



Emmanuel
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
STAUNTON VA



A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 1979

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2026

10:30am

bringing **People&God** together
SPIRITUAL • INCLUSIVE • ENGAGED • COMPASSIONATE

WELCOME - BIENVENIDO
to Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Whether you're new here, visiting us for the first time, or the first time in a long time, **you are welcome here.**

Please complete our Welcome Register by scanning this QR code



Worship at Emmanuel

Emmanuel's Worship and Formation Team is the commission that oversees the worship life for our parish. During our vacancy period, we have been more responsible than usual for the services, liturgy, and music that are used each week.

Our schedule has a pattern, which we have generally followed--except for major feasts or special Sundays--which is that the first, third, and fifth Sunday is a Morning Prayer service, and the second and fourth Sunday is a Eucharist service. As part of this pattern, we are continuing to read one of the lectionary passages, usually the Gospel, in Spanish on Eucharist Sundays.

Emmanuel will continue to livestream our services on our YouTube channel at the QR code.



On occasions when our Emmanuel Band provides music which licensing rules forbid that we broadcast, we will not be able to livestream that particular service. Most services, however, both Eucharist and Morning Prayer, will be streamed each Sunday. We will follow this schedule and streaming policy until our new rector arrives.

Our weekly church newsletter lists the service scheduled for each upcoming Sunday. Subscribe at the QR code.



Emmanuel's worship is rich, diverse, and inclusive. If you feel a nudge to participate in leading an aspect of worship, please reach out to the Worship Team. We would love to help you find a meaningful way to add your voice.

Thank you,
Emmanuel Worship and Formation Team

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Easter 7, MAY 17

9am Lectionary Discussion Group
10:30am Morning Prayer
5:30pm Centering Prayer (online)

MON

Office Open 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4pm
8:45am Morning Prayer

TUES

Office Open 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4pm
8:45am Morning Prayer
5:30pm Lectio Divina
7pm AA Meeting

WED

OFFICE CLOSED

8:45am Morning Prayer
10-12 VPAS Café

THU

OFFICE CLOSED

8:45am Morning Prayer
5:30pm Centering Prayer (in church)
6:15pm Compline

FRIDAY Office Closed (every Friday)

7pm AA Meeting

SAT

10am AI-Anon Meeting

Next SUNDAY (MAY 24, DAY OF PENTECOST)

10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II
5:30pm Centering Prayer (online)

LEADERSHIP

Vestry Members: Mitzi W, Skip B, Elijah D, Kethera M, Ginny W, Robert W, Dan L, Jim E, Barbara D, John K (Treasurer)

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant	Jim Lott
Preacher	Laura Yordy
Organist	Florence Jowers
Welcomers	Dan Lynn
Lector	Deborah Patton
Altar Guild	Nicole Rutan and Deborah Patton
A/V & Livestream	George Sproul and Liz Benbow

SERVING NEXT WEEK (MAY 24, DAY OF PENTECOST)

Preacher & Celebrant	The Rev. Paul Weber
Organist	Florence Jowers
Welcomers	Larry and Barbara Damico
Lectors	Steve Berneking
Spanish Gospel	Carlos Canales
Intercessor	Please Sign Up
Eucharistic Ministers	Sally Hurme and Steve Berneking
Altar Server	Sam Starcher
Altar Guild	Nicole Rutan and Deborah Patton
A/V & Livestream	Bev Coffman and Deborah Patton

A Service of Morning Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer P. 75

*The congregation is invited to respond with the words in **bold** type.*

PRELUDE

Rondo in F Major • W.A. Mozart, arr. J. Brown
Just A Closer Walk With Thee • Traditional Spiritual, arr. D. McKeown
The Skyline Duo

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *We STAND*

Crown him with many crowns • *Diademata* • **Hymnal 494**

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

The Officiant and People say together.

MOST merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. **We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Officiant says:

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

INVITATORY

All stand.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will forever be. Amen. Alleluia.

VENITE S 35

1. Come, let us sing to the
 Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -
 va - tion. 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing —
 — and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the
 Lord is a great God, — and a great King a - bove all
 gods. 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth, —
 — and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The
 sea is his, for he made it, — and his hands have
 mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the
 knee, — and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For
 he is our God, — and we are the peo - ple of his
 pas - ture — and the sheep of his hand. —
 — Oh, that to - day you would heark - en to his voice! —

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LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
 let those who hate him flee before him.
 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
 as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
 let them also be merry and joyful.
 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
 exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
 YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
 God in his holy habitation!
 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
 but the rebels shall live in dry places.
 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
 when you marched through the wilderness,
 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
 at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
 at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
 you refreshed the land when it was weary.
 10 Your people found their home in it; *
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
 sing praises to the Lord.
 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
 he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
 35 Ascribe power to God; *
 his majesty is over Israel;
 his strength is in the skies.
 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
 Blessed be God!

FIRST LESSON *We SIT*

Acts 1:6-14

WHEN the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

For the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

John 17:1-11

JESUS looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed."

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE *We STAND*

This is the feast of victory for our God • Hymnal 417

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]
 2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]
 3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]
 4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]
 5 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Final Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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THE APOSTLES CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Simple Gifts • Joseph Brackett, arr. D. Bussick

THE PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O GOD, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O GOD, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

H EAVENLY Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near; Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the prayers this response may be used.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the following words:

Source of all life

And giver of all that is good, hear our prayers

And grant us all that is in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant and People.

ALMIGHTY God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resounds • Lasst uns erfreuen

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. O, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947)

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Down by the Riverside • Traditional tune, arr. D. McKeown

The congregation is invited to remain seated for the postlude.

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FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Blount & Baird	Betty	Mary
Wayne & Wendy	Jeff	Linda
Jim & Janet	Ruth	Diane
Nancy	Fabian	Neal
Lee	Paula	Carter
Bill C	Trace	Libby
Jeff J	Joseph C	Charlie
Dan	Jim and Janet	Joanna
Breiley	Monica and her infant son	
Charles D		

Departed: All the recently departed.**ABOUT THESE PRAYERS**

The names included here are those for whom prayer has been requested by a church member or someone close to that person. In addition to this *Public Prayer List*, our prayer team prays on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month for those on the *Private Prayer List*. We invite you to add yourself or members of your immediate family/ friendship circle to either of the prayer lists by notifying the Church Office by email at office@emmanuelstaunton.org.

Please let the office know if you or a family member/ friend is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. We have no other way of knowing of such pastoral needs. Please never assume we just, somehow, know!

Diocesan Cycle of Prayers:

For the Youth of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and Youth Missioner, Patricia Cope-Levy.

For bishop-elect Karin MacPhail

Our companion Anglican / Episcopal Dioceses of:
 -Leeds (*Church of England*), and its Bishop, Toby+
 -The Diocese of Haiti

Celebrations

Birthdays: Bob Wiard, Tommy Childs, Sue Buerkel, and Bonnie Dawson

Anniversaries: John Kolp and Cyndy Seibels

The altar flowers are given by Doug Tuggle to the glory of God
and in honor of the birthday of

LAURA ANDERSON

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD ABOUT THE SKYLINE DUO

Claire Wayman and Time Deitz formed The Skyline Duo in 2025. After graduating from Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA, Claire relocated to Harrisonburg in 2014. She is an accomplished flute player who performs with concert bands and various flute ensembles. Tim Deitz is a saxophone player from Staunton who, after graduating from Shenandoah Conservatory of Music, has spent many years playing in various concert bands, jazz bands, and smaller ensembles. The two met playing together in The Stonewall Brigade Band and The Flutes of the Shenandoah. Pairing flute and saxophone is a first for both of them and they have found that they love the sound of this unique combination. They enjoy playing and performing all genres of music including classical, sacred, gospel, ragtime, standards, show tunes and popular songs. More than that, they enjoy sharing their love of music with others.

RECTOR VACANCY POSTED

We are very pleased to report the Search Committee has worked diligently to complete the profile and questions to officially post our vacancy! The Vestry approved the documents and they will be sent to the diocese this week for posting with National Church. This opens the application process and then the Search Committee will begin discerning who to interview.

SAFE CHURCH CLASS - MAY 27

A Safe Church class will be held at Trinity on May 27 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. A light meal will be provided.

Please note that this training is a diocesan requirement for all Vestry members, key holders, those in leadership positions, and anyone working with children. If your certificate has expired, you will receive a direct email from Mitzi White. All interested members are also encouraged to attend to help protect our church community.

If you would like to attend or have any questions, please email Mitzi White at mitziwh@gmail.com.

JULY BRUNCH CHURCH HELP

Emmanuel needs a Sunday, July 5, Brunch Church food coordinator for this one service. This person or team will work to provide the brunch part for that Sunday. If you, or others, are interested in this worship opportunity, contact Matthew Poteat at rmpoteat@hotmail.com or 540-294-3702.

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

If you or someone you know is graduating this year from school or college, or other professional program, and would like to be recognized, please send in their name, or names, to the church office by May 21 for recognition on Sunday, May 24.

AIR CONDITIONING INSTALLATION ASSURANCES

As we approach warmer weather, it's been our practice to move our services downstairs to Fellowship Hall to escape the heat in the sanctuary.

Yes, the a/c equipment to cool our sanctuary has been delayed and is scheduled to arrive in mid-June. Although work can't begin until June, **we will be able to move our services** to Fellowship Hall if it's going to be uncomfortably warm upstairs. The installers don't work on weekends. Construction materials can be stowed out of the way by the end of a work week. We are in regular communication with them and if there's any variation they will let us know.

-Deborah Patton
Supervisor of Air Conditioning