



**Emmanuel**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
STAUNTON VA

THE  
*Episcopal*  
CHURCH



## HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

May 10, 2026

10:30am

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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 6 , MAY 10**

9am Lectionary Discussion Group  
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
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 Open 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4pm  
8:45am Morning Prayer  
10-12 VPAS Café

**THU**

Office Open 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4pm  
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 17)**

10:30am Morning Prayer  
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**

Preacher & Celebrant	The Rev. Paul Weber
Organist	Louise Temple-Rosebrook
Welcomers	Mike Harmon and Bob Wiard
Lectors	
Spanish Gospel	
Intercessor	Pearl Estrada
Eucharistic Ministers	Mitzi White and Kethera Moore
Altar Server	
Altar Guild	Deborah Patton and Nicole Rutan
A/V & Livestream	Lucy Gaines and Bev Coffman

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (MAY 17, MORNING PRAYER)**

Officiant	Laura Yordy
Organist	Florence Jowers
Welcomers	
Lector	Rebecca Gorra & Deborah Patton
Intercessor	
Altar Guild	Nicole Rutan and Deborah Patton
A/V & Livestream	George Sproul and Liz Benbow

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER P. 355

## PRELUDE

Andantino from "35 Miniatures" • Flor Peeters  
(1903-1986)

## WELCOME

*The people stand for the Processional Hymn.*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is alive! • *Truro* • Hymnal 182

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

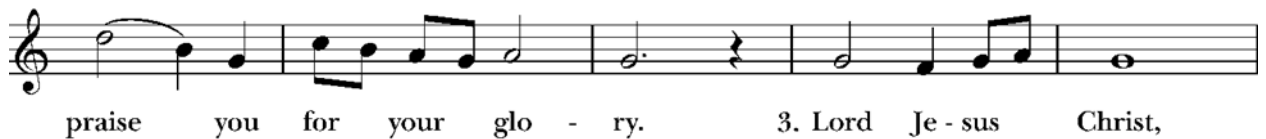
Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

## GLORIA S 278



5. you are seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated for the Lessons.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

**P**AUL stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 66:7-18** *Spoken by all.*

- B**LESS our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

**N**ow who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.*

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Like the murmur of the dove's song • *Bridegroom* • **Hymnal 513**

## THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**ESUS said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE GOSPEL IN SPANISH

Juan 14:15-21

Santo evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo según Juan.

**Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor.**

**S**i ustedes me aman, obedecerán mis mandamientos. Y yo pediré al Padre y él les dará otro Consolador para que los acompañe siempre: el Espíritu de verdad, a quien el mundo no puede aceptar porque no lo ve ni lo conoce. Pero ustedes sí lo conocen, porque vive con ustedes y estará en ustedes. No los voy a dejar huérfanos; volveré a ustedes. Dentro de poco el mundo ya no me verá más, pero ustedes sí me verán. Y porque yo vivo, también ustedes vivirán. En aquel día ustedes se darán cuenta de que yo estoy en mi Padre, ustedes en mí y yo en ustedes. ¿Quién es el que me ama? El que hace suyos mis mandamientos y los obedece. Y al que me ama, mi Padre lo amará; y yo también lo amaré y me manifestaré a él.

El evangelio del Señor.

**Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.**

*The People are seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Paul Weber

## THE NICENE CREED

**W**E 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*During the prayers, this response, or an alternative 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 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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The People stand.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

This joyful Eastertide • *Vruechten* • Hymnal 192

*All we have and all we are is a gift from God. We all have a faithful offering to make. All gifts received today will be used to support Emmanuel's ministry, empower our service to the community, and help sustain our buildings. You may place your offering in the Offering Plate, or you can give via this QR code.*



The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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** *Sung by all*

**Hymnal S 128**

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The People stand or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 sins. 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.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

## 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.

## THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM

Paul D. Weber

Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the

feast. Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are invited to receive **communion** or a **blessing**. If you wish to have a prayer of blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. Please wait to be invited forward by a Welcomer. All the consecrated bread has **already been marked with consecrated wine. Therefore, for hygiene reasons, please do not 'dip' your bread. We have already done this for you.** To receive the Sacrament, please come forward to the altar, kneel or stand and hold out your hands, one inside the other. The priest will place the consecrated wafer into your open palm. If you are receiving from the chalice, please — If you are able — take the cup into your own hands and sip from it. The rim of the chalice is wiped after every sip. **Gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic wine are also available.** If you require communion to be brought to you, please let one of the Welcomers know.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

That Easter day with joy was bright • *Puer nobis* • Hymnal 193

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *Said by all, standing*

Let us pray.

**A**lmighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the 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.

**THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Praise to God • *Dix* • Hymnal 288

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

Allegro Maestoso from “35 Miniatures” • Peeters

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A Prayer for Our Rector Search Process

Holy Spirit, you search us and know us more deeply than we know ourselves.

All our thoughts, hopes, and fears lie open before you.

Quiet our hearts, and free us from opinions, preferences, and perceptions  
that bind, divide, or limit our vision.

Release us from nostalgia for what has been and from fear of what may yet be.

Turn our hearts toward your mission and toward the future you are  
calling our parish to embrace.

In our discernment, help us seek not simply a leader for ourselves, but the shepherd  
you have already chosen -- one who will proclaim your truth with humility,  
shepherd your people with love, and guide this parish  
in faith, hope, and unity.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Written by Rector Search Committee, January 2026*

**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	Joanna	Breiley
Charles D	Jim and Janet	
Monica and her infant son		

**Departed:** Stephen Moore, Linda Miller and 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 ministry of Grace House on the Mountain and it's director Anita Boyd.

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:** Luke Gaines

The flowers on the altar are given by Marianne Miller and Bob Wiard to the glory of God and in honor of

**MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS**

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:mitziwh@gmail.com).