Emmanuel

Episcopal Church

4th Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 30, 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"Pavane"Gabriel FauréOpening Hymn 690Guide me, O thou great Jehovah[Cwm Rhondda]

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:

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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading (seated)

Joshua 5:9 - 12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Psalm 32 BCP 624

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *

and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *

but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading (seated)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Gradual Hymn 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

[Slane]

Gospel (stand as you are able)

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

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

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) "At the Cross (Love Ran Red" Redman, Myrin, Tomlin, Cash, and Armstrong; arr. Mary McDonald

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
People
Celebrant
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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.

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.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant savs

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 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

[St. Agnes] BCP 365

Post-Communion Prayer

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 623 (v. 1, 3, 5) O what their joy and their glory be [O quanta qualia] Dismissal BCP 366

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude "The Old Rugged Cross" George Bernard

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hampton, Virginia

March 30, 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.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00am R – Beth Pence; C – Chuck Gwilt, Margaret Seitz
10:30am R – Gary Burgess; C – Sabrina Miles, Carol Bowers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

<u>EECinema</u> is showing <u>Casablanca</u> this *Tuesday, April 1 at noon* in the vestry room. Come see the start of a beautiful friendship! Popcorn provided.

<u>Joint Lenten Program</u> – The Lenten program continues this Wednesday *April 2* at St. John's. 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 "*Relationship Building: God, Self & Others*" with Deacon Dana Van Vliet-Pullin.

<u>Fitness Class</u> – Are you missing out??? Some comfortable adjustments in your every day activities could improve your balance and improve your sense of well-being. The sooner you start, the sooner the results. The class meets *Thursdays* from 11:30a-12:30p in the parish hall.

<u>Easter Decorations</u> – If you would like to contribute toward the cost of the floral decorations for Easter, please complete and return the form found on the bulletin board next to the parish office.

<u>April 13: ONE SERVICE at 10:00 AM</u> – Palm Sunday is going to be jam packed with significant celebrations. Bishop Susan will be with us as we confirm, receive, and reaffirm parishioners. We will also celebrate Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week by concluding with Tenebrae as we did last year. Please mark your calendar with this special date & time!

Email Issue – Thank you to our own Tim Bradley and Sho Hasan of Tech Impact for solving our email distribution issues for Gmail users. They are also the minds behind the migration of the church's software programs on the new computer. Tim has been infinitely patient helping Karen get used to the new platform and programs. This is just another wonderful example of time and talent stewardship given to the glory of God and in furtherance of God's mission through Emmanuel.

<u>Parish Breakfast</u> - Next Sunday, *April 6*, we will have our monthly parish breakfast at 9a in the parish hall. Please bring a breakfast or brunch item to share. See you there!

Easter Egg Stuffing - After the parish breakfast next Sunday, we will be stuffing the Easter eggs to be used for the Easter egg hunt on April 20. Carol Bowers will have the supplies, she just needs our help filling the eggs.

<u>Vestry Highlights</u> – The following are highlights from Wednesday's vestry meeting:

- · Worship reminders for Palm Sunday, and Holy Week (see Newsletter for summary)
- · Sacred Visioning will begin reflecting on 4 questions with smalls groups representing the whole congregation to determine a strategic plan. Senior Warden presented statistics and information on the Episcopal Church and our neighborhood demographics related to church attendance.
- · Commissions/Ministries were reviewed and distributed for further exploration and update
- · Church P&Ps were sent out by Karen got review
- The Whitmore Group, who purchased Woods' Orchard, hosted Rector, Senior, and Junior Wardens for a presentation of their proposed plans to build apartments. Rev Rhonda sent the pdf presentation to the Vestry and Staff
- · Chris and Billy will be working on a YouTube channel, TikTok account and Nextdoor Neighbor account for the church. We are working on marketing our ministries and programs.
- Tim reported that the computer work is complete. He is managing the email migration.
- Lighting of the church's beautiful stained glass windows was discussed to make us visible as well as for safety.

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" -- "But God proved his love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us."—Romans 5:8

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EVENTS THIS WEEK	
Sunday, March 30 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am & 11:30am: 9:15am:	4 LENT Worship Emmanuel Café YEAs
Monday, March 31 - 7:00pm:	AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday; April 1—12:00pm: 7:00pm:	EECinema Mission
Wednesday, April 2 – 11:00am: 12:00pm: 5:00pm:	WoW Healing Worship Lenten Program at St. John's this week
Thursday, April 3 – 11:30am: 5:30pm:	Fitness Choir
Friday, April 4 -	
Saturday, April 5 - 8:00am: 9:00am:	AA Altar Guild
Sunday, April 6 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am: 11:30am:	5 LENT Worship Breakfast – Easter Egg Stuffing Emmanuel Café