# **Emmanuel**

# **Episcopal Church**

# 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 2, 2025, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Welcome to Emmanuel. We invite you to join with 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 "One Small Child" David Meece, arr. Jay Rouse

Opening Hymn 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates [Truro]

Liturgy of the Word

All standing, the Celebrant says

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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 8a and sung at 10:30a)

BCP 356/S-280 [Powell]

**BCP 355** 

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 The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading (seated)

Malachi 3:1-4

**BCP 357** 

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

**Psalm 84** BCP 632

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,

my King and my God.

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3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*

they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, \*

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; '

hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; \*

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*

and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God

than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*

he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*

from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, \*

happy are they who put their trust in you!

## Second Reading (seated)

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

Gradual Hymn 259 Hail to the Lord who comes

[Old 120th]

Gospel (stand as you are able)

Luke 2:22-40

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

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.

a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

# Homily

**Nicene Creed** 

The Rev. Rhonda E. Wheeler 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.

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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.

We pray for the students and staff of Jane Bryan Elementary School, especially for Mr. Jones, Ms. Taylor & Ms. Green's special education class. 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 those in need Arline, Sandy, Marty, Beth, Bonnie, Tal, Carol Sue, Evelyn, Ramon, Barbara, Deacon Earl, Garry, Robert, Carol and others we name at this time. 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.

The Celebrant says concluding collect

#### Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader and People

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 Priest stands and says

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

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 Hymn 490 (Emmanuel Choir) I want to walk as a child of the light [Houston]

#### 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 (Eucharistic Prayer A) BCP 361

The people stand.

Celebrant
People
Celebrant
People
Celebrant
People
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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.

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 304** I come with joy to meet my Lord

**Post-Communion Prayer** 

[Land of Rest] 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 432** O praise ye the Lord! [Laudate Dominum Dismissal BCP 366]

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude W-787 We Are Marching in the Light God [Siyahamba]

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hampton, Virginia

February 2, 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 rail, standing or kneeling, and holding 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 the clergy 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 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 Carol Bowers to the glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones. The sanctuary candle is given this week by Diane Kapustka to the glory of God and in loving memory of Julia E. Lawrence.

#### **Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

8:00am R – Charlene Tate Nichols; C – Karl Duff, Vi Cooper 10:30am R – Jane Frazer; C – Margaret Parker, Kim DeCoster

# *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

<u>Reminder</u> - Emmanuel's sanctuary and chapel are open for prayer and reflection during office. Parish office hours are: Tuesday - Friday, 8:30a - 3p.

<u>Healing Stations</u> – As today is the first Sunday of the month, we offer two healing stations at either end of the communion rail, where you may receive healing prayers for yourself or on behalf of others after communion.

<u>Annual Meeting, part I</u> is today, *February 2 at 9a* in the parish hall. Business for this meeting includes electing vestry members and hearing about the approved 2025 budget. Vestry will be hosting a light continental breakfast.

<u>Giving Statements</u> – The final statements for 2024 are now available for pick up at the narrhex entrance. They will also be available at the annual meeting. We are grateful for your faithful financial support of the ministries of Emmanuel Episcopal Church. If there are questions about your statement, please contact the parish office.

**EECinema** will be showing the classic Alfred Hitchcock thriller "Rear Window," starring Jimmy Stewart & Grace Kelly this *Tuesday, February 4 at 12 noon* in the vestry room. Popcorn will be provided!

**Endowment Board** – Emmanuel's Endowment Board is meeting on *Tuesday*, *February 4 at 6p* in the parish hall.

<u>Mission Team</u> is meeting on *Tuesday, February 4 at 7p* in the vestry room. Visitors are always welcome!

<u>WoW & Noon Healing Service</u> are back to their regular schedule. Women of the Word meets on Wednesdays at 11a in the vestry room. The noon healing service is also in the vestry room.

<u>Sacred Ground</u> –We invite you to come first to Holy Communion and Healing service at 6p in the Chapel. Sacred Ground will be at 6:30p. The evening will conclude with Compline at 8p. In this way we are framing our time together in prayer, seeking the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Our meeting dates resume *this Wednesday*, *February 5*.

<u>Fitness Class</u> – Fitness for All Bodies Every Day meets on *Thursdays at noon*. Join us and learn how to make simple adjustments to your daily activities which improve your balance and overall well-being. (You may do these exercises sitting or standing.)

Garden Stewards are meeting this *Thursday*, *February 6*, at 3p. All hands are welcome!

<u>Diocesan Annual Council</u> is this Saturday, February 8. Rev. Rhonda, Deacon Darlene, our delegates, Chris Garguilo & Margaret Parker, and our alternates, Margaret Seitz & Kim DeCoster will be attending. Please keep the Council and all those who are meeting in your prayers as they conduct the business of the Church within this Diocese of Southern Virginia.

<u>Plastic Bags Needed</u> – Emmanuel has 25 days to collect 211 pounds of plastic for our next bench. Please bring what you have in and maybe even ask friends & neighbors!

<u>Daily Devotional Books</u> – The latest edition of Forward's <u>Day By Day</u> is now available at the sanctuary entrances. Please take home a copy.

<u>Safe Church Training</u> – The Diocese will be conducting in-person safe church training at Emmanuel on *March 8 & 9*. The Specialized training is March 8 from 9a - 3p. The Universal Training is March 9 from 1:30p - 3p. Please register through the Diocesan website diosova.org/safechurch.

**<u>Highlights</u>** from the January 29 Vestry meeting:

- Finances 2022 & 2023 payroll taxes have been identified; Restricted funds have been reconciled; we enter 2025 with a clean slate!
- Lenten Program Wednesday nights with neighboring Episcopal churches is being planned
- Mardi Gras Party is March 4. Free event of fun, food, music & fellowship. Who'd like to help?
- Playground has been cleaned up with some repairs made. Thank you Donnie Wheeler.

Chris Garguilo presented a proposal for repair of church sound system and installation of two video monitors. This will be discussed at Annual meeting and at Vestry.

<u>In Need of Prayer</u> — 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, Rhon-

da 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, Beth M., La-Mar, Kai, Dakota, Doris, Carol Sue, Hellman family, 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, Michelle, Breonna, Morgan, John, Keith A., Bishop Curry, Parker, Jon, Karla, Gary & Sheila, Debra Sue, 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., Nancy, Kellie, Preston, Marlo, Heather, Jimmy M., Bill W., Nolan, A.J., Carrie, Sandy P., Tina, Paul, Evelyn, Steven, Virginia, Helms family, Phillips family, Bill K, Shanda, Karen, Cathy S., Chisman family, Wendy, Judy, Brian, Gary& Chuck, Mona, Garry, Marty, Pat, Robert, Jerry, Sandy, Carol U, Baby William, Gary, Constance

**Stewardship Moment** 

"Walk in Love" - "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork." Psalm 19:1

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EVENTS THIS WEEK	
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Monday, February 3 - 7:00pm:	AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday; February 4—12:00pm: 5:30pm: 6:00pm: 7:00pm:	EECinema Exploration Endowment Mission Team
Wednesday, February 5 – 11:00am: 12:00pm & 6:00pm: 6:30pm: 9:00pm:	WoW Healing Service Sacred Ground Compline
Thursday, February 6 - 12:00pm: 3:00pm: 5:30pm:	Fitness Garden Stewards Choir
Friday, February 7 -	
Saturday, February 8 - 8:00am: 9:00am::	AA Altar Guild
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