Emmanuel Episcopal Church



Day of Pentecost

May 24, 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 will be no Children's Chapel today.

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

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: Choral varié sur le thème du “Veni Creator Spiritus” Maurice Duruflé

Opening Hymn: Holy Spirit, ever living Hymnal 511



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The Word of God

Priest: 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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God Creator,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of God. 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 God: 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, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; 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 the book of Acts.

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.' " (2:1-21)

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

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Benedic, anima mea BCP. p. 735

25 O 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!

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

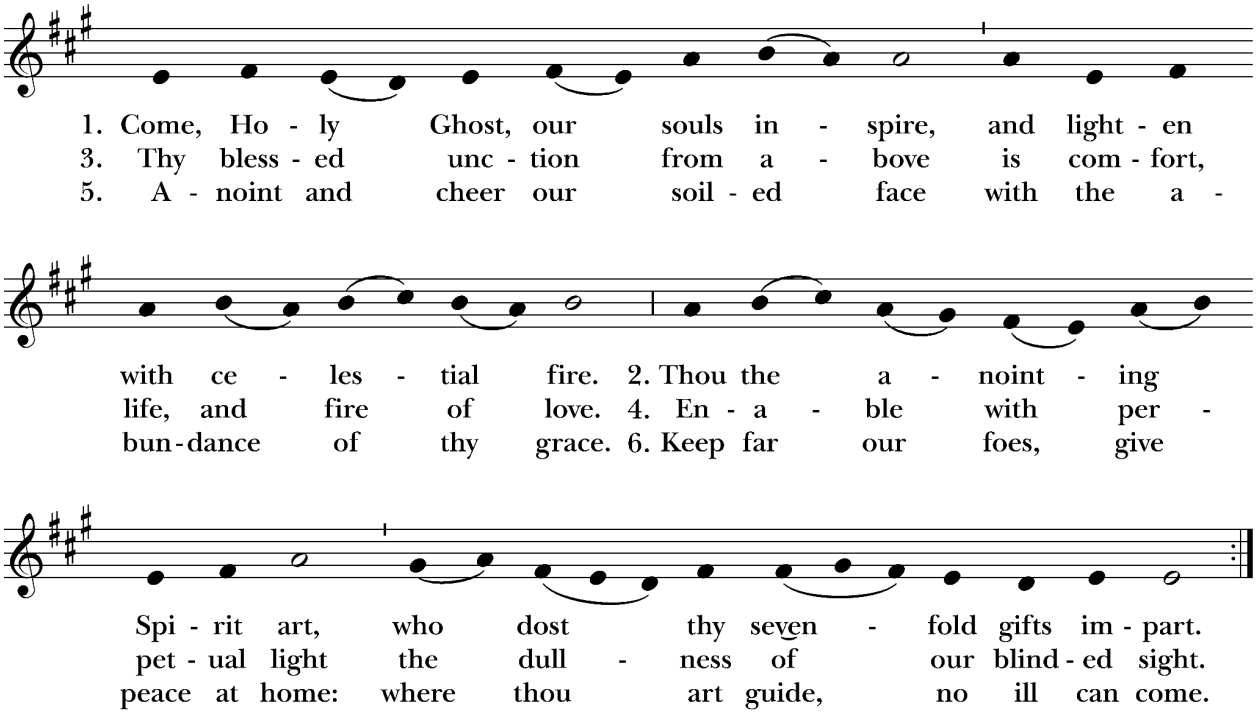
No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation 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. (12:3b-13)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand in body or spirit.

Sequence Hymn: Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire Hymnal 504

Before the Gospel: vs. 1-4 | After the Gospel: vs. 5-6



Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: 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 Jewish leadership, 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.” (20:19-23)

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) *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.

Prayers of the People *The people are seated.*

Leader: In the power of the Spirit who aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray, let us offer to God our intercessions, thanksgivings, and the deep yearnings of our hearts, praying…
People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit which God instills in us to serve God’s people all our days: We give thanks for our lives, our families, our companions, and all those we love. Let us give thanks to the God of Life, praying…
People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Let us pray for the Church, that we may be empowered with your Spirit:

- For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Valori, Susanna, Jerre, Mandi, Paul, Warren, and Susie our clergy, and for all the lay people who lovingly serve the world in the ministry of the Church;
- In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for all the people and ministry of Grace African Christian Connections in St. Louis; 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 for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines;
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mision Adscrita Principe de Paz in Ponce;
- In our parish family, we pray in thanksgiving for our tech ministers and for our outreach ministry to our International Students;
- For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week**;** praying…

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all your people in this world, especially the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East, and our nation, that all may be unrelenting in work for justice and peace; we pray for an end to war; praying…

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all who are sick, hungry, homeless or oppressed, all who suffer, those in prison, all immigrants and refugees, and all who live in fear of separation of their homes and families. We pray for all who are serving and deployed in the armed forces. We pray for those who struggle with addiction or difficult demands of daily life; praying…

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need; in our parish family, we pray for Mary and Larry 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…

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: We pray for all who were impacted by the destruction of the tornado in St. Louis last May, all who serve to bring about recovery, and all who continue to live in its aftermath with the loss of their homes and property; praying…

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: We pray for those who have died, Bob Belloli, that they be welcomed to new and eternal life, embraced by God and the communion of saints; praying…

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

Offertory Anthem: O Day Full of Grace arr. F. Melius Christiansen
Emmanuel Choir

O day full of grace, which we behold
now gently to view ascending,
thou over the earth thy reign unfold,
good cheer to all mortals lending,
that children of light in ev'ry clime
may prove that night is ending.

How blest was that gracious midnight hour
when God in our flesh was given;
then flushed the dawn with light and pow'r
that spread o'er the darkened heaven;
then rose o'er the world that sun divine
which gloom from our hearts hath driven.

Yea, were ev'ry tree endowed with speech,
and every leaflet singing,
they never with praise God's worth could reach,
though earth with their praise be ringing.
Who fully could praise the light (Lord) of the life
who light to our souls is bringing?

With joy we depart for the promised land,
And there we shall walk in endless light.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer *The people sit, stand, or kneel.*

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

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

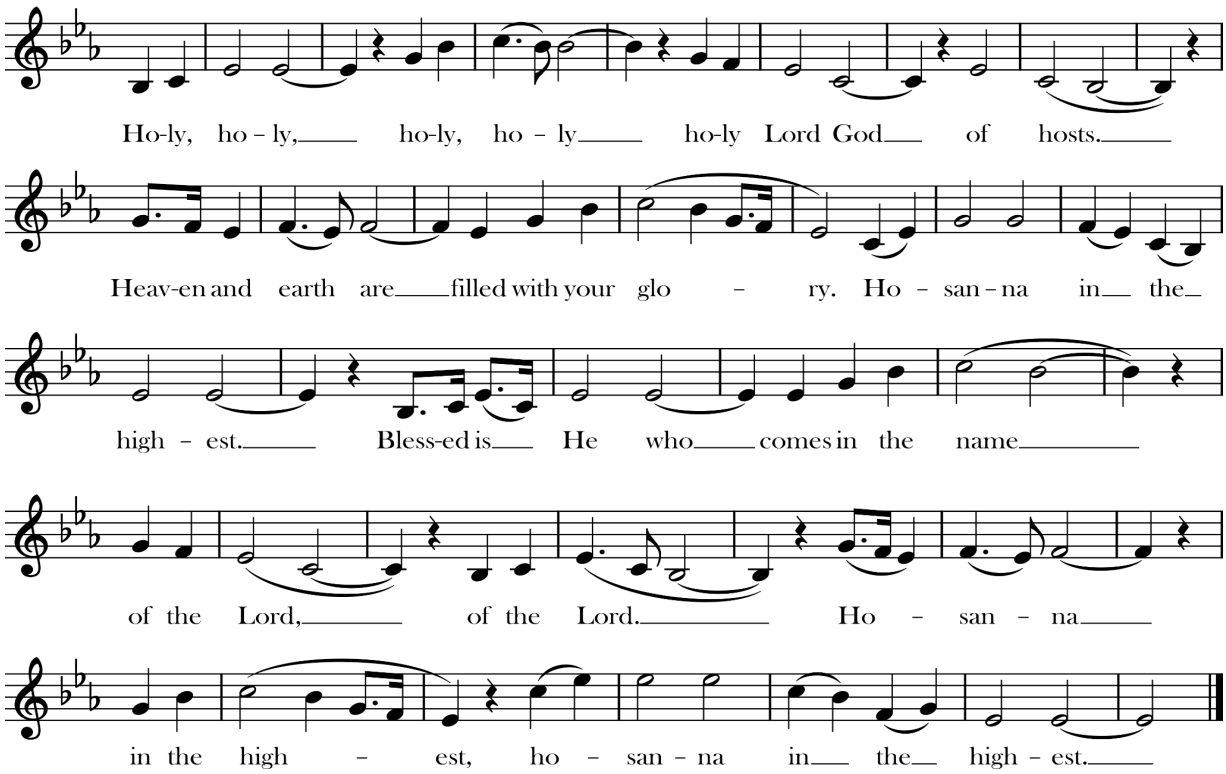
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of the true promise, the Holy Spirit came down 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 Lift Every Voice and Sing 255



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Holy and gracious God: 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, O God, Creator 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:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say - once again 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 Anthem: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts — Robert Lehman
Emmanuel Small Ensemble

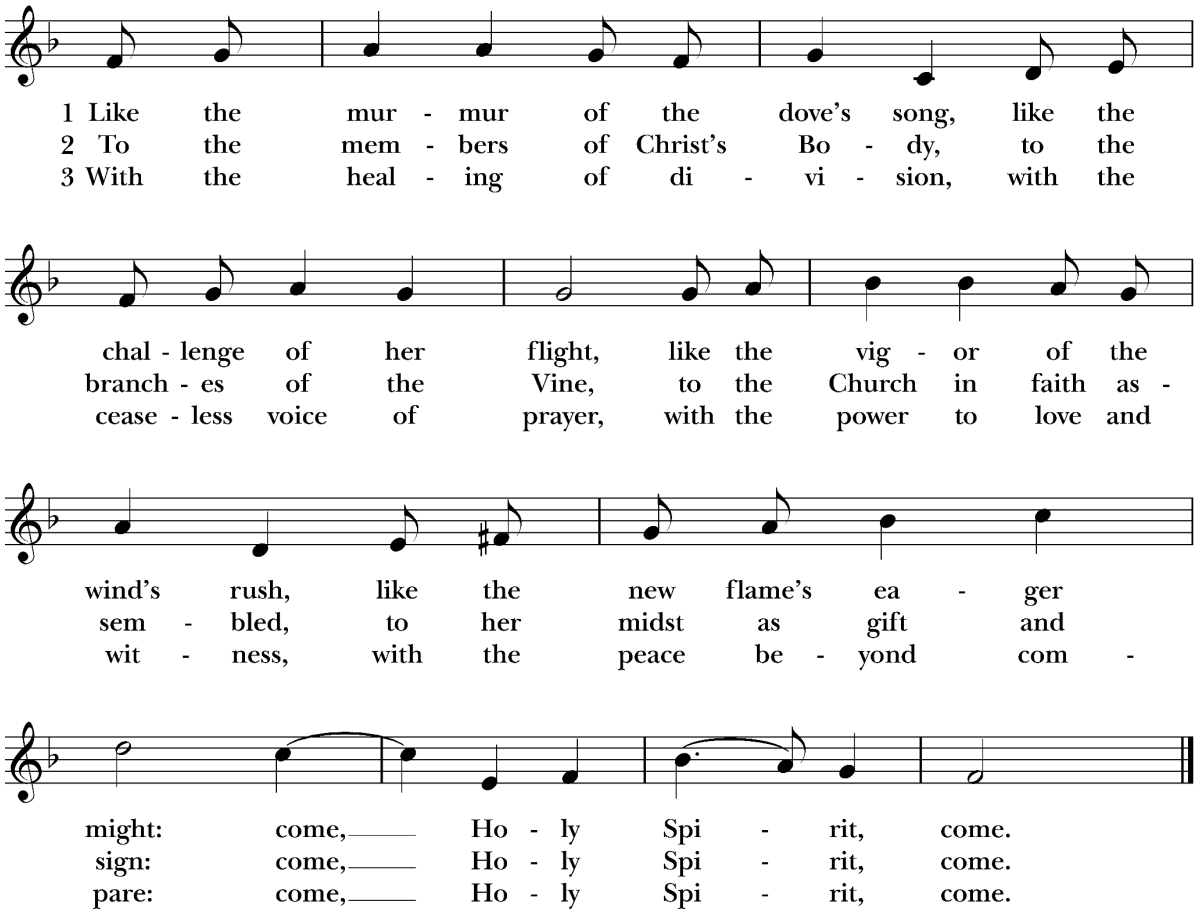
O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, and our true light,
we seek the peace thy love imparts
and stand rejoicing in thy sight.

We taste thee, thou living Bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountainhead,
our thirsting souls to quench and fill.

For thee, our restless spirits yearn
where'er our changing lot is cast;
glad when thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright;
And chase the darkest night of sin away;
shed o'er the world thy holy light!

Communion Hymn: Like the murmur of the dove's song Hymnal 513



Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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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



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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: "Veni Creator Spiritus" (final variation) Maurice Duruflé

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Katie Gregston - for all she does for the youth of Emmanuel as well as Formation for adults and in so many many other ways.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!





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

24	MAY, SUN	All day	Pentecost & Picnic
		8 – 9am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		9:30 – 10:30am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		10:30 – 11:30am	Acolyte Meeting
		10:30 – 10:45am	Coffee & Biscuits
		6:30 – 7:30pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
25	MAY, MON	All day	Office Closed - Memorial Day
		1 – 2pm	Prayer Shawl Group Tree Top Room
26	MAY, TUE	11:30am – 12:30pm	WOE lunch at Sunny Street Cafe Sunny Street Cafe, 11692 Manc...
27	MAY, WED	8 – 9am	Bible Study via Zoom
		5 – 6pm	Episcopal 101
		6:30 – 8:30pm	Pride Evensong Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		7 – 8pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
28	MAY, THU	11:30am – 12:30pm	Book Club (Behold Room)
		6 – 7pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
		6:30 – 7:30pm	Brown Bag (MOE)
29	MAY, FRI	6 – 6:30pm	BLM Vigil
30	MAY, SAT	10am – 2pm	Episcopal 101 Workshop
		3 – 5pm	Funeral: Larry Pickeral
		5:30 – 7pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)

Please check the [online calendar] for the most updated scheduled events. Thank you!

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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