



**Emmanuel**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
STAUNTON VA



**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
RITE II

**APRIL 5, 2026**  
**10:30am**

**THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY**

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 SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

9am Lectionary Discussion Group  
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt  
5:30pm Centering Prayer (online)

MON 8:45am Morning Prayer

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

WED 8:45am Morning Prayer  
10-12 VPAS Café

THU 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 12)**

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, John K (Treasurer)

**SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY**

Officiant	The Rev. Paul Weber
Organist	Florence Jowers
Musicians	The Worship Band
	Carl Trost, trumpet
Welcomers	Bob Wiard
LEAs	Kethera Moore and Christianna Herrera
	Matthew Poteat
Intercessor	Katherine Turner
Lectors	Saul Herrera
Spanish Gospel	Mary Jane Joyce and Debra Casado
Altar Guild	Lucy and Jeff Gaines
A/V & Livestream	

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (APRIL 12) MORNING PRAYER**

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

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER P. 355

## PRELUDE

My Spirit Be Joyful • J.S. Bach

*The People stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

He is risen, he is risen! • Hymnal 180

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

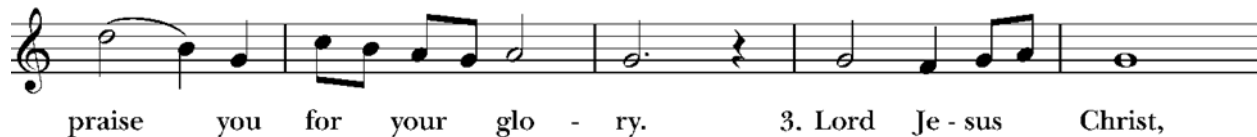
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**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 seat - ed 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.

**G**OD, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated for the Lessons.*

## CHOIR ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is ris'n again! • Richard Shephard



**I**F you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

Hail thee! Festival day • **Hymnal 175**  
**Stanzas 1-2**

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**A**FTER the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

**THE GOSPEL IN SPANISH**

Mateo 28:1-10

Santo evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo según Mateo  
**Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor.**

**D**ESPUÉS del sábado, al amanecer del primer día de la semana, María Magdalena y la otra María fueron a ver el sepulcro. Sucedió que hubo un terremoto violento porque un ángel del Señor bajó del cielo, se acercó al sepulcro, quitó la piedra y se sentó sobre ella. Su aspecto era como el de un relámpago y su ropa era blanca como la nieve. Los guardias tuvieron tanto miedo de él que se pusieron a temblar y quedaron como muertos. El ángel dijo a las mujeres: No Tengan miedo; sé que ustedes buscan a Jesús, el que fue crucificado. No está aquí, pues ha resucitado, tal como dijo. Vengan a ver el lugar donde estaba. Luego vayan pronto a decirles a sus discípulos: “Él se ha levantado de entre los muertos y va delante de ustedes a Galilea. Allí lo verán”. Eso vine a decirles. Así que las asustadas mujeres se alejaron a toda prisa del sepulcro, pero muy alegres corrieron a dar la noticia a los discípulos. En eso Jesús les salió al encuentro y las saludó. Ellas se acercaron, abrazaron sus pies y lo adoraron. No tengan miedo —dijo Jesús—. Vayan a decirles a mis hermanos que se dirijan a Galilea y allí me verán.

El evangelio del Señor.  
**Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

Hail thee! Festival day • **Hymnal 175**  
**Stanzas 3-4**

*The People are seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Paul Weber

*The People stand for the Renewal of Baptismal Vows and the Prayers of the People.*

## **THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

**T**HROUGH the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

*The People are sprinkled with Holy Water, reminding them that they too have passed through the waters of baptism.*



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.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**UR 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





1 Sleep - ers, look with wea - ry eyes to the sun - rise  
 2 Come, cast off your fear and gloom; see a - gain the  
 3 Peo - ple, look— the bod - y's gone: Christ is ris - en!



in the skies: watch cre - a - tion rise up, new,  
 emp - ty tomb; touch the emp - ty fu - n'ral bed;  
 Hope is come! Death to - day has lost its strength,



spark - ling with bap - tis - mal dew. Cel - e - brat - ing  
 hear the words the an - gel said. Emp - ty cross and  
 life no lon - ger longs for length. Christ has burst the



Eas - ter morn, now the world can be re - born.  
 emp - ty cave fill the prom - ise, "I will save."  
 bonds of death breath - ing God's life - giv - ing breath.

*Refrain*



Rise, now, ev - 'ry per - son, rise! Live your res - ur -



rec - tion lives. Sin and guilt be put a - way.



God has won the day!

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**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 EASTER BLESSING**

**A**LMIGHTY God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Jesus Christ is risen today • **Hymnal 207**

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE**

Awake, Thou Wintry Earth • J.S. Bach

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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		

**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*, Emmanuel also maintains a *Private 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 the Public or Private Prayer lists by notifying us in the Church Office by email at: [office@emmanuelstaunton.org](mailto:office@emmanuelstaunton.org) or by telephoning us at 540-886-8172.

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS:**

For the people of Emmanuel, Staunton.

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:** Bonnie Strassler and George Sproul

**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*



# EASTER HUNT & FLOWERS

This year Emmanuel is beginning a new tradition. Our annual Easter candy hunt will be held in our church yard! This move will bring all the fun, joy and community to our church home. Cookies, coffee, children and candy. Please remember to have your little ones bring their Easter baskets filled with flowers and they can leave with it full of candy. Everyone... adults, children, teens bring fresh flowers for the cross. Thanks.

*Lilies on the Altar are given*

*In Memoriam*

Ruth Balch  
Joe Balch  
Tom Carter  
Kit and Sam Carter  
Frances and Ruff Cline  
Marie and Tom Coffman  
Philip Geiger  
Kathleen and Warren (Buddy) Gilbert  
Henry Blount Hunter, Jr.  
Byrd Smith Hunter  
Charles Baird Hunter  
Eugenia Kirk Hurme  
Veikko O. Hurme  
Veikko A. Hurme  
Charles and Mary Joyce  
Elaine Schwartz Kolp  
Pamela Lott  
David Lott  
John and Edith Martin  
Mason and Irene Miller  
Martin Miller  
Dave Rapp  
Jeanne Rapp  
Richard and Betty Ruffi  
Carolyn Clarke Seibels

*In Honor*

Dean and Anne Carter Smith  
Ted and Sue Thomas  
Robert C. Wiard, Jr.  
Kat, Wes, Sam, Henley Ann,  
Collins, Lee and Ashley

