Emmanuel

Episcopal Church

2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 16, 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 "Danny Boy" Weatherly/Londonderry Air

Opening Hymn 401(v. 1 - 4) The God of Abraham praise [Leoni]

Liturgy of the Word

All standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for persons to bring before God their individual sins.

Celebrant then says:

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.

The Celebrant says:

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.**

At 8:00 said:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

At 10:30 sung:

S-96 Schubert

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

Collect of the Day BCP 357

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading (seated)

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

Psalm 27 BCP 627

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, *

yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, * yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *

and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling

and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *

above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation

with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *

have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *

nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * the Lord will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O Lord; *

lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *

for false witnesses have risen up against me,

and also those who speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord *

in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; * wait patiently for the Lord.

Second Reading (seated)

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

Gradual Hymn 488 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

[Slane]

Gospel (stand as you are able)

Luke 13:31-35

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

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

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

Nicene Creed (Leader and People)

Homily

BCP 358

The Rev. Rhonda E. Wheeler

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

The People offer their petitions.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. The People offer their petitions

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

The People offer their petitions

I ask your prayer for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by the Holy One.

The People offer their petitions

I invite your thanksgivings.

The People offer their petitions.

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

The People offer their petitions

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers by saying:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **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 Anthem (Emmanuel Choir; Tim Bradley, clarinet) "Celtic Communion" Bunessa; arr. Mark Hayes

The people stand and sing the Presentation Hymn as gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented at the altar: "One Bread, One Body" (tune One Bread, One Body).

Doxology L-151 One Bread, One Body [One Bread, One Body]

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.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 (setting Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert)

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

Now in this sacred rite of thanksgiving and praise we celebrate the saving work of Jesus. In him the instrument of torture and death has been transformed into the sign of reconciliation and abundant life.

Recalling his life and teaching, his death and resurrection, we offer these gifts of bread and wine. Spirit of Compassion, breathe upon them now, making them for us the Body and Blood of your incarnate Love. 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 blessed Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, for ever and 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

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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 692 I heard the voice of Jesus say [The Third Tune, Thomas Tallis]

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 ss faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
Be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest offers a Lenten Prayer.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn 675 (v. 1, 3, 5) Take up your cross, the Savior said [Bourbon]

Dismissal BCP 366

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude "In God We Trust" Anonymous

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hampton, Virginia

March 16, 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 Suzzane Jewett to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Leonard Jewett.

The sanctuary candle is given this week by Suzzane Jewett to the glory of God, and in honor of Camden's birthday.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00am R – Mabel Khawaja; C – Karl Duff, Margaret Seitz
10:30am R – Chris Garguilo; C – Sabrina Miles, Chris Johnson

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

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

<u>March Outreach Offerings</u> – We are sending the Church Periodical Club \$177 this month from our breakfast collection on March 2. Additionally, for ERD's California fire recovery work we are sending \$233 collected during the 2nd Sunday outreach collection. Thank you for your generous gifts.

Lent Devotions in a Bag—These devotional materials are available in the Narthex or from Deacon Darlene.

<u>Autism Spectrum Disorder</u> – The working group meets today after the later service at 12 noon in the vestry room.

Joint Lenten Program – The Lenten program continues this Wednesday *March 19* at Emmanuel. The evening begins at 5p with a soup & salad dinner provided by the host church and concludes by 7p. This week we will be exploring "*The Power of Prayer in the Life of a Believer*" with Rev. Rhonda. Dinner begins at 5:00 and the program begins at 5:45. You are asked to bring a soup or salad that can serve 6-8 people. Please bring your food by *4:45* on Wednesday, March 19th. Bread, crackers, and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, please see Margaret Seitz on Sunday or call her at 757-850-4696. We will be at St. John's next Wednesday, March 26.

<u>Garden Stewards</u> are meeting this week on *Wednesday, March 19 at 1:30p* to discuss plans for the spring. Thank you to Donnie Wheeler for starting on the hedge & bush trimming in the courtyard and along the tree line. Wednesday's meeting is open to any and all who would like to help!

<u>Fitness Class</u> – Fitness for All Bodies Every Day meets on *Thursdays at 11:30a*. Please note the new start time for the class. 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.)

<u>Book Club</u> – This month the book club is meeting on *Friday, March 21 at 1p*. Please note the new time. Up for discussion is <u>Vanderbilt</u> by Anderson Cooper and Catherine Howe. This is a #1 New York Times bestseller, chronicling the rise and fall of a legendary American dynasty. All are welcome to join the discussion!

<u>April Newsletter</u> – The deadline for articles and announcements for the April newsletter is *Friday, March 21*. The newsletter will be mailed March 26.

<u>Night's Welcome</u> – Thank you to all who assisted during the 2024/25 Night's Welcome season! You brought supplies, made bag breakfasts, made salads, cooked & served dinners & cookies; transported meals to hosting sites. This season, 19 individuals gave about 160 hours to feed almost 290 guests. Thank you for your faithful support of and service in this ministry.

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

Stewardship Moment

"Walk in Love" -- "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

EVENTS THIS WEEK	
Sunday, March 16 -	2 LENT
8:00am & 10:30am:	Worship
9:00am & 11:30am:	Emmanuel Café
9:15am:	YEAs
12:00pm:	ASD
Monday, March 17 - 7:00pm:	AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday; March 18—11:00am:	Prayer Shawl
5:00pm:	Finance
Wednesday, March 19 – 11:00am:	WoW
12:00pm:	Healing Worship
1:30pm:	Garden Stewards
5:00pm:	Lenten Program at Emmanuel this week
Thursday, March 20 – 11:30am:	Fitness
5:30pm:	Choir
5:30pm:	Discernment
Friday, March 21 - 1:00pm: -	Book Club
Saturday, March 22 - 8:00am:	AA
9:00am:	Altar Guild
Sunday, March 23 -	3 LENT
8:00am & 10:30am:	Worship
9:00am & 11:30am:	Emmanuel Café
9:15am:	YEAs

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