

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

Sunday, May 17, 2026, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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



**Prelude** "You Raise Me Up" Brendan Graham

**Opening Hymn 451** (v. 1-3) *All hail the power of Jesus' name!* [Coronation]

**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.

**O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

**First Reading** (*seated*) **Acts 1:6-14**

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

**Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

**BCP 676**

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

**Second Reading** (*seated*)

**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

**Gradual Hymn 603** *When Christ was lifted from the earth*

[St. Botolph]

**Holy Gospel** (*stand*)

**John 17:1-11**

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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: In our joys and our sufferings let us give glory to God. And let us offer prayers for all persons in the world, to keep them in God's name..

Leader: For this holy gathering, for William and all those who are to be baptized next Sunday, and for all who enter our circle of faith.

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

Leader: For all the newly baptized and for all those newly 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 our parish clergy and lay leaders, and for all the holy people of God in every place.

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

Leader: For Donald our President, for the leaders of the nations; and for peace in the world.

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

Leader: For this city and the community around us.

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

Leader: For all in any pain and all who sorrow.

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

Leader: For all those who have given their lives in the armed services of our country, for all the dying and the dead.

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

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

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

Leader: Lifting our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

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

Almighty God, source of all good gifts, we are grateful for our many blessings that have been bestowed upon us, and desire to be faithful stewards of your bounty. Help us to step forward in faith and guide our hearts into generous giving so that this congregation may continue to be a house of peace, safety, renewal, and outreach to the glory of your name.

**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) *“Be Thou My Vision”* Trad. Irish; arr. by Mark Hayes

*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 L-151**

*One Bread, One Body*

Foley

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*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.**

**BCP 365**

**Blessing**

*The Deacon says:*

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

**Recessional Hymn 494** (v. 1, 2, 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 719** (v. 1, 2) *God of our fathers, whose almighty hand* [National Hymn]

## Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hampton, Virginia

May 17, 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 Karen & Keith Harrington to the glory of God and in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**The sanctuary candle** is given this week by Charlene Tate Nicholes to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Carnell Tate.

### **Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

8:00am R – Andy Gurkin; C – Karl Duff, Margaret Seitz

10:30am R – Keith Harrington; 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 Update** - Hi Beloved EEC Family,

While I am not with you in person today, I am recovering and plan to be in the office this upcoming week! We'll celebrate Pentecost Sunday together!

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayer!

Love You!

*Rhonda +*

**Touchstones** is this *Wednesday, May 20 at 2p* in the vestry room. This month's focus is "Celebrating this Present Moment."

**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 next 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Emmanuel's Community Food Pantry** – In April, at least 135 cans were distributed to our neighbors. 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 sinister tampering of non-canned items.

**June Newsletter Deadline** is *Friday, May 22* for any articles or announcements for the June newsletter. Thank you.

**Lifeline Screening** – *Tuesday, June 23*, Lifeline will be back to conduct screenings. Please see the flyer on the office foyer bulletin board for more information about registering. Emmanuel's parishioners are being offered a special price of \$129 for 4 tests since we are hosting. Spots are filling up so you will want to register soon.

**Vacation Bible School** – Save the date: *Friday, July 17 from 5p to 8p* for "Make a Joyful Noise!" Dinner will be provided. More details about this music themed VBS will be available soon.

**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, Delores, Caroline

**Stewardship Moment:**

"Tell Out My Soul"— "Bless our God, you peoples: make the voice of his praise to be heard..."-Psalm 66:7

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| <b>EVENTS THIS WEEK</b>   |   |
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| Sunday, May 17 -<br>8:00am & 10:30:<br>9:00am & 11:30am:                  | <b>7 Easter</b><br>Worship<br>Emmanuel Café                         |
| Monday, May 18 –7:00pm:   | AA & Al-Anon  |
| Tuesday; May 19—11:00am:<br>4:00pm:                                       | Prayer Shawl<br>Finance   |
| Wednesday, May 20 – 9:30am:<br>11:00am:<br>12:00pm:<br>2:00pm:<br>7:00pm: | Morning Prayer<br>WoW<br>Healing<br>Touchstones<br>Compline on-line |
| Thursday, May 21 – 11:30am:<br>5:30pm:                                    | Fitness<br>Choir  |
| Friday, May 22 –  |   |
| Saturday, May 23 - 8:00am:<br>9:00am:                                     | AA<br>Altar Guild   |
| Sunday, May 24 -<br>8:00am & 10:30:<br>9:00am:<br>11:30am:                | <b>PENTECOST</b><br>Worship<br>Emmanuel Café<br>Memorial Day BBQ    |