Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.



We are glad that you are here today — to worship God, renew your spirit, deepen your faith, meet new friends, and find new ways to serve.

Children are very welcome in worship — In the pews, the chapel Prayground, or the parish hall! Childcare is available in the nursery during the service.

If you are a visitor or newcomer, we welcome you!

A full-service bulletin is available - just ask an usher.

We invite you to sign the guest register or scan the QR code in the bulletin so we can let you know of upcoming services and events.

To conserve our use of paper, the ushers have printed copies of today's lectionary. Full service bulletins are available on our website along with the weekly announcements: www.emmanuelepiscopal.org.

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We respectfully recognize that we are on traditional, ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Myaamia, Očhéthi, Šakówin, O-ga-xpa Ma-zhoⁿ (O-ga-xpa) and Osage Nations. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that removed these people from their ancestral lands and affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today as we all work towards racial justice, equity, liberation for all people.

Welcome



The Word of God, BCP p. 355

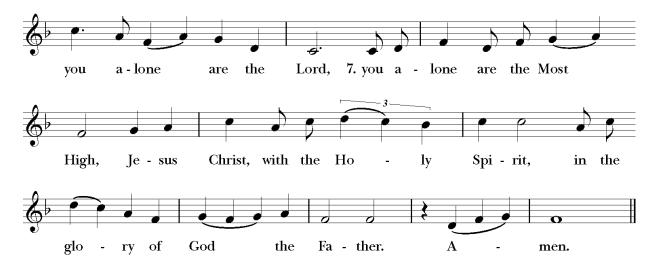
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

The Gloria, Hymnal S-280





The Collect of the Day, BCP p. 225

Celebrant: God be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from Acts.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him

no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. (8:26-40)

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30, Deus, deus meus, BCP p. 612

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

A reading from the first letter of John.

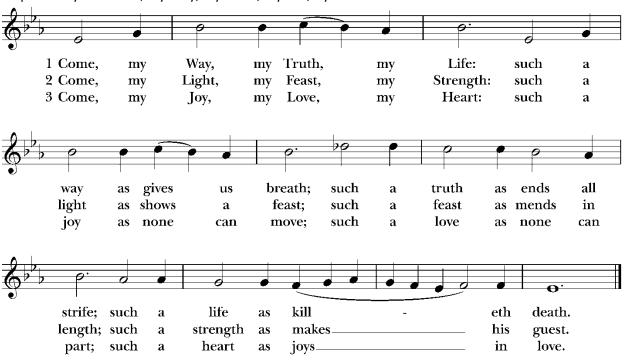
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (4:7-21)

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life, Hymnal 487



Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: The Call, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." (15:1-8)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Sujanna Raj

A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.

The Nicene Creed, BCP p. 358

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

Leader: As we are brought together as branches of the true vine, Jesus Christ, we pray, Risen Lord ...

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God who sent his only Son as the savior of the world so that we might live through him:

For our lives, our families, our companions, and all those we love,

For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. For the splendor of this earth give to us by God as our home to tend with loving care.

Let us give thanks to the God of Life, praying, Risen Lord ...

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the Church, that we may be filled with true disciples, bearing much fruit:

- Let us pray for our clergy and our bishops;
- For all the lay people who minister in the church, and lovingly serve the world as the community of the Church;
- In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Ladue;
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of Bangladesh;
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for the people and ministry of Parroquia Ayudada La Resurreccion in Manati;
- Locally, we pray for Webster-Rock Hill Ministries its clients, staff, volunteers, and supporters;

Praying, Risen Lord ...

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for the world and its leaders, and our nation and its people, that all may work for

justice and peace, bringing an end to war, destruction, and oppression, praying especially for

the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, praying, Risen Lord ...

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for those who are sick, especially ..., all who suffer, the hungry, the homeless, the

oppressed, prisoners, immigrants, and all who live in fear of separation of home and family. We pray for those who struggle with addiction or difficult demands of daily life, and those we name either silently or aloud [pause], that the hope born of Easter may give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and closer communion with the God who redeems and restores,

praying, Risen Lord ...

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for those who have died, especially ... that they be welcomed to new and eternal

life, embraced by God and the communion of Saints; praying, Risen Lord ...

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution, BCP p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 Peace

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes. Y con tu espíritu.
Christu shanti meetho ellapudu undunnugaka. Neetho kooda.
The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Those with birthdays or anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem: This Joyful Eastertide, William H. Harris (1883-1973)

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now hath Christ arisen. My flesh in hope shall rest, And for a season slumber: Till shouts from east to west Shall wake the dead in number.

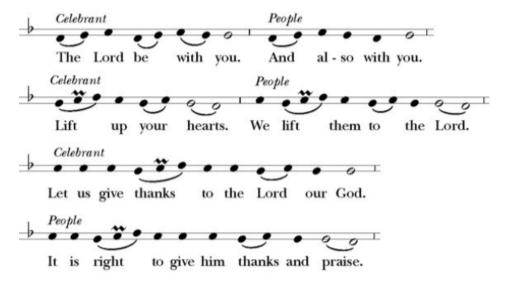
Death's flood hath lost his chill, Since Jesus cross'd the river: Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver.

The gifts are brought forward as the congregation sings the Doxology

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, Hymnal S-120

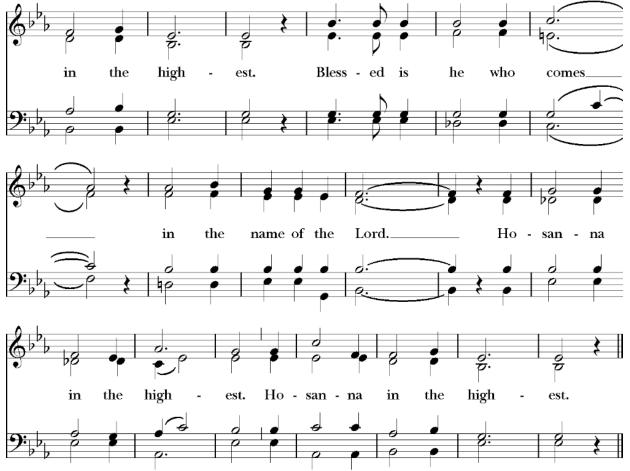


Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

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:





Music: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Congregation kneels, stands or sits. The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.



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

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 the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is God's table. All are welcome to receive communion.

Gluten-free bread is available; please ask the clergy.

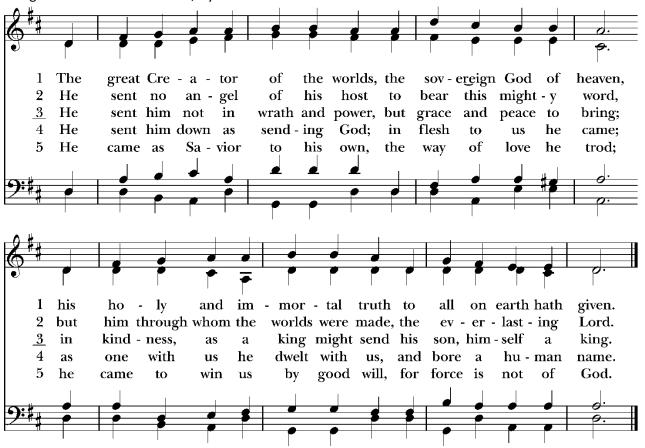
Intinction is offered by the clergy in the center aisle.

The common cup is offered by the Eucharistic Ministers at the side aisles.

So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. ~ The Four-fold Franciscan blessing

Communion Hymns:

The great Creator of the worlds, Hymnal 489



6 Not to oppress, but summon all their truest life to find, in love God sent his Son to save, not to condemn mankind.

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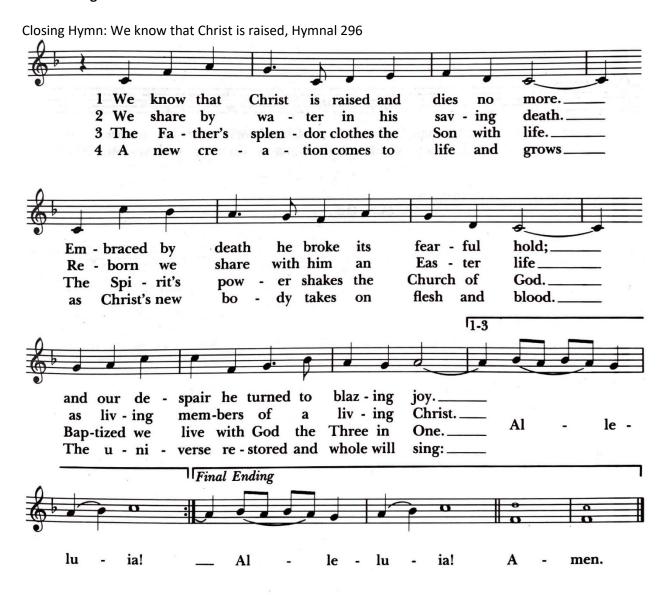
The Commendation of the Eucharistic Visitors

The people kneel, stand, or sit.

After communion, the Celebrant says: (BCP p. 365) 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 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



Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.

Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude: Marcia (Symphony No. 3), Charles-Marie Widor

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer

Preacher The Rev. Sujanna Raj

Candidate Mandi Rice
Minister of Ceremonies Penny Allen

Lector Mandi Rice

Psalmist/Epistoler Davis Allen
Intercessor Lynn Stephenson

Acolytes Lydia Sabath, Sofia Mancini, Riley Sabath

Eucharistic Ministers Davis Allen, Janet Dobbs

Ushers Cathi Boyd, Ed Lindner, Betsy Lindner, Dolanimi Okuyemi

Organist and Director of Music Jae Young Park

Emmanuel Choir Section Leaders Lauren Romano, Patrick Zelaya

Emmanuel Children's Choir Director Lauren Romano

Vestry Representative Charlie Walch
Eucharistic Visitor Janet Dobbs

Tech Minister Nick Romano

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DIVINE PURPOSE STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE that we are called to live in service to others following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior, helping to heal a broken world and preserve God's creation. We believe God calls us to accept and celebrate everyone - LGBTQIA+, race/ethnicity, status, age, or ability - no exceptions.

WE WORSHIP in community, in-person and online. Grounded in the Book of Common Prayer, our prayer and music embraces diversity of spiritual life. All are invited to receive Holy Eucharist at God's table and to participate in worship. Children are a valued presence and contribute to worship.

WE SERVE all of God's people in partnership with our local, national, and international neighbors, learning from them and working with them toward true justice and equitable access to God's abundance.





The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, Bishop of Missouri
The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer, Priest-in-Charge
The Rev. Sujanna Raj, Associate Priest
The Rev. Jerre Birdsong, Deacon
The Rev. Dr. Warren E. Crews, Priest Affiliate
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