

**Emmanuel
Episcopal Church
EASTER—The Resurrection of our Lord**

Sunday, April 5, 2026, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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



Prelude "Hallelujah Chorus" arr. by Ellen Jan Lorenz

Opening Hymn 207 *Jesus Christ is risen today* [Easter Hymn]

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 Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading (*seated*) **Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

BCP 760

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading (*seated*)

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

Gradual Hymn 210 *The day of resurrection!*

[Ellacombe]

Holy Gospel (*stand*)

Matthew 28:1-10

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

Homily

The Rev. Rhonda E. Wheeler

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: Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant hold day. Alleluia! So let us pray to our Lord, saying, "Risen Christ, **to you we give all our praise.**"

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go.

Risen Christ,

People: **To you we give all our praise.**

Leader: Incarnate Love, where hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, call forth new life by your touch. Bring forth life in the barren places of your world.

Risen Christ,

People: **To you we give all our praise.**

Leader: Author of Life, you are the ruler of creation. All things created on earth sing to your glory. From the death of winter, raise the fair beauty of the earth.

Risen Christ,

People: **To you we give all our praise.**

Leader: Resurrected One, bring our neighbors from sadness into joy. Where they live in darkness, brighten their lives with a day of splendor and give to all that peace that passes human knowing.

I invite you to add your thanksgivings.

Risen Christ,

People: **To you we give all our praise.**

Leader: Triumphant Lord, gladden the faces of all who are sad and fearful-hearted. May they rejoice in your victory over sin and pain—even as they

Share in your glorious triumph.

I invite you to add your prayers of petition.

Risen Christ,

People: **To you we give all our praise.**

Leader: Risen Christ, you have opened heaven's gate. You have freed us from the power of sin and death. Through your resurrection, you give us

The promise of resurrection to a holier state. Bless the dying and the dead.

Risen Christ,

People: **To you we give all our praise.**

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all 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.**

Absolution

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

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you**

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem (Emmanuel Choir) *"Glorious, Risen Christ!"* Lloyd Larson

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

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 Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

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.

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 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 sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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 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 put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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.

Hymn 335 *I am the bread of life*

[I Am the Bread of Life]

Hymn L-154 *Taste and See*

James E. Moore, Jr.

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

Recessional Hymn 175 (v. 2, 4, 6, 8) *Hail thee, festival day*

[Salve festa]

Dismissal

BCP 366

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

This morning's Prelude at the 10:30am service is a special Easter offering by Emmanuel's Music Department. *Tim Bradley* arranged for the clarinet and saxophone parts; *Tim Bradley*, Clarinet and *Chris Johnson*, Saxophone

Choir:

Sopranos: *Linda Bradley, Margaret Seitz, Juliette Wilcox*

Altos: *Pat Dwyer, Sydney Knapp, Janet Milton*

Tenor/Bass: *Chris Garguilo, Rhonda Garguilo, Laura L. Manigault*

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hampton, Virginia

April 5, 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 birthday.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

6:30am R – Beth Pence; C – Margaret Seitz, Margaret Parker

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

10:30am R – Keith Harrington; C – Sabrina Miles, Kim DeCoster

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.

First Sunday of the Month - Healing prayers will be offered at either end of the communion rail for those who would like them after communion. Additionally, the baptismal font will be out for those who wish to renew their baptismal vows.

Flowering the Cross - At the 6:30a service you are invited to place flowers on the cross after the service. At 8a, please place them as you enter the sanctuary for the service. And at 10:30a, please place them when directed during the service. Thank you for turning the desolate looking cross into one of beauty with your floral offerings!

Easter Egg Hunt—Children, 5th grade and younger, are invited to the hunt after the later service. Please gather on the pavement by the church steps after the service for instructions.

Well Done! Many people contributed to the services, events and arrangements of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Your service created a Holy space for reflection and worship for our faith community. Thank you to:

- ❖ The Altar Guild for preparing the sanctuary during Holy Week and Easter Day with beautiful decorations;
- ❖ The Emmanuel Choir for their work under Cathy Comb's leadership;
- ❖ The Emmanuel Cafe team who are hosting the Easter fellowship time;
- ❖ Carol Bowers who organized and conducted the Easter Egg Hunt;
- ❖ The Garden Stewards for their work in preparing the courtyard gardens;
- ❖ Readers, ushers, acolytes, office staff, and many others;
- ❖ All contributed to our Lenten and Easter season. This is the Lord's work and we offer it in His name. We appreciate your faithful service!

Easter Decorations - If you contributed to the cost of the Easter decorations and would like to pick up a plant, please see the altar guild after the late service next Sunday, *April 12*.

Lenten Challenge – “4,000 cans in 40 days.” Last Sunday, we collected **433** food items which were taken to the HELP food pantry. This brings our total to 1717 “cans.” We will have a final report of how we did next Sunday!

EECinema is open this *Tuesday, April 7 at 12 noon* in the parish hall. This month's selection is a newer classic “Ghost,” starring Demi Moore, Patrick Swayze, and Whoopi Goldberg. Come join the fun. Popcorn provided!

Morning Prayer Returns to Wednesdays – Morning Prayer at *9:30a* in the Chapel resumes this week, *April 8*. The services will also be livestreamed on the church's facebook page.

Memorial Service – On *Saturday, April 11 at 2p* there will be a memorial service for Boyd Starcher in the sanctuary followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Mission Yard Sale is *Saturday, April 25 from 8a - 1p*. If you have items you would like to donate to the sale, the mission team is accepting items starting April 15.

Endowment Board - Applications for grants from the Endowment Fund are now being accepted. Application forms are available on the bulletin board across from the parish office. The deadline for submitting an application is *Sunday, May 1, 2026*.

Congratulations! *Mikayla Bowers and Will Crawford* were married last Saturday, March 28. We pray for God's continued blessings on their marriage.

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK	
EASTER, April 5 - 6:30am; 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am & 11:30am: 11:30am:	Easter Worship Emmanuel Café Easter Egg Hunt
Monday, April 6-7:00pm:	AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday, April 7—12:00pm: 7:00pm:	EECinema Mission
Wednesday, April 8—9:30am: 11:00am: 12:00pm: 5:00pm: 7:00pm:	Morning Prayer WoW Healing Property Compline on-line
Thursday, April 9 – 11:30am: 5:30pm:	Fitness Choir
Friday, April 10 –	
Saturday, April 11- 8:00am: 8:30am: 9:00am: 10:15am: 2:00pm:	AA Planning Altar Guild Eastern Star Memorial Service
Sunday, April 12 - 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am & 11:30am: 9:15am:	2 Easter Worship Emmanuel Café Christian Formation Programs

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