

**Emmanuel
Episcopal Church
4 EASTER**



Sunday, April 26, 2026, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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

Prelude "Sheep May Safely Graze" JS Bach

Opening Hymn 391 (v. 1-3, 5) *Before the Lord's eternal throne* [Winchester New]

Liturgy of the Word **BCP 355**

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria (*The following is said at 8:00 a.m. and sung at 10:30 a.m.*) **S-278 (Mathias)**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading (*seated*) **Acts 2:42-47**

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23**BCP 612**

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Reading (*seated*)**1 Peter 2:19-25**

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls

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

Gradual Hymn 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need*

[Resignation]

Holy Gospel (*stand*)**John 10:1-10**

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

Homily

The Rev. Rhonda E. Wheeler

Nicene Creed (*stand*)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,**

eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Beloved in Christ, our Lord Jesus hears our voice when we call to him. Let us remember all those in his flocks, saying, "O Christ, hear us."

Leader: Jesus our Guide, you promised that there would be one flock, one shepherd. Until that time, remember your Church, dispersed throughout the world. Remember our brothers and sisters in every Christian community and denomination, regardless of the barriers we have put in place, that we may find common mission and common worship; remember those engaged in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue; remember the Anglican Communion and its leaders, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Sean, our Presiding Bishop; remember all the people of this diocese and our Bishop, Susan. And remember all those newly baptized this Eastertide throughout the world.

Let us pray,

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Leader: Jesus the Gate for the Sheep: Remember all those who govern and hold authority in the world, especially Donald, the President of the United States; Abigail, our Governor; and Jimmy, our Mayor, and grant wisdom to all legislatures and courts.

Let us pray,

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Leader: Jesus our Redeemer, you laid down your life for your sheep. Remember all people everywhere, especially those struggling with war, pestilence, and disaster. Remember all those affected by natural disaster, epidemic, and inclement weather.

Let us pray,

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Leader: Jesus our Savior, you said to Peter, "Feed my sheep." Inspire us all to feed your sheep, especially those who need food, clothing or shelter; those who are addicted, ill or dying; those who are in prison or held against their will, and those who are oppressed or enslaved. Remember those we name now silently or aloud.

Silence

Let us pray,

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Leader: Risen Christ, you call us each by our name into your flock. Remember all who have died, who reside within the safety of your fold and can now never be snatched away. Remember those we name now silently or aloud. *Silence*

Let us pray,

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Leader: Christ our Passover, you died to sin, once for all, and the life you live, you live to God. We rejoice that, in you, we are dead to sin and alive to God for all ages. We give thanks to you for all the blessings of our lives, including those we name now silently or aloud. *Silence*

Let us pray,

People: **O Christ, hear us.**

Call us, Lord Jesus, to your side and inspire us to follow where you lead until that blessed time when all your flocks are gathered together under one Shepherd, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you**

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem "You Are Mine" David Haas; arr. by Mark Hayes

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

The people stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S-128 (Mathias)

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Hymn L-104 *The Lord is My Shepherd*

Montgomery/Koschat

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with this spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 708 (v. 1, 2, 1) *Savior, like a shepherd lead us* [Sicilian Mariners]

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

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

[Indian Folk Melody]

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Hampton, Virginia

April 26, 2026

Welcome to Emmanuel!

If this is your first visit to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, consider making this your spiritual home. Sunday services are found in the red Book of Common Prayer located in your pew or in the printed bulletin. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal, the red & black Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal (L), or the green Wonder, Love, & Praise hymnal (W).

If this is your first time visiting the Episcopal Church, simply relax and enjoy the service. Don't worry about doing things "right," for God has brought you here for a purpose and together, as the people of God, we can enjoy each other's company and the presence of God you bring into our midst.

All people are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church and you can do so by coming to the center of the rail and holding your hands to receive the bread (Body of Christ). Afterwards to receive the wine (Blood of Christ), please move to either the right or the left side. The right side is where you can drink from the common cup and the left side is where you can dip the bread in the wine yourself (intinction). Communion in one-kind (bread) is a completely full & sufficient communion. If you would prefer to have the clergy and a chalice come to you, please notify an usher.

Filming during the service - Recognizing that not all are able to be present in the sanctuary, we broadcast the later service.

Cell Phones - Please remember to mute or turn off your phone before the service starts.

Safety Protocols at Emmanuel - Mask wearing is appropriate anytime but not required. In close quarters, like the Vestry room and library, it may make sense to consider wearing masks depending on the participants. Hand sanitizer is available. In the event of an emergency, please stay calm, stay seated, and listen for instructions.

The sanctuary flowers are given this week by Alexia Chinnery to the glory of God.

The sanctuary candle is given this week by Suzzane Jewett to the glory of God and in honor of Rylee & Brandon's anniversary.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00am R – Beth Pence; C – Karl Duff, Laura L. Manigault

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder – The sanctuary and chapel are open for quiet prayer and reflection during office hours: This parish office is open Tuesday - Friday 8:30a – 3p.

Day by Day Devotionals – The May – July edition of Forward's Day By Day is now available for pick up at the sanctuary entrances. Please take one home with you.

Last Call Newsletter – If you have articles or announcements for the May newsletter please get them in today.

Rev. Rhonda will be away on a Church Pension sponsored retreat (CREDO) *April 28 – May 4*.

Parish Breakfast – Next *Sunday, May 3*, we will have our monthly parish breakfast at 9a in the parish hall. Please bring a breakfast or brunch item to share!

Endowment Board - Applications for grants from the Endowment Fund are now being accepted. Application forms are available on the bulletin board across from the parish office. The deadline for submitting an application is *Sunday, May 3, 2026*.

Mother's Day Tea is *Sunday, May 10 at 9a* in the parish hall. All ladies of the church are invited to this special tea in honor of you and your ministry at Emmanuel. Gentlemen, if you would like to assist in the preparations, you will be meeting on Friday, May 8 at 4p.

Hampton Blitz – Emmanuel will be participating in the Blitz on *Saturday, May 9 from 8a to 2p*. We are working outside doing yardwork and repairing fencing. General laborers needed! Our house is in southeast Newport News this time. Here is the link to the event registration page for volunteers:

<https://habitatpgw.volunteerhub.com/vv2/event/c3d2d767-e576-464f-945d-8602311bac6f>

Prayer Retreat – A new installment of “Teach Us to Pray” is being planned for *Saturday, May 16, 10:30a – 2p*, with lunch included. Please save the date and a sign-up list will be going up soon.

Annual Meeting, part II – *Sunday, May 17 at 9a* is when we are planning on holding the program portion of our annual meeting. This is the meeting where we get to celebrate the many ways God is working in and through Emmanuel.

Pentecost & Memorial Day BBQ – What could be better than celebrating Pentecost and having a Memorial Day BBQ on the same day, *Sunday, May 24?! We invite you to wear red that Sunday and to bring a side or dessert to share. The Men of Emmanuel will grill hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers for us!*

Vestry Highlights – The following are highlights from vestry's April 22 meeting.

- Financial reports from Feb and March show EEC in a sound financial place. (Thanks be to God and all of you!)
- Looking at estimates for roof repair (over the furnace room) and replacement (Children's wing).
- Major improvements have been made in our sound system and streaming system; now able to simultaneously stream to Facebook and YouTube.
- Audit Chair for this year is Lavon Vickery.
- Emmanuel Autism Spectrum Disorder Service Ministry Seminar was well done, well organized, and well received.
- Annual Meeting, Part II will be *May 17 at 9:00 AM* with Vestry providing continental breakfast. Please send program/ministry reports to Karen in preparation.

In Need of Prayer — *Bob, Cephise, Margaret, Carol, Lisa, Diane, Jackie, Beth, Teddie Jo, Deacon Earl, Claire, Doris, Ron, Arline, Clara, Tristan, Maria, Willie, Carol Sue, Bonnie, Iva, Paul & Taffy, Sally Sue, Diane K, Aaron, Mary, Kathleen, Kai, Art, Don, Sandra, Tal, Gina, Sabrina, Angalee & David, Elaine, Joe, Jerry W., Velma, Karen T, Nancy K, Kim, Carole, EJ, Jerry, Nancy B, Mary, Elizabeth, John, Richard, Geoff, Helen, Virginia, William, Jan, Faye, Rebecca & Vincent, Mike, Betty, Tom & Sheila, Ramon, Barbara, Jim & Susie, Leigh, Bill, Carl, Pixie, Donnie, Bobby L., Dell, Peggy, Judy, Laura, Lee Ann, Brenda, Betty F., Tim & Debra, Donna, Lamar, Pam, Nancy W., Gale, Richard H., Diane W., Delores, Anne, Andrew, Bria, Xaria, John, Karla, Robin, Barbara & Harold, Edith, Shirley, Robert D., Michelle, Althea, Kay, Keith A., Parker, Danny & Debra, Kyle, Gary & Sheila, Gerard, Kora, Pat, Mel, Tage, Kent, Elizabeth, Maureen, Karen, Benjamin & Marie, Ryan, Abby, Preston, Marlow, Jimmy, Brian, Floyd, Kelly, Tina, Anthony, Evelyn, Declan, Shandra, Ross, Frankie, Lili, Robert M., Joshua, Braydon, Tim, Val, Glenn, Bo, Constance, Gary, Cathy S., Liz, Ellie & Clyde, Dominic, Dumans, Kathie, Georgia, Edwin, John L., Lester, Vicky, James, Jazmin, Steve, Patrick, Erick, Jordan, Samantha, Chantelle, Meyers, Jeff, James P., Alexis, Tytiana, Scott, Chris, Kenneth, Heather, KJ, Haleigh, Brianna, Sophia, Helen, Larry T, Patty, Marty, Mary, Barb, Michelle, Derek, Rachel, Zackery*

Stewardship Moment:

"Tell Out My Soul"— With God, all things are possible! – sign on a local church

(Matthew 19:26, Mark:10:27)

EVENTS THIS WEEK	
Sunday, April 26 - 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am & 11:30am: 9:15am: 12:00pm:	4 Easter Worship Emmanuel Café Christian Formation Programs EASDSM
Monday, April 27 – 11:30pm: 7:00pm:	Theological Reflection AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday, April 28—11:00am: 1:00pm:	Prayer Shaw NBC
Wednesday, April 29 – 8:00am: 9:30am: 11:00am: 12:00pm: 7:00pm:	ROMEOs Morning Prayer WoW Healing Compline on-line
Thursday, April 30 – 11:30am: 5:30pm:	Fitness Choir
Friday, May 1 –	
Saturday, May 2 - 8:00am: 9:00am:	AA Altar Guild
Sunday, May 3 - 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am: 11:30am:	5 Easter Worship Parish Breakfast Emmanuel Café

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Karen Harrington, Parish Administrator	Cary Kelly, Finance Director	
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Vic Hellman, Treasurer		