



Emmanuel
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
STAUNTON VA



A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 1979

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 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 2, APRIL 12

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

MON

OFFICE CLOSED

8:45am Morning Prayer

TUES

OFFICE CLOSED

8:45am Morning Prayer
5:30pm Lectio Divina
7pm AA Meeting

WED

OFFICE CLOSED

8:45am Morning Prayer
10-12 VPAS Café

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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

Next SUNDAY (APRIL 19)

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,
John K (Treasurer)

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant	Jim Lott
Organist	Florence Jowers
Welcomers	Saul Herrera
Lectors	Sally Hurme
Intercessor	Jim Roepke
Altar Guild	Mary Jane Joyce and Debra Casado
A/V & Livestream	Liz Benbow and Julian Poteat

SERVING NEXT WEEK (APRIL 19) HOLY EUCHARIST

Officiant	The Rev. Jonathan Harris
Organist	Florence Jowers
Welcomers	Please sign up
Lectors	Please sign up
Spanish Gospel	Please sign up
Intercessor	Jim Lott
Eucharistic Ministers	Please sign up
Altar Server	Please sign up
Altar Guild	Mary Jane Joyce and Debra Casado
A/V & Livestream	Deborah Patton
Coffee and Cookies	Please sign up

A Service of Morning Prayer
The Book of Common Prayer P. 75

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

POSTLUDE

Thine is the Glory • Robert Hobby

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN We *STAND*

Come, ye faithful • **Hymnal 200**

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.

PASCHA NOSTRUM S 48



- 1 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 2 Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
- 3 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 4 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 5 Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
- 6 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 7 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 8 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.
- 9 Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- 10 For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
- 11 For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 12 Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.

(Gloria Patri may be added)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia. *
Alleluia, alleluia.

Music: Oxford Chant.

PROTECT me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
 I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
 my good above all other."
 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
 upon those who are noble among the people.
 3 But those who run after other gods *
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
 it is you who uphold my lot.
 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
 my heart teaches me, night after night.
 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
 because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
 my body also shall rest in hope.
 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
 nor let your holy one see the Pit.
 11 You will show me the path of life; *
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

FIRST LESSON *We SIT*

Acts 2:14a,22-32

PPETER, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

For the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

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 GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

WHEN it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Jim Lott

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 People stand.

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 HYMN We *STAND*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! O sons and daughters • **Hymnal 206**

THE PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel.

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

SUFFRAGES

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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

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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

HEAVENLY 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

Awake, arise, lift up your voice • Hymnal 212

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Epilogue on 'O Sons and Daughters' • Alec Wyton

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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: The Rev. Webster Maughan

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 people of Trinity, Staunton, their associate rector, the Rev. Cara Modisett and their rector the Rev. AJ Heine.

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: Liz Benbow and Linda Bland

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

LEWIS NELSON

Air Conditioning Update

Preparation for our a/c equipment will begin after Easter along Washington St. Both units will be on new concrete at the end of the walkway close to the building. Several boxwoods will be removed.

Deborah Patton
Supervisor of Air Conditioning



Work Day at Emmanuel

As some bard once said, "Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the clean church is?" Yes, it's time for a spring clean up inside and out at Emmanuel! Saturday, **April 18, 9:00am til noon**. Bring whatever gardening or scrubbing/dusting tools you have and let's spiff it all up. Many hands make a cleaner church.



Holy Week Gratitude

We are grateful to everyone who joined us in worship and reflection during this Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Your presence and participation made this sacred time even more meaningful and enriching. As we commemorated the resurrection and celebrated new beginnings, your contribution to our community's spiritual journey was truly invaluable. We hope the messages of hope, renewal, and love resonate within you as we move forward together. Thank you once again for being part of our community and sharing in this special occasion.

