



**Emmanuel**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
STAUNTON VA

THE  
*Episcopal*  
CHURCH



## HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE II

April 26, 2026

10:30am

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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 4, APRIL 26

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

MON

Office Open 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4pm  
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 AI-Anon Meeting

Next SUNDAY (MAY 3)

10:30am Brunch Church  
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. Sarah Hess
Organist	Louise Temple-Rosebrook
Welcomers	Larry and Barbara Damico
Lectors	Laura Barnett and Trace Stokes
Spanish Gospel	Riikka Halme-Berneking
Intercessor	Matthew Poteat
Eucharistic Ministers	Mitzi White and Jim Lott
Altar Server	
Altar Guild	Mary Jane Joyce and Debra Casado
A/V & Livestream	Gillian Starcher and Bev Coffman

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (MAY 3, BRUNCH CHURCH)**

Officiant	The Rev. Kristin Holbrook
Music	The Worship Band
Welcomers	
Lector	Deborah Patton
Intercessor	Laura Barnett
Altar Guild	Nicole Rutan and Deborah Patton

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER P. 355

## PRELUDE

Processional on "Thine Is The Glory" • Handel (1685-1759)  
arr. David Lasky (b. 1957)

*The people stand for the Processional Hymn.*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell • **Hymnal 377**

## 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

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.

**G**OD, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated for the Lessons.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

**T**HOSE who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23 *Spoken by all.*

**T**HE Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## THE SECOND LESSON

I Peter 2:19-25

**I**T is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us • **Hymnal 708**

## **THE GOSPEL**

John 10:1-10

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**ESUS said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE GOSPEL IN SPANISH**

Juan 10:1-10

Santo evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo según Juan.

**Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor.**

**L**ES aseguro que el que no entra por la puerta al redil de las ovejas, sino que trepa y se mete por otro lado, es un ladrón y un bandido. El que entra por la puerta es el pastor de las ovejas. El portero le abre la puerta y las ovejas oyen su voz. Llama por nombre a las ovejas y las saca del redil. Cuando ya ha sacado a todas las que son suyas, va delante de ellas y las ovejas lo siguen porque reconocen su voz. Pero jamás seguirán a un desconocido; más bien, huirán de él porque no reconocen la voz del extraño.

Jesús les puso este ejemplo, pero ellos no captaron el sentido de sus palabras. Por eso volvió a afirmar: Les aseguro que yo soy la puerta de las ovejas. Todos los que vinieron antes de mí eran unos ladrones y unos bandidos, pero las ovejas no les hicieron caso. Yo soy la puerta; el que entre por esta puerta, que soy yo, será salvo. Podrá entrar y salir con libertad y hallará pastos. El ladrón no viene más que a robar, matar y destruir; yo he venido para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia.

El evangelio del Señor.

**Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.**

*The People are seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Sarah Hess

## THE NICENE CREED

**W**E 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.**

## 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

Shepherd of souls • Hymnal 343

*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 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 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

Paul D. Weber

Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the

feast. Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### COMMUNION HYMN

The King of love my shepherd is • Hymnal 645

**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**

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing • Hymnal 334

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

Choral Song • S.S. Wesley  
(1810-1876)

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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	Jim and Janet	Joanna
Breiley	Monica and her infant son	
Charles D		

**Departed:** Stephen Moore, Linda Miller,  
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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 St. John’s, Waynesboro and their rector, the Rev. Tom DuMontier.

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:** Madison Brown, Mary Evans Lott, James Gray

The altar flowers are given by Allen Earman to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of the Birthday of

**ROBERT EARMAN**

## Altar Flower Donations Needed

Please consider offering to donate flowers in honor, in memory, or in thanksgiving for someone or something. Our new flower vendor, River Hill Gardens will provide flowers at \$45/vase, a total of \$90. If you have special requests for color or flower type, please contact Bev Coffman or Caitlin Long and we will try to accommodate your request.



Available upcoming dates include:

May 10, 24 and 31

June 14, 21 and 28

July 12, 19 and 26



Sign up using the QR code.

## Now Accepting Gibbs-Lotz Scholarship Applications

J. Lewis Gibbs-Lotz Scholarships in memory of long-time rector, "Papa" Gibbs and his daughter, Josephine "Jo" Gibbs Lotz are available to communicants of Emmanuel and their children to further their education.

*A communicant is defined by the Canons of the Church as:*

1. Having been baptized (Title I, Canon 16, Sect. 2)
2. Is regular in participation in Sunday worship (Title II, Canon I and Title I, Canon 16, Sect. 2)
3. Has received communion at least **three** times (unless for good cause prevented) in the past year (Title I, Canon 16, Sect. 3).

Contact the Church Office for an application form which must be filled out and returned to the office **by Monday, June 1**

## Stewardship at Emmanuel

Stewardship is an annual event that is important to the stability and strength of our church and the community. We have a few people willing to meet to explore ways to help make stewardship a meaningful as well as fun community experience. We could use a few more people to help with ideas and to help make the annual event happen. This does not require any care or effort with numbers or deciding how to spend the money. This is more of a creative and community oriented focus. If you value stewardship and its importance to our church family please consider bringing your talents to the table! You can contact Laura Barnett 540-556-0191 for questions and to volunteer. We plan to meet May 1, but can work with different schedules if needed.

