



**Emmanuel**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
STAUNTON VA

THE  
*Episcopal*  
CHURCH



## HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

March 29, 2026

10:30am

Palm Sunday

bringing **People&God** together

SPIRITUAL • INCLUSIVE • ENGAGED • COMPASSIONATE

**PALMS ARE  
AVAILABLE AT THE  
FRONT OF THE  
CHURCH FOR THOSE  
WHO DO NOT  
PROCESS.**

### 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

### SUNDAY MARCH 29

9am Lectionary Discussion Group  
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
5:30pm Centering Prayer (online)

MON

8:45 Morning Prayer  
6pm AI-Anon

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 (New Meeting Time!)

### FRIDAY Office Closed (every Friday)

7pm AA Meeting

SAT

10am AI-Anon

### Next SUNDAY (APRIL 5, EASTER DAY)

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	The Rev. Ed Covert
Organist	Florence Jowers
Welcomers	John Kolp and Doug Tuggle
Altar Server	Julian Poteat
LEAs	Christianna Herrera and Kethera Moore
Intercessor	Elaine Echols
Lectors	Saul Herrera
Passion Play Readers	Jim Lott, Kristin Holbrook, Saul Herrera, and John Kolp
Altar Guild	Hunter Hopkins & Mary Jane Joyce
A/V & Livestream	George Sproul and Julian Poteat

### SERVING NEXT WEEK (APRIL 5, EASTER SUNDAY)

Officiant	The Rev. Paul Weber
Organist	Florence Jowers
Welcomers	Jim Echols
Altar Server	
LEAs	Sally Hurme and Jim Lott
Intercessor	
Lectors	
Spanish Gospel Reader	
Altar Guild	
A/V & Livestream	
Coffee 'n' Cookies	

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER P. 270

## THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

The People stand for the Processional Hymn.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All glory, laud and honor • *Valet will ich dir geben* • Hymnal 154

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Presider: Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

### ANTHEM

Hosanna to the Son of David • Philip Le Bas

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

**T**HE Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 31:9-16 *Spoken by all.*

**H**AVE mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

## THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

**L**ET the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Je - sus, who,

though he was in the form of God, did not count e - qual - i - ty with God as

some - thing to be grasped, but emp - tied him - self in the form of a slave,

born in hu - man like - ness. Found in hu - man form, he

hum - bled him - self and be - came o - be - dient to death— ev - en death on a cross. There - fore

God al - so high - ly ex - alt - ed him and gave him the name a -

bove ev - 'ry name, that at the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee should

bend, in heav'n and on earth and un - der the earth, and ev - 'ry tongue should con -

fess to the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther: Je - sus Christ is Lord.

## THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

See separate booklet. The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The People are seated for the first part of the Passion Gospel. All stand at the verse which announces the arrival at Golgotha.

A period of silence follows the Passion.

### CHORAL RESPONSE

Senzenina (South African apartheid song)

Translation: What have I done?

### THE SERMON

The Rev. Ed Covert

The People stand for the Prayers of the People.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere.

For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our presiding bishop, for Karin our bishop-elect, for presbyters and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

For all nations, people, tribes, clans, and families.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

For justice, mercy, and peace in all the world

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying and the dead.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**People: To you, O Lord.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, whose Son humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: 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.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross • Hymnal 474

*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 GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP p. 361

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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*

David Hurd (b. 1950) • Hymnal S 124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

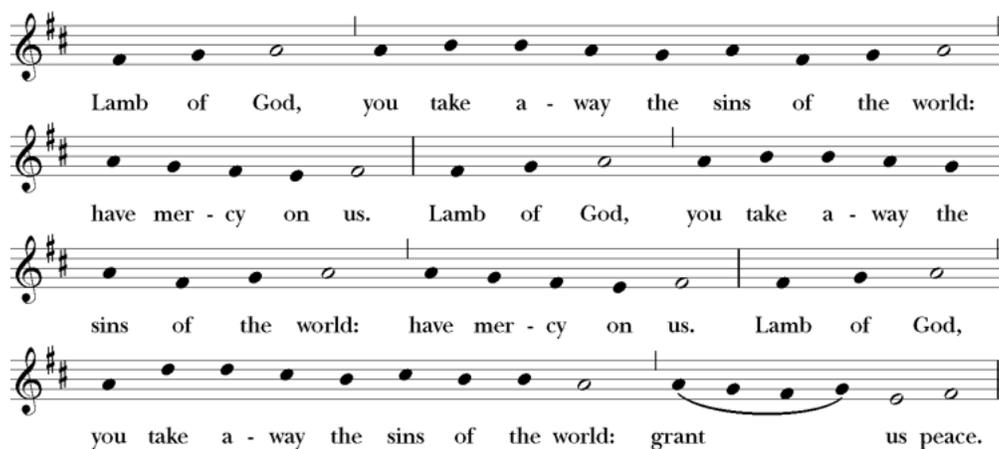
As now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**UR 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 BREAKING OF BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM

David Hurd (b. 1950) • Hymnal S 161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

Ah, holy Jesus • Hymnal 158  
There is a green hill far away • Hymnal 167

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

Let us pray.

**E**ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with the spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Ride on! Ride on in majesty • **Hymnal 156**

**DISMISSAL**

*The clergy dismisses the people and the people say:*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Given the solemnity of the day, please depart quietly.*

*There is no coffee hour today.*

**POSTLUDE**

Processional on The King's Majesty • Wilbur Held

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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

**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 St. Mark's, St. Paul and their rector, the Rev. John Church.

For Bishop-Elect Karin MacPhail

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

**CELEBRATIONS:**

**Birthdays:** Deborah Patton

**Anniversaries:** Rick and Libby Marks, Jeff Jones and Stephanie Bortner

**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*

## Spring Mission Trip to Grace House

We would like to invite you to come with us to Grace House on the Mountain. As you may know Grace House on the Mountain is a mission of the Episcopal Church. You've probably heard us talk about building wheelchair ramps on previous trips. However, Grace House offers much more than that, so we would like to expand the number of people making a trip.



We have reserved the facilities at Grace House from Tuesday, **April 7** through **Sunday, April 12** to accommodate as many schedules as possible. Stay for the week, the weekend, a few days, or just overnight. You're welcome to come for any length of time that works for you. Contact Jim Echols for more information, [jeechols@verizon.net](mailto:jeechols@verizon.net)

## Cookies for Kairos

**Cookies for Kairos Inside** are a special part of the ministry. Cookies are provided to the participating inmates throughout the weekend and are a popular reason to attend. Cookies are also provided to all the inmates as well as the prison staff. What a great way to get everyone on board! Most specially, each KI inmate is given a dozen cookies to give out to other inmates they want to forgive or receive forgiveness from. They are generally well used. I would like to invite you to help me bake cookies to help this ministry on **Monday March 30 at 1pm** at the church. I will provide the materials so I just need folks to come help put it together and bake the cookies. Let me know if you can come so I can prepare for everyone. Looking forward to working with you! Laura Barnett [snlncnp@gmail.com](mailto:snlncnp@gmail.com) or 540-556-0191.





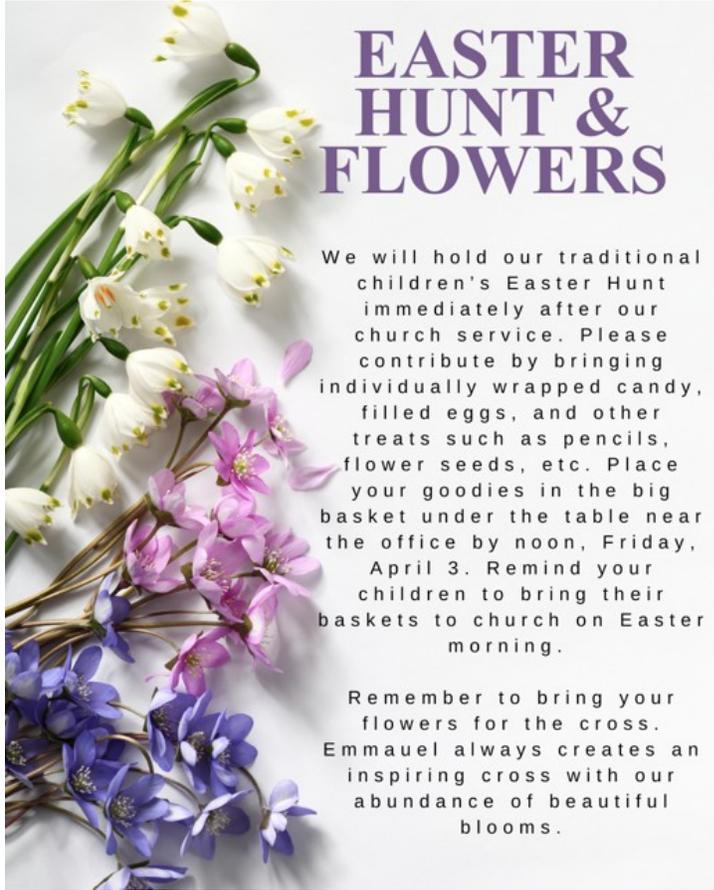
It's time to order

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# Easter Lilies

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*Easter lilies to adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 5 may be purchased for \$15 each. These may be given in honor or in memory of someone. Orders must be received no later than Monday, March 30. Please fill out the form located at the back of the church and return it to an usher or the church office with your enclosed payment.*



# EASTER HUNT & FLOWERS

We will hold our traditional children's Easter Hunt immediately after our church service. Please contribute by bringing individually wrapped candy, filled eggs, and other treats such as pencils, flower seeds, etc. Place your goodies in the big basket under the table near the office by noon, Friday, April 3. Remind your children to bring their baskets to church on Easter morning.

Remember to bring your flowers for the cross. Emmanuel always creates an inspiring cross with our abundance of beautiful blooms.



# Holy Week & Easter 2026

<p><b>Maundy Thursday, April 2</b>  <b>5:30pm</b> Soup Supper in Memorial Hall  <b>6:30pm</b> Rite II Eucharist for Stripping of the Altar and foot washing</p>	<p><b>Good Friday, April 3</b>  <b>10:30am</b> Stations of the Cross          (begins at Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library)  <b>Noon</b> Good Friday Liturgy at <i>Trinity</i>  <b>6:30pm</b> Good Friday Taize Service</p>	<p><b>Easter Sunday, April 5</b>  <b>10:30am</b> Holy Eucharist Rite II  <b>12pm</b> Easter Egg Hunt</p>
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**Monday, March 30 - Thursday, April 2**  
**8:45am** Morning Prayer  
 The church will be open for silent prayer from 9:15am-10am

**Tuesday, March 31**  
**5:30pm** Lectio Divina followed by Compline