

**Emmanuel
Episcopal Church
6 EASTER - Morning Prayer**



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

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

Prelude "A Mother to be Praised" Cliff Duren

Opening Hymn 398 *I sing the almighty power of God* [Forest Green]

The Officiant begins the service with

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

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

Thanks be to God, who give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

Confession of Sin **BCP 79**

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. (Stand or kneel)

Officiant and People together

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter (*stand*) **BCP 80**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glorify 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. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover (*said together*) **BCP 83**

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;*
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Psalm 66:7-18 *(seated)*

BCP 673

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

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.
Alleluia.

First Reading *(seated)*

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." .

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 13 *(Stand, said together)*

BCP 90

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Second Reading (*seated*)

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Canticle 20 (*Stand, at 8 am ONLY, said together*)

BCP 94

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 the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Hymn 671 (v. 1, 2, 5; at 10:30am ONLY) *Amazing Grace*

[New Britain]

Third Reading (*seated*)

John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

Homily

The Apostles' Creed (*Leader and People, all standing*)

BCP 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers *(Stand or kneel)*

BCP 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Together, let us pray.

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.

Suffrages A

BCP 97

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among the nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Officiant then says

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having

done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Offertory Sentences

Officiant says

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

Offertory Anthem

"Simple Praise"

Stewart/Courtney

Offertory Prayer *(sung at 10:30am)*

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.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Officiant concludes with

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon us now and forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 405 *All things bright and beautiful*

[Royal Oak]

Dismissal

BCP 366

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

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

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Hampton, Virginia

May 10, 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 candle is given this week by Maisie Skeete to the glory of God and in honor of her mother.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00am Officiant – Margaret Seitz; Reader – Vi Cooper

10:30am Officiant – Sabrina Miles; Reader – 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 Update - "I wanted to tell you directly that I experienced a medical emergency on Monday evening, was admitted to the hospital that night and then released on Wednesday evening. I am recovering well but have been advised to take things slowly. I plan to be at church for Pentecost! In the meantime, we will celebrate Morning Prayer this morning. Next Sunday, we will plan on Communion under special circumstances. Please continue to pray for me as I continue to pray for you." *Rhonda* +

Happy Mothers' Day!

Gracious God,

We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other.

Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers:

- *who cared for us when we were helpless*
- *who comforted us when we were hurt*
- *whose love and care we often took for granted.*

Today we pray for:

- *those who are grieving the loss of their mother;*
- *those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her*
- *those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love*
- *the families separated by war or conflict.*

Lord, give them special blessings.

Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be. Amen.

Mothers' Day Tea – *This morning, the Men of Emmanuel invite all the women of the church to a tea in their honor at 9a in the parish hall. Thank you to Chuck Gwilt and his crew for hosting.*

May Theological Reflection Time – *This Monday, May 11 at 11:30, we will have a short time of theological reflection for any who would like to participate.*

Prayer Retreat – *A new installment of "Teach Us to Pray" is being planned for Saturday, May 16, 10:30a – 2p, with lunch included. A sign-up list is now available on the office foyer bulletin board.*

Bag Lunches – *We are preparing bag lunches this Saturday, May 16 at 10a in the parish hall. We are in need of: 50 tangerines, 50 small bags of chips, 50 8 oz bottles of water, and 40 small packets of cookies. If you can assist with any of these items or can help with preparing the lunches, please contact the parish office.*

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

Annual Meeting, part II Date Change – *The new date for the 2nd half of our Annual meeting is now Sunday, June 7 at 9a. 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 but feel free to bring something if you would like. 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, June 4. 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.*

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, Rhonda*

Stewardship Moment:

"Tell Out My Soul"— Today's second Sunday offering will go to Jackson Feild home. The mission of Jackson-Feild Behavioral Health Services is to provide high quality evidence-based psychiatric, residential, educational and recovery treatment services for children who suffer from severe emotional trauma, mental illness and/or addiction. Our Emmanuel golf team supported their fundraiser golf tournament this past Wednesday.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 10 - 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am:	6 Easter Worship Mothers' Day Tea
Monday, May 11 – 11:30am: 7:00pm:	Reflection AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday; May 12—11:00am: 1:00pm: 6:30pm:	Prayer Shawl NBC Eastern Star
Wednesday, May 13 – 8:00am: 9:30am: 11:00am: 12:00pm: 5:00pm: 7:00pm:	Romeos Morning Prayer WoW Healing Property Compline on-line
Thursday, May 14 – 11:30am: 4:00pm: 5:00pm: 5:30pm:	Fitness Staff EASDSM Choir
Friday, May 15 –	Altar Guild
Saturday, May 16 - 8:00am: 8:30am: 10:00am: 10:30am:	AA LEM Breakfast Bag Lunch Prayer Retreat
Sunday, May 17 - 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am & 11:30am:	7 Easter Worship Emmanuel Café