

**Emmanuel
Episcopal Church
Christ the King Sunday**

November 23, 2025, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Welcome to Emmanuel. We invite you to join us in worship. Music is a part of our 10:30 a.m. service.

Please maintain prayerful silence in the Nave to prepare for worship

Prelude (Chris Johnson, alto saxophone & Cathay Combs, piano) *"Blessed Assurance"*
Crosby/Knapp arr. by Christopher R. Brown

Opening Hymn 460(v. 1, 3, 4) *Alleluia! sing to Jesus* [Hyfrydol]

Liturgy of the Word

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Gloria *(The following is said at 8:00 am and sung at 10:30 am)*

S-278 (Mathias)

**Gloria 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

BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading *(seated)*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."



Canticle 16

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading *(seated)*

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

Gradual Hymn L-31 *King of my life I crown thee now*

William J. Kirkpatrick

Gospel *(stand as you are able)*

Luke 23:33-43

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done

nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

Homily

The Rev. Rhonda E. Wheeler

Nicene Creed *(Leader and People)*

BCP 358

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 - Form IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

We pray for President Trump and Governor Youngkin. We pray for our service members at home and abroad. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

We pray for Vi, Carol Sue, Diane, Alexis, Tytiana, Andrea, Judy, Beth, Tal, Jackie, Edwin, Glenn, Nancy, Jazmin, Sally Sue, Kim, Arline, Bonnie, and for others we name at this time *(pause for petitions from congregation)*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant concludes with a prayer

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Peace *(All stand.)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem (Emmanuel Choir with Tim Bradley & Janet Milton, handbells)

"Autumn Carol"

Russel Schutz-Widmar

The people stand and sing the Presentation Doxology as gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented at the altar: "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The people stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S-128 (Mathias)

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen!**

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

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 Priest and People then say

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant 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. If you do not wish to receive from the cup, it is acceptable to receive the bread only. Those who do not wish to receive Communion, are invited to come to the altar for a blessing. Please speak to the Rector if you would like to learn more about baptism.

Hymn 324 *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

[Picardy]

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Recessional Hymn 494 (v. 1, 3, 5) *Crown him with many crowns*

[Diademata]

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 *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

The Ash Grove

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Hampton, Virginia

November 23, 2025

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 (the harvest table) are given this week by Carol Colonna to the glory of God and in loving memory of her grandmother Julia Weiss.

The sanctuary candle is given this week by Sandra Brown to the glory of God and in honor of Riley Bollinger's 3rd birthday.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00am R – Beth Pence; C – Karl Duff, Margaret Seitz

10:30am R – Chris Johnson; C – Barb Fisher, Chris Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder – Karen will not be in the office this week. She will be away visiting family. The office will be open on Tuesday, November 25 and closed for the remainder of the week.

Memorials Committee will meet this *Monday, November 24 at 11a.*

Annual Community Thanksgiving Service is at Emmanuel on *Tuesday, November 25 at 6p.* Family & friends are welcome to the community service of thanksgiving as we host the other Hampton Episcopal congregations.

WoW and the noon Wednesday Healing Service will be on break this week and resume on *December 3.*

Fitness Class meets each *Thursday* in the parish hall at *11:30a*; only exceptions are Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Advent Calendars are now available for pick-up at both sanctuary entrances. Please feel free to take one home in preparation for Advent which begins on November 30.

Taizé Service – On *Sunday, November 30 at 4p*, there will be a Taizé service to help us calmly enter the holy season of Advent.

December Newsletter will be distributed on Wednesday, December 3. If you have any articles or announcements for the newsletter please have them to the parish office by *Sunday, November 30*.

Night's Welcome Dinner & Breakfast –We will serve dinner on *Monday, December 1*, as well as pack the next morning's bag breakfasts. If you are assisting with either meal preparation or serving, please check with Beth Pence or Margaret Seitz about meeting times.

Wednesday Evening Advent Series – *Celebration of Advent Through the Arts*

We invite you to join us for our Advent Celebration series, which will be held on Wednesdays throughout the upcoming month. The evenings will feature traditional music, inspiring poetry, and captivating visual arts. Feel free to invite family and friends for a memorable time of fellowship and dinner. Please see the schedule of events below.

- Dec. 3 – “*Advent in Poetry*” at Emmanuel
- Dec. 10 – “*Advent in Visual Arts*” at St. John's
- Dec. 17 – “*Advent in Music*” at St. Cyprian's

The soup and salad dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., with the program commencing at 6 p.m. Each event will conclude with compline prayer at 7 p.m. We look forward to welcoming you to each gathering.

Parish Christmas Party – The parish Christmas party is *December 7 at 9a*. We ask you to bring a Christmas brunch favorite, or a side, or dessert. Drinks and the main course will be provided. A special visitor may be on hand as well! Please sign up on the sheet in the parish hall.

Blood Drive – *Wednesday, December 10*, Emmanuel is hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross from 1p – 5p. Appointments can be made on the Red Cross website: RedCrossBlood.org

Christmas Cantata – On the third Sunday of Advent, *December 14*, Emmanuel's music department is offering a Cantata as part of the *single worship* service that morning at *10a*. Holy Eucharist will be offered as the concluding part of the service.

Adopt-a-Family Program – Emmanuel has two families this year! Angel tags with their gift requests and recipient details are in the parish hall ready to be picked up. We ask that you bring back the gift, wrapped and with the tag, back to church by *Sunday, December 14*. Thank you!

Christmas Lights - Dr. Marty Tennille has free tickets to go through the Newport News Holiday Lights December 1, December 8, December 15 and December 29, all Mondays. Please call Marty at 757-850-1532 to arrange ticket pick up. Order as many as you need and 1 ticket is good for 1 car. Normal charge to go through lights is \$15.00. Line starts through the lights around 5:30 but getting there earlier could be an advantage.

Christmas Memorial Decorations - Gifts may be made toward the purchase of decorations for the church, including greens, floral arrangements, and poinsettias. People who wish to present names of loved ones and donations for the memorial decorations are asked to do so by *December 19th*. The suggested donation this year is \$30.00. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel Episcopal Church and annotate for *Christmas Decorations*.

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, Boyd, Patti, 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, Latta, 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, Vi

Stewardship Moment

"Tell out my soul" – Christ is the King!

EVENTS THIS WEEK	
Sunday, November 23 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am & 11:30am: 9:15am: 12:00pm:	Christ the King Worship Emmanuel Café YEAs EASDSM
Monday, November 24—11:00am: 7:00pm:	Memorials AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday, November 25—6:00pm:	Thanksgiving Worship
Wednesday, November 26—7:00pm:	Compline
Thursday, November 27 –	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 28 -	
Saturday, November 29 - 8:00am: 9:00am:	AA Altar Guild
Sunday, November 30 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am & 11:30am: 9:15am: 4:00pm:	Advent 1 Worship Emmanuel Café Adult Forum, YEAs Taizé

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