Emmanuel Episcopal Church



6th Sunday After Pentecost

July 5, 2026

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, in the chapel Prayground, or in the parish hall!
There is no Children's Chapel during summer.

If you are a visitor or newcomer, we welcome you! We invite you to sign the guest register or scan the QR code at the back of the bulletin so we can let you know of upcoming services and events.

Full-service bulletins are available on our website along with the weekly announcements:
www.emmanuelepiscopal.org. Wi-Fi: Emmanuel Guest - Password: Behold961

The 9:30 am service is live-streamed.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We respectfully recognize that we are on traditional, ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Myaamia, Očhéthi, Šakówin, O-ga-xpa Ma-zho^{n} (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 toward racial justice, equity, and liberation for all people.

Prelude: Fanfare for the Common Man — Aaron Copland

Opening Hymn: People of God — Voices Found 109

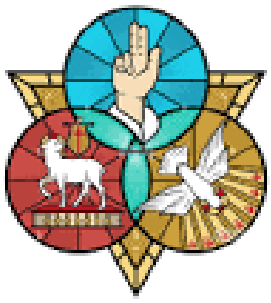


Refrain

Come, let us join in the hea - ven - ly dance,

prais - ing in joy - ous ce - le - bra - tion.

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The Word of God

Priest: Blessed is the one, holy, and living God.
People: Glory to God forever and ever.

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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. (9:9-12)

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-15 Exaltabo te, Deus BCP. p. 801

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.
So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! (7:15-25a)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's church.
People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand in body or spirit for the hymn.

Sequence Hymn: Take My Hand, Precious Lord — Lift Every Voice and Sing 106

Before the Gospel: vs. 1 & 2 | After the Gospel: vs. 3



WORDS and MUSIC: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (11:16-19, 25-30)

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

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: Adapted (Inclusive and Expansive Language) *All standing in body or spirit.*

We believe in one God, the Holy One, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation this Word came down from heaven: was incarnate from the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, and became truly human. For our sake Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate; suffered death and was buried. On the third day Christ rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Creator. Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and God's reign will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Creator; who with the Creator and the Christ is worshiped and glorified; who 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: All who are weary and heavy burdened, come let us offer prayers to God for all those in every need, praying, Lord, hear us…

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may enter into your presence with joy and gladness:

- For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Valori, Susanna, Jerre, Mandi, Paul, Warren, and Susie our clergy, and for all the holy people of God;
- In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Charles; we pray for our Connections partner The Faith Christian Church of India;
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and The Anglican Church of South America;
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Pastoral Universitariaz;
- In our parish family, we pray in thanksgiving for the providers of Sunday morning hospitality and for the outreach ministry of the EarthLove Pillar of Faith in Action;
- For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week**;**

We pray, Lord, hear us…

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For all nations and their leaders, for mercy, justice, and peace throughout the world, especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East; and as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation this weekend, we pray that we bring an end to our divisions and mistrust and be a people of equity, integrity, and goodwill; we pray, Lord, hear us…

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the hungry, homeless, and the oppressed, for all immigrants and refugees, those in detention, those who live in fear of separation from their homes and families, and for all those who suffer from any illness or pain and their caregivers; we pray, Lord, hear us…

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We pray for all victims of violence and their families and loved ones, and for those who live in fear of violence, particularly those in our own city; we pray for the victims of last year's tornado who still suffer from its impact; we pray, Lord, hear us…

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need and ask for strength in our trials; in our parish family, we pray for Bill, Ken, Madison, and those we name either silently or aloud [pause]; we pray for all who struggle with the relentless demands of addiction, that God may strengthen them in their recovery; for those serving in the armed forces; we pray, Lord, hear us…

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For our families, friends, and companions, and all those we love; we pray Lord, hear us…

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: We pray for those who have died into eternal rest, Patricia Ulmer Barry, and for those who grieve, that light perpetual may shine upon them; Lord, hear us…

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The Celebrant may add a Concluding Collect.

The Confession

Deacon/Priest: Let us confess our sins to God.

People: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
People: Amen.

The Peace

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.	***Y con tu espiritu.***
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 *The 'Little Churches' offering today goes to local tornado relief.*

Offertory Anthem How Can I Keep From Singing — Robert Lowry
Shari Kelts, soloist

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off song that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me roars, I know the truth. It liveth.
What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night, it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The Doxology *The people stand in body or spirit.*

The offerings are brought forward as the congregation sings the Doxology to the tune of Old Hundredth

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.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

The Holy Eucharist *The people stand in body or spirit.*

Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

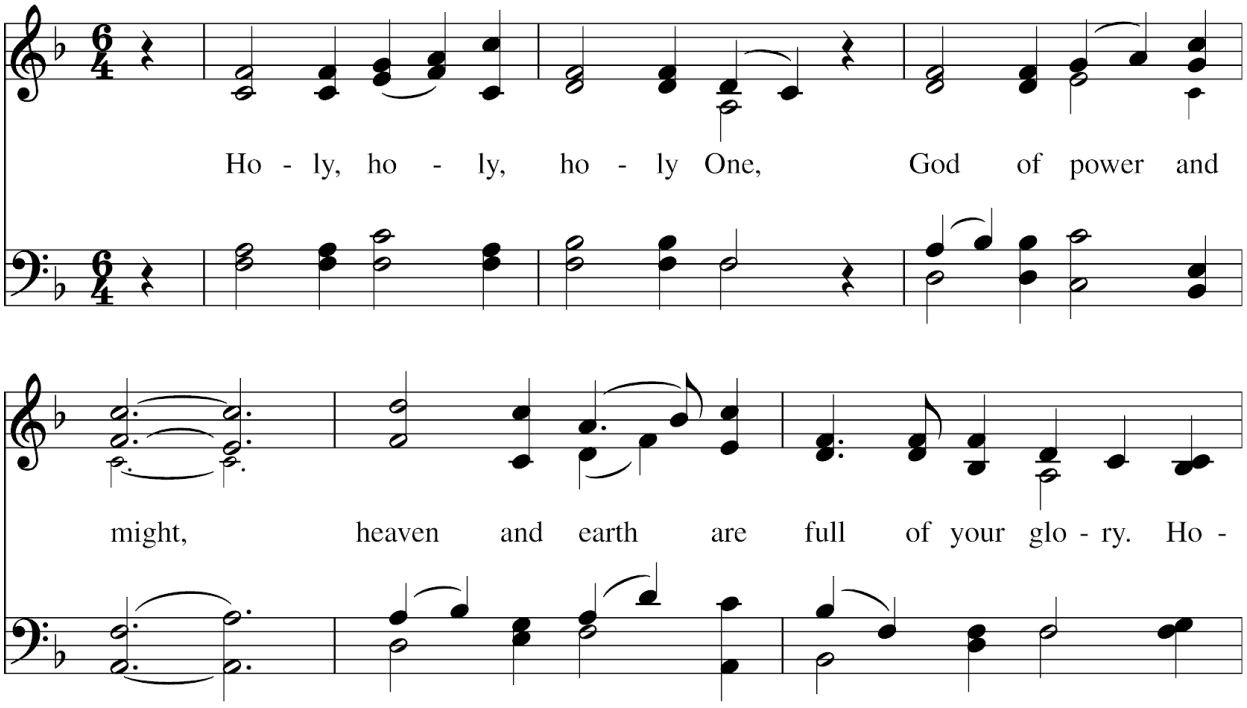
All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People

At 8:30: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is <u>the one</u> who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

At 9:30: Wonder, Love & Praise 858





Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

The Celebrant continues. The people may sit, stand, or kneel.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say in the language of our hearts,

Our Father, who are 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.

Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

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!

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, where all are welcome to receive communion. 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 or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. ~ Adapted from the Iona Community invitation

About receiving Communion at Emmanuel:

The fullness of this sacrament is received by taking one or both kinds (bread and wine).

The ushers will guide you to Communion.

Bread: All of our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free, soy-free, vegan, and dairy-free. The communion bread will be offered into your hands, not your mouth.

Wine: You may choose intinction (the clergy will dip the Communion bread into wine). Please do not reach into the cup of wine.

OR you may choose to drink from the common cup offered by the Eucharistic Minister.

Blessing: If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn: Rock of ages, cleft for me Hymnal 685



Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).



Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

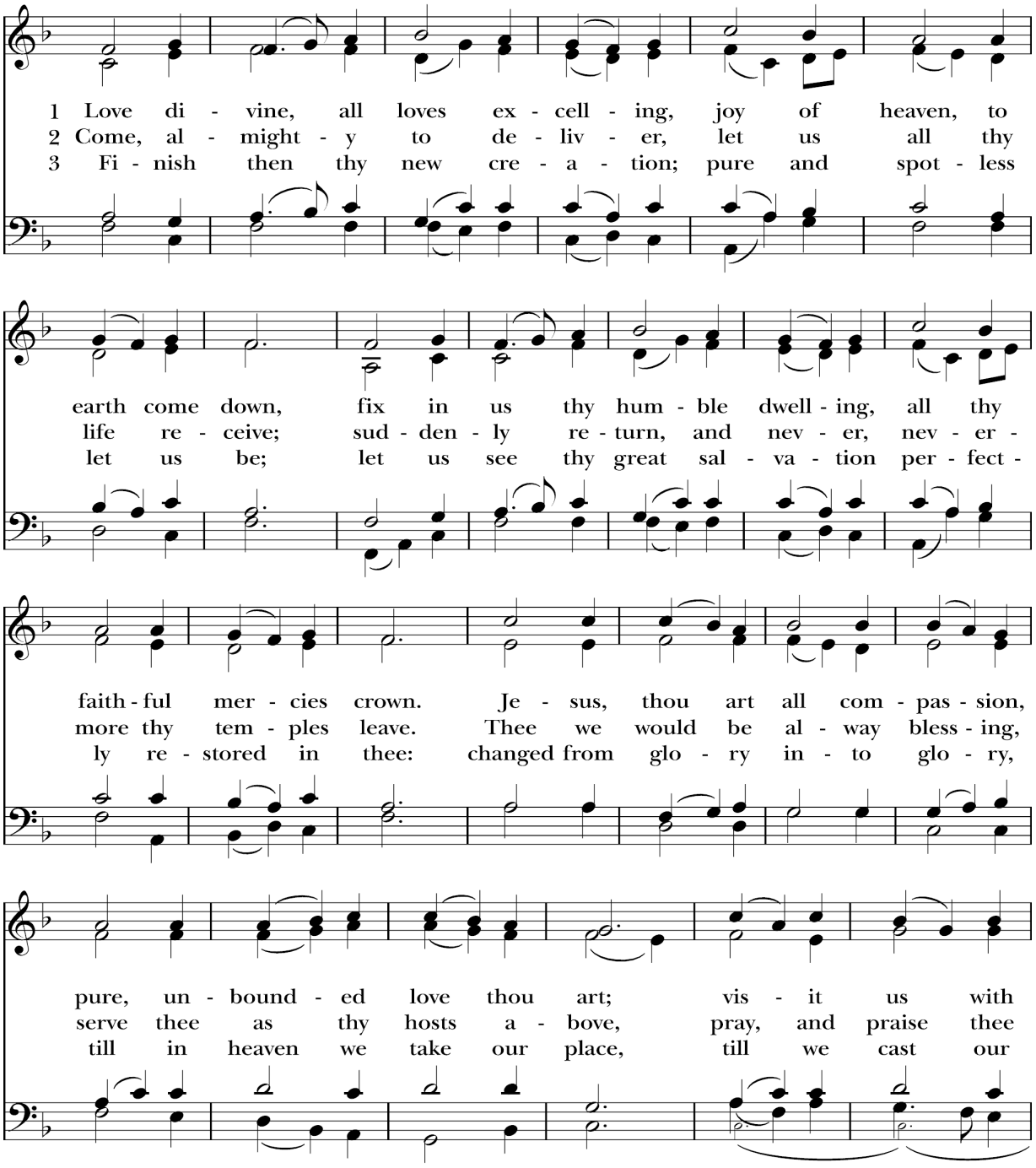
The Commendation of the Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **Eternal God, 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… that we may serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing *The people stand in body or spirit for the closing hymn.*

Closing Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling Hymnal 657





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

The Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go into the broken places of this world to sow the compassion of Christ. Go into the hurting places of this world to share the healing of Christ. Go into the lonely places of this world to be the love of Christ. Go in peace. Go in hope. Go in love. Go with God!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Fanfare for the Common Man (reprise) Aaron Copland

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Pat Dionne and Elinor and Stephen Thornton by Barbara Dionne.

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD AT EMMANUEL - from our online Calendar.

5	JUL, SUN	All day	Pentecost 6
		8 – 9am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		9:30 – 10:30am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		10:30 – 10:45am	Coffee & Biscuits
		6:30 – 7:30pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
8	JUL, WED	8 – 9am	Bible Study via Zoom
		4 – 5pm	Light to the Nations grocery pick-up
		7 – 8pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
9	JUL, THU	6 – 7pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
10	JUL, FRI	6 – 6:30pm	BLM Vigil
11	JUL, SAT	10:30 – 11:30am	Julie Schrautemeier - Committal Service
		5:30 – 7pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)

OUR 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 - LGBTQIA2S+, 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.



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