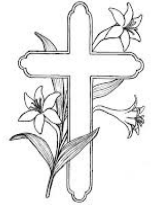


Emmanuel

Episcopal Church

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 12, 2024, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Emmanuel. We invite you to join with us in worship. Music is part of the later worship service.

Prelude (Janet Milton & Cathy Combs, piano duet) "Berceuse (Lullaby)" Fauré

Processional Hymn 494 (v. 1, 3, 5) *Crown him with many crowns* [Diademata]

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 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 (said at 8a, sung at 10:30a) **S-280 Powell**

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 BCP 355

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Reading (*seated*) Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "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."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47

BCP 650

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

Second Reading (*seated*)

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 214 (v. 1, 2, 4) *Hail the day that sees him rise*

[Llanfair]

Holy Gospel (*stand*)

Luke 24:44-53

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Priest 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: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,

People: **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader: Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. Awake, O Church,

Rise from death,

People: **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader: Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. Awake, O World,

Rise from death,

People: **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader: Bring newness and change to your nation, O God, that each person might share and honor the other. Awake,

O People,
Rise from death,
People: **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader: Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God, that they might know your saving help. Awake, O Sorrowful,
Rise from death,
People: **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader: Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever grow in your likeness. Awake, O Saints,
Rise from death,
People: **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader: Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope. Awake, O Soul,
Rise from death,
People: **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader: I invite you to offer your concerns and thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

Leader: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord.

This day God has made for life and all joy! Amen, Alleluia!
People: **Alleluia, Amen!**

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The 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.

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence *(in unison)*

“All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Offertory Anthem (Emmanuel Choir) *“Simple Praise”* Martin/Courtney

Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer A)* BCP 361

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-129 [Powell]

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 stand or kneel.

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 sins. 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
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, indicated by placing crossed hands over the chest. Please speak to the Rector if you would like to learn more about baptism.

Hymn 686 *Come, thou fount of every blessing* [Nettleton]

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 450 (v. 1, 2, 6) *All hail the power of Jesus' name* [Coronation]

Dismissal BCP 366

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude *"M-O-T-H-E-R"* Johnson/Morse

Emmanuel Episcopal Church *Hampton, Virginia*

May 12, 2024

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 rail, standing or kneeling, and holding out your hands to receive the bread (Body of Christ) and when the cup is offered to you, either drink from the common cup- first cup; or dip the bread in the wine yourself (intinction) - second cup. Communion in one-kind (bread) is a completely full & sufficient communion. If you would prefer to have Rev. Rhonda and a chalice come to you, please notify an usher.

Filming during the service - Recognizing that not all are able to re-gather, we will broadcast the this 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 Diane & Paul Davidson to the glory of God and in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00am R - Beth Pence; C - Karl Duff, Vi Cooper

10:30am R - Keith Harrington; C - Margaret Parker, Kim DeCoster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder - Emmanuel's sanctuary and chapel are open for prayer and reflection during office hours: Tuesday - Friday; 8:30a - 3p.

Mothers' Day - Happy Mothers' Day! Please take a carnation - a red one if your mother is alive and white if she is not. *Thank you to the Men of Emmanuel for hosting this year's tea.*

A Prayer for Mothers

God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility ;

for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;

for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
for those who have children they do not want;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.
Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,
living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.
Amen.

Endowment Board - Applications for grants from the Endowment Fund are now being accepted. Application forms are available on the bulletin board across for the parish office. The deadline for submitting an application is *today, May 12, 2024*.

Kaiser Reese Circle/ECW Luncheon - The women of the church are invited to a luncheon on *Tuesday, May 14 at 12:30p* in the parish hall. A variety of salads will be served and a guest speaker is planned. Please bring a canned good for HELP and there will be raffle prizes. If you have any questions, please speak with Margaret Parker.

Book Club will meet on *Friday, May 17 at 12:30p*. May's selection is Janet Skeslien Charles' *The Paris Library* based on the true WWII story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris. All are welcome!

Open House - Rev. Rhonda and Donnie invite us to their home on *Friday, May 17* for an open house from 5-7p at 513 Ashwood Dr., Newport News

LEM Breakfast, for all LEMs and those interested in being a Lay Eucharistic Minister, *Saturday, May 18 at 8:30a*. Please contact Margaret Seitz if you are attending so that appropriate amount of food is prepared.

Bag Lunch Preparations - *Saturday, May 18 at 10a*. Volunteers needed as well as 50 bags of chips, 50 small packets of dessert, 9 loaves of bread, 50 clementines. If you can help with any of these needs, please contact the parish office!

Adventurers will be meeting at St. George's Coptic Church's Egyptian Festival on *Saturday, May 18 at 11:30a*. Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin boards.

Annual Meeting, Part II - *Next Sunday, May 19 at 9a*, we will have the program portion of our annual meeting. We will celebrate the various ministries and programs offered at and through Emmanuel. Program and ministry leads, if you would like to include a write up about your program, please have those write ups to the parish office by Thursday, May 16.

Pentecost Sunday is next *Sunday, May 19*. Please wear red and come prepared to celebrate the birthday of the Church!

Memorial Day BBQ - *Sunday, May 26* after the later service. Hot dogs & burgers will be served. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share. All are welcome!

Bed Building Project - Emmanuel's mission team is excited to partner with the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)" non-profit in a bed-building project on ***Saturday, June 8***. We will build 20 beds that day! We need 40+ volunteers that day. Please sign-up on the sheet in the parish hall or in the office foyer and use this link to complete the waiver form: <https://x.gldn.oi/e/zp75VAIsE>. We hope you will join us!

In Need of Prayer — *Alex, Bob, Cephise, Carol, Diane, Becky, Clara, Boyd, Patti, Beth, Earl, Claire, Tristan, Maria, Willie, Carole, Nancy, Karen T, Arline, Ron, Bonnie, Sandy H, Kim, EJ, Jerry, Malka, Faye, Mike, Betty, Tom, Sheila, Mary, Elizabeth, Doug, Geoff, , Barbara, Barbara & Harold, Jim & Susie, Richard, Ed, Helen, Gina & Tal, Bill, Rhonda T, Mary B, Carl, Pixie, Sharon & Denis, Fran, Velma, Bobby L, Rand family, Jan F., Brenda, , Judy, Laura, Lee Ann, Betty F., Sandy, Tim & Debra, Sally Sue, Donna B., Diane K, Aaron, Mary, Kathleen, Charlene, Rebecca, Melanie & Andy, Beth M., LaMar, Kai, Dakota, Doris, Carol Sue, Hellman family, Larry, Carol, Gerry, Mary Jane, Betty Anne, Barbara, Gale, Richard, Jane, Diane W., Delores, Carla, Anna, Andrew, Michelle, Bria, Abby, Xaria, Jonel, Mary &*

Lee, Belinda, Brian, Robin, Dynes family, Shirley, Edith, Mikon, Ragon family, Michelle, Breonna, Morgan, John, Keith A., Longshore family, Bishop Curry, Parker, Jon, Karla, Gary & Sheila, Debra Sue, Jerry C., Alice, Sandy R., Jack, Kyle, Pat, Jackie & Calvin; Lisa & David, Pam, Teddie Jo, Iva, Autumn, Tage, Kent, Brigid & Rick, Diana, Carol Sue Bob B., Ben, Bill B., John S., Nancy, Kellie, Preston, Marlo, Heather, Jimmy M., Bill W., Nolan, A.J., Carrie, Sandy P., Tina, Paul

Stewardship Moment

Rooted in Abundance - "God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there." *Hymn 577*

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EVENTS THIS WEEK	
Sunday, May 12 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am: 11:30am:	7 EASTER Worship Mothers' Day Tea Emmanuel Cafe
Monday, May 13 - 7:00pm:	AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday; May 14—11:00am: 12:30pm: 4:00pm: 5:00pm: 6:00pm:	Prayer Shawl ECW/Kaiser Reese Luncheon Wardens Finance Endowment
Wednesday, May 15 - 11:00am & 5:00pm: 12:00pm & 6:00pm: 2:00pm: 7:00pm:	WoW & Bible Study Healing Service w/ Holy Communion ARCC Compline
Thursday, May 16 - 12:00pm: 5:30pm: 6:00pm:	Fitness Rejoice Ringers Choir
Friday, May 17 -12:30pm: 5:00pm:	Book Club Open House
Saturday, May 18 - 8:00am: 8:30am: 9:00am: 10:00am: 11:30am:	AA LEM Breakfast Altar Guild Lunch Packing Adventurers
Sunday, May 19 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am: 11:30am:	PENTECOST Worship Annual Meeting Emmanuel Cafe