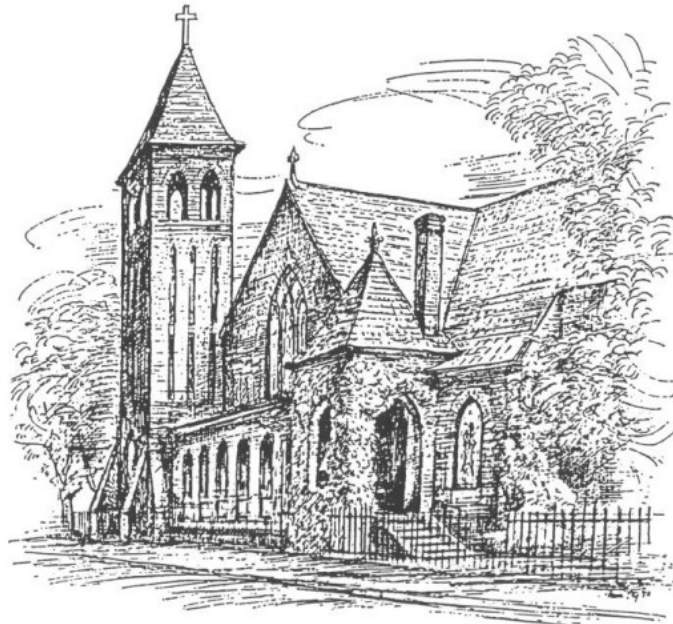




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HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

February 22, 2026

10:30am

The First Sunday in Lent

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**



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We remember and honor
the Indigenous people of the world,
especially the Monacan,
whose land that we now occupy
in this region which was once their home,
and was taken from them.

We give thanks for them
and express our gratitude
for their witness to living
in honorable and humble ways.

We remember
that the Earth does not belong to us;
rather, we belong to the Earth,
and that we belong to one human family.

May we learn from our past mistakes
and be instruments of justice and peace
for all.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

SUNDAY FEB 22	9am	Lectionary Discussion Group
	10:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	5:30pm	Centering Prayer (online)
MON	8:45	Moring Prayer
	6pm	Al-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	Al-Anon

Next SUNDAY at Emmanuel (MARCH 1)

10:30am Morning Prayer
12:00pm Rector Search Listening Session
5:30pm Centering Prayer (online)

LEADERSHIP

Vestry Members: Mitzi W, Skip B, Elijah D, Teresa H,
Kethera M, Ginny W, Robert W, Dan L
John K (Treasurer)

SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant	The Rev. Paul Weber
Organist	Florence Jowers
Welcomers	John Kolp
Altar Server	Michel Harmon
LEAs	Mitzi White and Bonnie Starcher
Intercessor	
Lectors	Jim Lott and Jim Roepke
Spanish Gospel Reader	Debbie Casado
Altar Guild	Jim Lott and Nicole Rutan
A/V & Livestream	Matthew Poteat and Bev Coffman
Coffee 'n' Cookies	

SERVING NEXT WEEK (MARCH 1)

Preachers	Matthew Poteat & Katherine Turner
Welcomers	Larry and Barbara Damico
Intercessor	Jim Lott
Lectors	Sally Hurme and Anne Auker
Altar Guild	Carter Hopkins and Hunter Hopkins
A/V & Livestream	Liz Benbow
Coffee 'n' Cookies	Rector Search Team

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER P. 355

PRELUDE

Adagio in A Minor • J. S. Bach

The people stand for the Great Litany and remain standing through the Collect of the Day.

THE GREAT LITANY *See insert.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

THE LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32 *Sung by all.*



HAPPY are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

**2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

**6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

**10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

**12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:12-19

AS sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

A mighty fortress is our God • Hymnal 688

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

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

JESUS was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

THE GOSPEL IN SPANISH

Mateo 5:13-20

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

LUEGO el Espíritu llevó a Jesús al desierto para ser tentado por el diablo. Después de ayunar cuarenta días y cuarenta noches, tuvo hambre. El tentador se acercó y le propuso: Si eres el Hijo de Dios, ordena a estas piedras que se conviertan en pan. Jesús respondió: Escrito está: "No solo de pan vive el hombre, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios".

Luego el diablo lo llevó a la ciudad santa e hizo que se pusiera de pie sobre la parte más alta del Templo y le dijo: Si eres el Hijo de Dios, tírate abajo. Pues escrito está: "Ordenará que sus ángeles te protejan y ellos te sostendrán en sus manos para que no tropieces con piedra alguna"

También está escrito: "No pongas a prueba al Señor tu Dios" contestó Jesús. De nuevo el diablo lo llevó a una montaña muy alta. Allí le mostró todos los reinos del mundo y su esplendor. Y le dijo: Todo esto te daré si te postras y me adoras. ¡Vete, Satanás! —dijo Jesús—. Porque escrito está: "Adora al Señor tu Dios y sírvele solamente a él". Entonces el diablo lo dejó y ángeles acudieron a servirle.

El evangelio del Señor.
Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

The People are seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Paul Weber

THE NICENE CREED

WE 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

The Priest 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 Priest stands and says:

ALMIGHTY God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, who throughout these forty days • **Hymnal 142**

*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

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Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

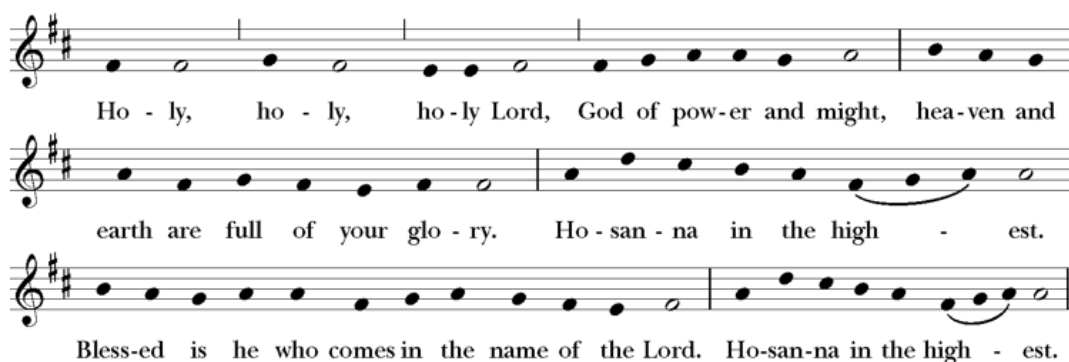
People

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:



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.

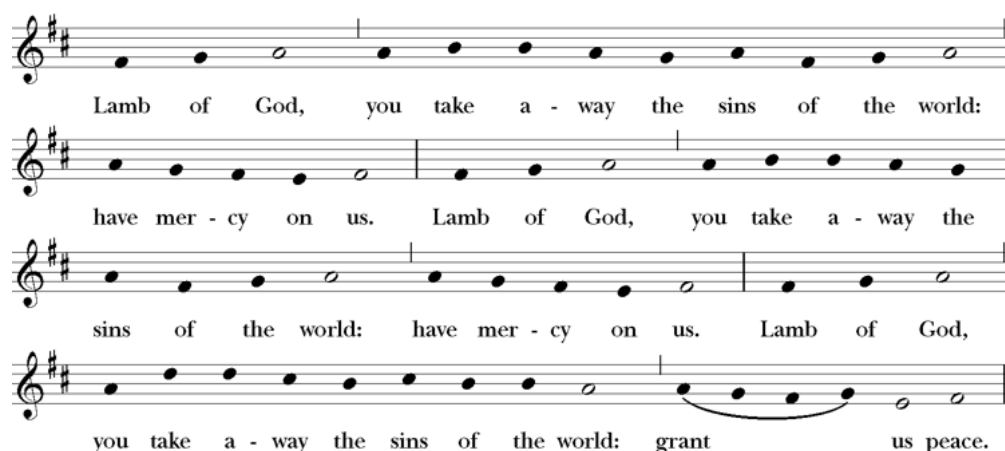
As now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR 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



COMMUNION HYMN

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord • Hymnal 328

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all, standing*

Let us pray.

Eternal 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

O love, how deep, how broad, how high • Hymnal 449

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Agincourt Hymn • John Dunstable

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FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Blount & Baird	Betty	Mary
Wayne & Wendy	Jeff	Linda
Jim & Janet	Ruth	Diane
Nancy	Fabian	Matilda
Neal	Lee	Paula
Carter	Webster	Bill C
Trace	Libby	Jeff J
Joseph C		

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*, 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 or by telephoning us at 540-886-8172.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS:

For the people of St. James, Roanoke and their priest-in-charge, the Rev. Joseph Butler.

For Bishop-Elect Karin MacPhail

Our companion Anglican / Episcopal Dioceses of:

-Leeds (*Church of England*), and its Bishop, Nick+

-The Diocese of Haiti

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays: Mary Bird Hadfield, Sam Starcher, Steve Berneking, Rosemary Mitchell, Dan Lynn

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

The Parish Survey is LIVE Through Wednesday, February 25

You still have a few more days to participate in the survey portion of our parish self-study process. The Rector Search Committee invites you to join us in discerning who we are as a parish and what characteristics our next Rector should possess.

Any member of your household age 12 or older is welcome to use the link below to complete a confidential survey. There are no right or wrong answers to survey questions, and you should feel free to skip any question you do not wish to answer. Most people should be able to complete the survey in less than 15 minutes.

Scan the QR code to take the survey.



We request that you respond to this survey online, if at all possible. This will greatly help us in collecting your responses. If you prefer to use a paper survey, please contact the Church Office. Completed paper surveys should be returned to the Church Office by **Wednesday, February 25**.

And don't forget our Listening Session after worship on Sunday, March 1. Please add it to your calendar.

If you have any questions or concerns about the self-study process, please contact John Smallwood (johnsmallwood@outlook.com / 301-633-8261).

Lectio Divina and Compline Online Groups

Stay Warm & Comfy at Home

Join our Lectio Divina and Compline on Zoom

Tuesdays at 5:30pm

In this dark, cold and icy time of year, you can join Emmanuel's Lectio Divina online group from the comfort of your home. We meet on zoom.

We meditate on a Scripture passage and close with celebrating Compline. In about 45 minutes, we let God lift our spirits.

To receive a zoom link, email John Smallwood at johnsmallwood@outlook.com.



Donations Needed for the Blessing Box

Hi, friends! As you buy your weekly groceries, please remember our Blessing Box, which is running low, low, low on food. That outdoor free food box really meets a need that low income and homeless people use every day, all day long. So, when you do your shopping, please consider picking up a couple extra cans (with pull off lids) or boxes of healthy ready-to-eat food. Our collection box is near the front door of the sanctuary.



Evensong in Honor of Black History Month

Join Trinity Episcopal on **February 22 at 6 pm** for their next Evensong. In honor of Black History Month, the Senior Choristers are showcasing the works of trailblazing Black composers. The service features Wayne Marshall's 1982 setting of Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C, composed during his tenure as Organ Scholar at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Marshall's work seamlessly blends sophisticated jazz harmonies with traditional structures, securing its reputation as a modern staple of the Anglican choral repertoire.

The celebration continues with the soulful African American Spiritual "I want Jesus to walk with me" and organ voluntaries by the pioneering Florence Price. In 1932, Price made history as the first Black female composer to win the prestigious Wanamaker Composition Competition, and her music remains a testament to her extraordinary legacy.

