



Emmanuel
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
STAUNTON VA

THE
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CHURCH



HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

May 24, 2026

10:30am

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

bringing **People&God** together

SPIRITUAL • INCLUSIVE • ENGAGED • COMPASSIONATE

INTRODUCTION TO PENTECOST

Pentecost (from the Greek *pentekoste*, 'fiftieth' of fifty days of celebration) has its roots in the Jewish *Feast of Weeks*, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter, God sends his Holy Spirit to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ has entrusted to it. Pentecost celebrates both the **Holy Spirit** and the birth of the **Church**. It was originally the crown and completion of the Easter season; only later, in the mediaeval West, did it become a new festival season of its own. After the Easter Vigil, the time of Pentecost was a preferred occasion for baptism in early Christian centuries, and the services of Pentecost also reflect this baptismal theme. Christ's disciples are *born again* of water and the Spirit—there is a new creation. Pray today that each one of us will be re-created as we meet with God once again in our worship.

Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the **new body of Christ**, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit - each one of us is to be a temple of the Spirit, so that we may be blessed and, in turn, be a blessing to others.

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

Questions? Contact Matthew Poteat at
rmpoteat@hotmail.com

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Day of Pentecost, MAY 24

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

MON

OFFICE CLOSED—MEMORIAL DAY
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 Al-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	Florence Jowers
Welcomers	Larry and Barbara Damico
Lectors	Steve Berneking
Spanish Gospel	Carlos Canales
Intercessor	
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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER P. 355

PRELUDE

Variations on 'Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire' • Maurice Duruflé

WELCOME

The people stand for the Processional Hymn.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Spirit divine, attend our prayers • **Hymnal 509**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALMIGHTY 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

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

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.

ALMIGHTY God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 2:1-21

WHEN the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:25-35, 37 *Spoken by all.*

○ LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.
37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire • **Hymnal 504**

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL IN SPANISH

Juan 20:19-23

Santo evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo según Juan.

Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor.

Al atardecer de aquel primer día de la semana, estando reunidos los discípulos a puerta cerrada por temor a los judíos, entró Jesús y poniéndose en medio de ellos, dijo: ¡La paz sea con ustedes! Dicho esto, les mostró las manos y el costado. Al ver al Señor, los discípulos se alegraron. ¡La paz sea con ustedes! repitió Jesús. Como el Padre me envió a mí, así yo los envío a ustedes. Acto seguido, sopló sobre ellos y les dijo: Reciban el Espíritu Santo. A quienes perdonen sus pecados, les serán perdonados; a quienes no se los perdonen, no les serán perdonados.

El evangelio del Señor.

Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

CHORAL RESPONSORY

We bless the Father • Mark Bender

After the Choral Responsory the people are seated.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

BCP P. 292-294

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

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People: 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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows:

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.

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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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 ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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



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

Everytime I Feel the Spirit • LEVAS 114

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all, standing*

Let us pray.

Almighty 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

Holy Spirit, ever living • **Hymnal 511**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Final Variation on 'Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire' • Maurice Duruflé

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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: 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 Lay Employees and Volunteers of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

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: Katherine Turner and Rick Marks

Anniversaries: Bob Wiard and Marianne Miller

The flowers on the altar are given by Bev and Steve Coffman to the glory of God and in loving memory of the birthday of

KIT CARTER