ministry or program at Emmanuel and would like to include a write-up about how God has been working through your group, please have that to the parish office by Thursday, May 14. If you would like to make an oral presentation during the meeting, please see the Rector or the Wardens to be placed on the agenda.

Pentecost & Memorial Day BBQ – What could be better than celebrating Pentecost and having a Memorial Day BBQ on the same day, *Sunday, May 24?! We invite you to wear red that Sunday and to bring a side or dessert to share. The Men of Emmanuel will grill hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers for us!*

Emmanuel’s Food Pantry - We are in need of the following items: canned meat (beef stew, beef ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs etc.), canned fish (tuna, salmon etc), canned fruit, canned soup, and canned beverages (juice, sparkling water etc.). We have an adequate amount of canned vegetables at this time. Only canned food items should be donated. This is because of weather spoilage and possible tampering of non-canned items.

In Need of Prayer — *Bob, Cephise, Margaret, Carol, Lisa, Diane, Jackie, Beth, Teddie Jo, Deacon Earl, Claire, Doris, Ron, Arline, Clara, Tristan, Maria, Willie, Carol Sue, Bonnie, Iva, Paul & Taffy, Sally Sue, Diane K, Aaron, Mary, Kathleen, Kai, Art, Don, Sandra, Tal, Gina, Sabrina, Angalee & David, Elaine, Joe, Jerry W., Velma, Karen T, Nancy K, Kim, Carole, EJ, Jerry, Nancy B, Mary, Elizabeth, John, Richard, Geoff, Helen, Virginia, William, Jan, Faye, Rebecca & Vincent, Mike, Betty, Tom & Sheila, Ramon, Barbara, Jim & Susie, Leigh, Bill, Carl, Pixie, Donnie, Bobby L., Dell, Peggy, Judy, Laura, Lee Ann, Brenda, Betty F., Tim & Debra, Donna, Lamar, Pam, Nancy W., Gale, Richard H., Diane W.,*

Delores, Anne, Andrew, Bria, Xaria, John, Karla, Robin, Barbara & Harold, Edith, Shirley, Robert D., Michelle, Althea, Kay, Keith A., Parker, Danny & Debra, Kyle, Gary & Sheila, Gerard, Kora, Pat, Mel, Tage, Kent, Elizabeth, Maureen, Karen, Benjamin & Marie, Ryan, Abby, Preston, Marlow, Jimmy, Brian, Floyd, Kelly, Tina, Anthony, Evelyn, Declan, Shandra, Ross, Frankie, Lili, Robert M., Joshua, Braydon, Tim, Val, Glenn, Bo, Constance, Gary, Cathy S., Liz, Ellie & Clyde, Dominic, Dumans, Kathie, Georgia, Edwin, John L., Lester, Vicky, James, Jazmin, Steve, Patrick, Erick, Jordan, Samantha, Chantelle, Meyers, Jeff, James P., Alexis, Tytiana, Scott, Chris, Kenneth, Heather, KJ, Haleigh, Brianna, Sophia, Helen, Larry T, Patty, Marty, Mary, Barb, Michelle, Derek, Rachel, Zackery, Jackie

Stewardship Moment:

"Tell Out My Soul"— "The Lord is my shepherd." – Psalm 23

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| Vic Hellman, Treasurer | | |

| EVENTS THIS WEEK | |
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| Sunday, May 3 - 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am: 11:30am: | 5 Easter Worship Parish Breakfast Emmanuel Café |
| Monday, May 4 – 7:00pm: | AA & Al-Anon |
| Tuesday, May 5—12:00pm: 7:00pm: | EECinema Mission |
| Wednesday, May 6 – 9:30am: 11:00am: 12:00pm: 7:00pm: | Morning Prayer WoW Healing Compline on-line |
| Thursday, May 7 – 11:30am: 2:00pm: 3:00pm: 5:30pm: | Fitness Chesapeake Garden Stewards Choir |
| Friday, May 8 – 11:30am: | Book Club |
| Saturday, May 9 - 8:00am: 8:00am: 9:00am: | AA Blitz Altar Guild |
| Sunday, May 10 - 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am: | 6 Easter Worship Mothers' Day Tea |