

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church 2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 27, 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**

"Pastorale"

Alec Rowley

**Opening Hymn 180**

*He is risen, he is risen*

[Unser Herrscher]

## Liturgy of the Word

*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** *(The following is said at 8:00 am and sung at 10:30 am)*

**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 357**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

**Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## First Reading *(seated)*

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 150

BCP 807

1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; \*

praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath \*  
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

## **Second Reading** (*seated*)

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn 209**

*We walk by faith*

[St. Botolph]

## **Gospel** (*stand as you are able*)

John 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord

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

## **Homily**

The Rev. Rhonda E. Wheeler

## **Nicene Creed** (*Leader and People*)

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**

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.**

*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.**  
*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Hymn 178** *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord* [Alleluia]

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

## Great Thanksgiving

*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 remain standing.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Ever living God, you have created the world out of nothingness. You are present in both the darkness and the light.

You have created humanity from the dust of the earth, and have given us the ability to choose between good and evil. You have called your prophets and champions from among the lowly. You have formed your people through wanderings in the desert and through exile in foreign lands.

In your creative thirst to be known to us, you have entered into our struggles, coming among us in the human person of Jesus, the Christ. He was conceived amid scandal, born in want, raised in obscurity. With us he embraces hunger and thirst, temptation, rejection, doubt, grief, suffering and death.

*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, he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. 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.**

*The Priest and People then say*

*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. 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. Please speak to the Rector if you would like to learn more about baptism.*

**Hymn L-69** *"In the Garden"*

C. Austin Miles

**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 376** Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

[Hymn to Joy]

**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** *"Festival Postlude"*

Domenico Zipoli

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

## Hampton, Virginia

April 27, 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 candle** is given this week by Suzzane Jewett to the glory of God and in honor of Riley's birthday.

**The sanctuary candle** last week was given by Sandra Brown to the glory of God and in honor of Samantha Bollinger's birthday.

### **Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

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

10:30am         R – Margaret Seitz; 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.

**Thank you to Janet Milton**, our guest organist this morning as Cathy takes a well-earned rest.

**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 today.

**May Newsletter Deadline** – Final call for articles and announcements for the May newsletter. The newsletter will be distributed on Wednesday, April 30.

**Reflection Time** – Tomorrow, *Monday, April 28 at 11a*, all who would like to meet for an hour of theological reflection are invited to the vestry room. No prior experience necessary!

**Palanca Party** – There will be a Cursillo meeting at Emmanuel this *Tuesday, April 29 at 7p*. We will be making Palanca for the upcoming retreat participants.

**Community Blood Drive** at St. Mark's Methodist Church on *Wednesday, April 30 from 2p – 6p*. You may sign up with the American Red Cross.

**Evening Bible Study and Healing Services** resume this *Wednesday, April 30*. The Bible study will start at 5p in the vestry room and the healing service is at 6p in the chapel.

**Planning Meeting** – This *Saturday, May 3 at 8:30p* the parish planning meeting will take place. If your group is thinking about scheduling an event over the summer or early fall, please contact the office so it can be put on the calendar.

**“Lord, Teach Us to Pray” Retreat** – *Saturday, May 3, from 10a to 1p*. Lunch included as we delve into the place of prayer in our lives. Please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board across from the vestry room.

**Parish Breakfast** – *Next Sunday, May 4*, we will have our monthly parish breakfast at 9a in the parish hall. Please bring a breakfast/brunch item to share.

**Vestry & Staff Retreat** – *Sunday, May 4 at 1p* at the Salt Ponds Club House.

**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 *Sunday, May 4, 2025*.

**Michael Barber Memorial Service** will be May 7 at 2p at Berceuse Funeral Home in Hampton. Michael was a parishioner at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

**Mothers' Day Tea** - *Sunday, May 11*, the Men of Emmanuel invite all the women of the church to a tea in their honor at 9a in the parish hall.

**Day by Day** – The next issue of the daily devotional is ready for pick up at the sanctuary entrances.

**Vestry Highlights** – Vestry met on Wednesday, April 23. The following are highlights from that meeting:

- Finance report was presented by Vic Hellman, Treasurer. All is in order.
- Gratitude was expressed for the wonderful Lenten Program with the Hampton Episcopal Churches, the Holy Week Services, the beautiful Tenebrae service, Palm Sunday, Easter services, Easter Egg Hunt, and Emmanuel Cafe receptions! Thanks to all who served and worshipped!
- Vestry will be on Retreat May 4, 1:00-4:00 at Salt Pond's Community Center.
- Autism Spectrum Disorder Team will visit Liberty Baptist's accessible class this Sunday at 9:00 AM
- Deacon Darlene and the Daughters of the King will be on retreat this weekend.
- A repair on the AC unit in the Sanctuary is needed. We have one estimate. A second will be discussed with the Property Chair, Chuck Gwilt.
- A Church account has been established on YouTube and Nextdoor. We plan to live stream our Sunday services on both Facebook and YouTube.
- Photographers are needed to capture our daily programs, services, and outreach. Want to capture the “church in action.”
- Thank you to Donnie Wheeler for making and installing a cabinet for the defibrillator next the door into the chancel.

**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, 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., LaMar, 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, Carol U, Baby William, Gary, Constance, Latta; Angalee, David & Frank, Kathie, Georgia, Jackie, Lasher family, Mike*

### **Stewardship Moment**

*"Walk in Love" – "The Lord is my Shepherd." Psalm 23*

#### **Emmanuel Episcopal Church**

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#### **Vestry**

Tim Bradley	Chris Garguilo, Sr. Warden	Margaret Parker, Jr. Warden
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Pat Dwyer	Bill Miles	Dean Seitz
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Suzzane Jewett, Registrar  
Vic Hellman, Treasurer

<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK</b>	
Sunday, April 27 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:15am: 9:00am: & 11:30am:	2 EASTER Worship YEAs Emmanuel Café
Monday, April 28 – 11:00am: 7:00pm:	Reflection AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday; April 29—11:00am: 7:00pm:	Prayer Shawl Palanca Party
Wednesday, April 30 – 11:00am: 12:00pm: 5:00pm: 6:00pm: 7:00pm:	WoW Healing Worship Bible Study Healing Worship Compline
Thursday, May 1 – 11:30am: 3:00pm: 5:30pm:	Fitness Garden Stewards Choir
Friday, May 2—	
Saturday, May 3 - 8:00am: 8:30am: 9:00am: 10:00am:	AA Planning Altar Guild Prayer Retreat
Sunday, May 4 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am: 11:30am: 12:00pm: 1:00pm:	3 EASTER Worship Breakfast Emmanuel Café DOK Vestry Retreat