Emmanuel Episcopal Church



Feast of the Ascension
(transferred)
May 17, 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.

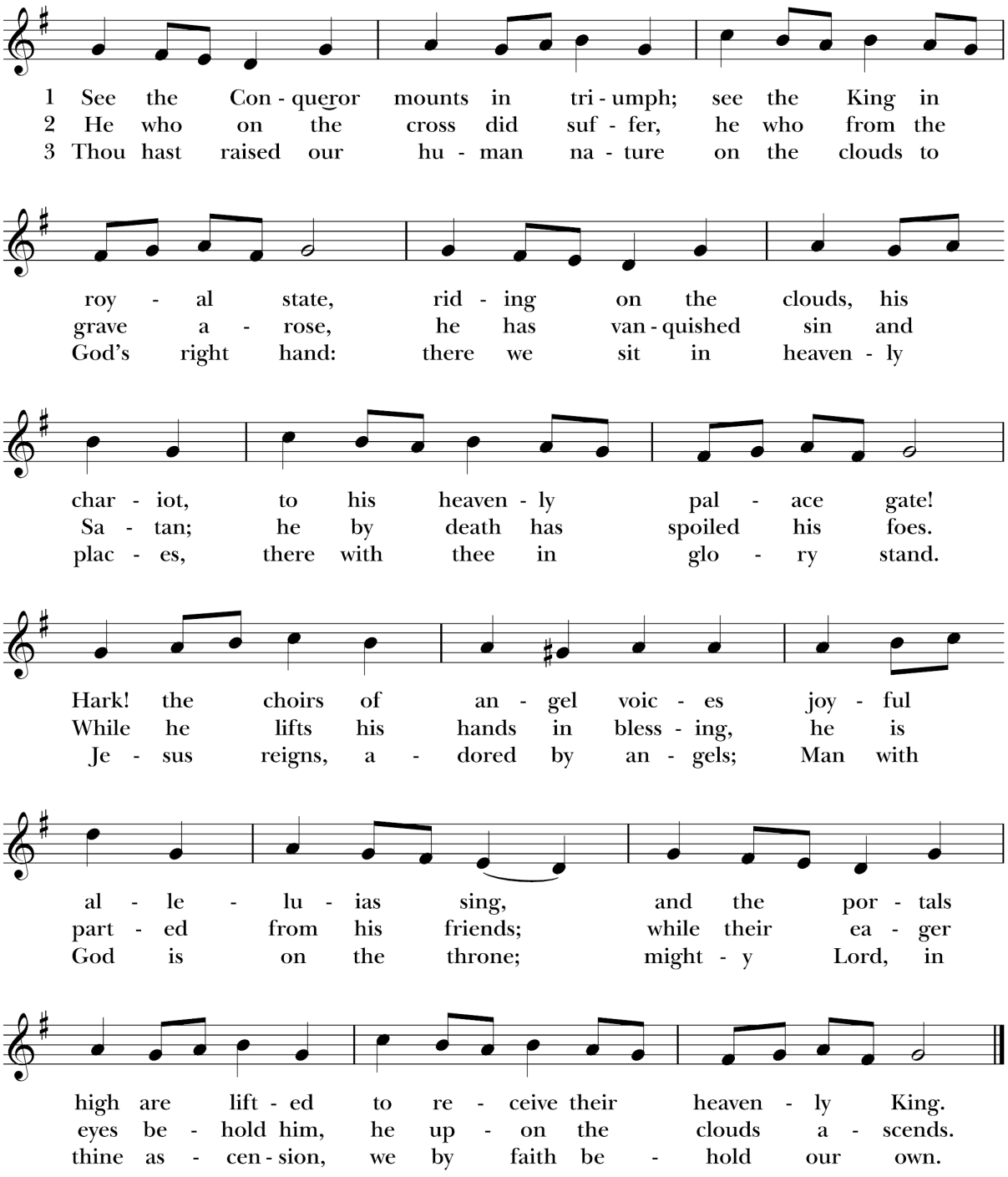
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We respectfully recognize that we are on traditional, ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Myaamia, Očhéthi, Šakówin, O-ga-xpa Ma-zho^{n} (O-ga-xpa) and Osage Nations. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization 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 Prayer of Christ ascending towards his Father (L'Ascension) Olivier Messiaen

See the Music Notes at the end of the bulletin.

Opening Hymn: See the Conqueror mounts in triumph Hymnal 215



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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, S 280



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The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Acts.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (1:1-11)

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

Psalm 47 Omnes gentes, plaudite BCP p. 650

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, *

the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

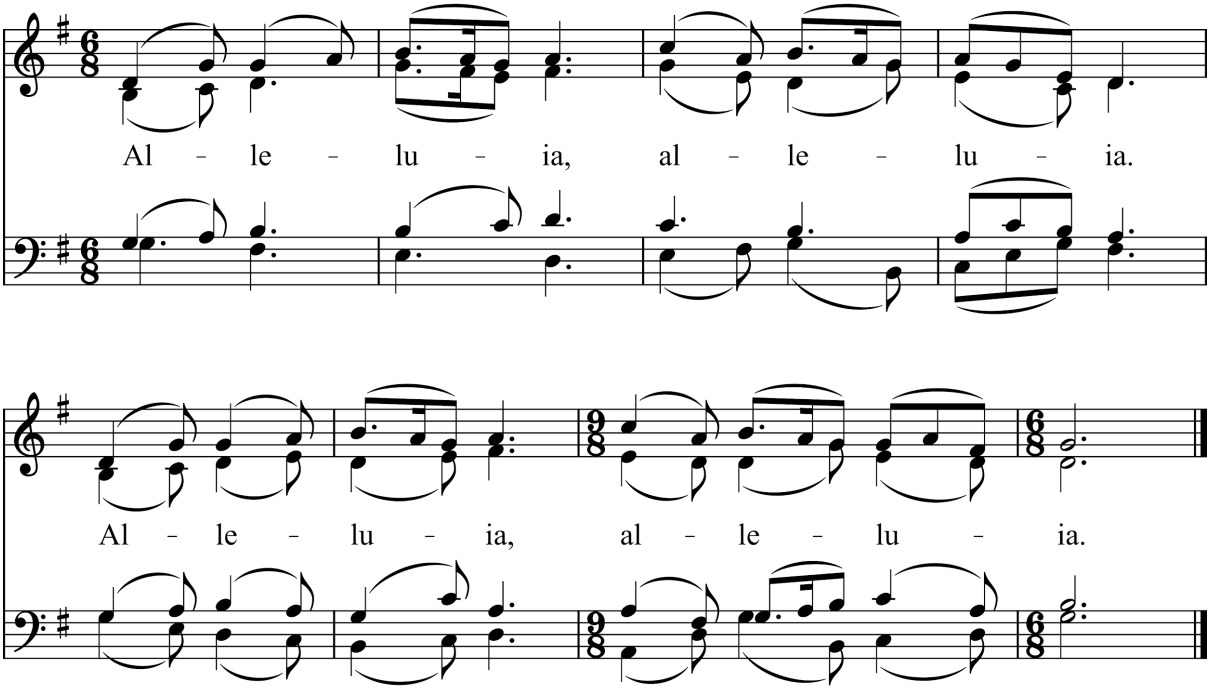
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (1:15-23)

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

Sequence Hymn: Celtic Alleluia My Heart Sings Out 20

Before the Gospel: Sing twice (1st time in unison; 2nd time in harmony).
After the Gospel: Sing once (in harmony).



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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. (14:1-14)

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 our joys and sufferings, let us give glory to God as we cast our cares of the world upon the Lord, praying, Lord, in your glory…
People: Hear our prayer.

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, Lord, in your glory…
People: Hear our prayer.

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 the people and ministry of The Faith Christian Church of India;
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and The Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea;
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for The Episcopal Cathedral School;
- In our parish family, we pray in thanksgiving for the Emmanuel Church Foundation, Finance Committee, and administrative staff;
- For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week**;** praying, Lord, in your glory…

People: Hear our prayer.

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, Lord, in your glory…
People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Empower with your Spirit, O Lord, all who are sick, hungry, homeless or oppressed, all who suffer, all immigrants and refugees, those in detention, and all who live in fear of separation of home and family. We pray for those who serve in the armed forces and those who struggle with addiction or difficult demands of daily life; praying, Lord, in your glory…

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need; in our parish family, we pray Harvey, 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, Lord, in your glory…

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Upon yesterday's one-year anniversary of the destruction of the tornado in St. Louis, we pray for all who have been impacted, 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, Lord, in your glory…

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who have died, Larry Pickeral, Clio Perkins Langdon, and Bob Belloli, that they be welcomed to new and eternal life, embraced by God and the communion of saints; praying, Lord, in your glory…

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant may add a Concluding Collect.

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 Selection Sing To The Lord arr. Alice Parker
Emmanuel Choir

Sing to the Lord, ye heav'nly hosts,
And thou, O earth adore,
Let Death and Hell throughout their coasts
Stand trembling at His power.

His sounding chariot shakes the sky;
He makes the clouds His throne;
There all the stores of lightning lie,
Till vengeance darts them down.

His nostrils breathe out fiery streams,
And from His awful tongue
A sov'reign voice divides the flames
And thunder roars along.

Think, O my soul, the dreadful day,
When this incensed God
Shall rend the sky and burn the sea,
And fling His wrath abroad.

Let all that dwell above the sky,
And air, and earth, and seas
Conspire to lift Thy glories high
And speak Thine endless praise.

The whole creation join in one
To bless the sacred Name,
Of Him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb!

The Doxology

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.

At 8:00 a.m.

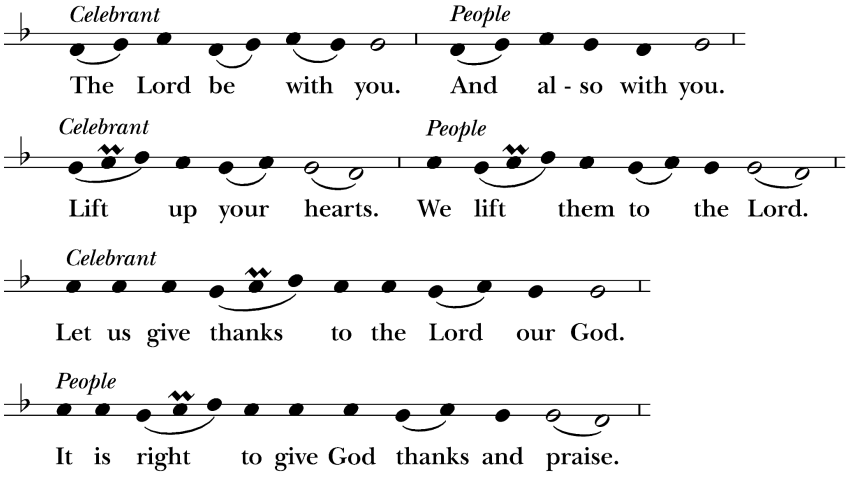
Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.

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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At 9:30 am



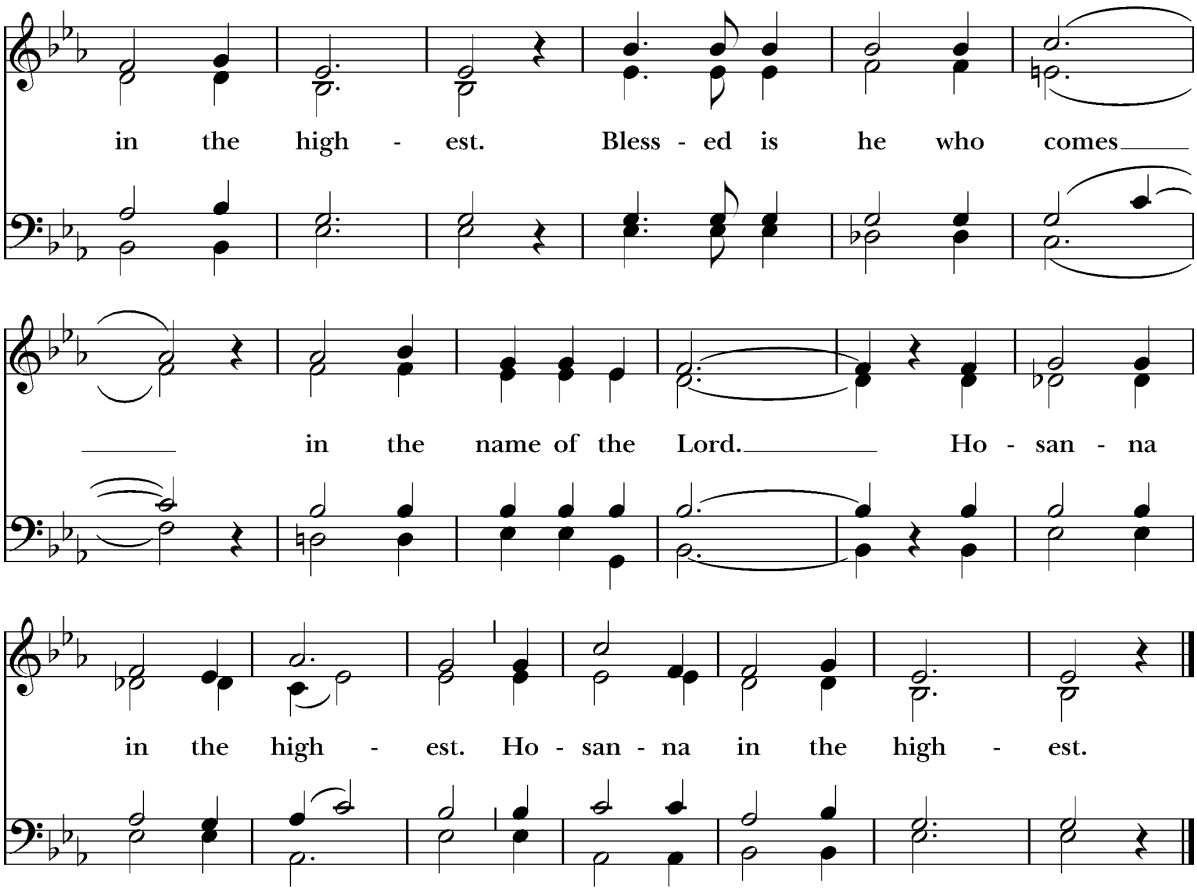
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus, Hymnal S-130





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

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

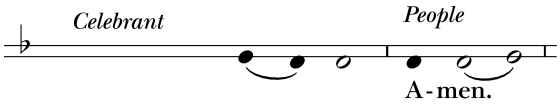
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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 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! Alleluia!

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 — I Will Not Leave You Comfortless — Everett Titcomb

Emmanuel Small Ensemble

I will not leave you comfortless,
I will come to you yet again: Alleluia.
And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

Communion Hymn Be thou my vision Hymnal 488



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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

Closing Hymn**:** Alleluia! sing to Jesus (vs. 1-4) Hymnal 460





Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

The Dismissal

Deacon: 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 Organ Ronald Arnatt

Music Notes

This morning's prelude is “Prière du Christ montant vers son Père” ("Prayer of Christ ascending towards his Father"), the final movement from the suite *L'Ascension* by the French organist Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992). Post-tonality dominates Messiaen's music, a clear departure from the dulcet melodies of Fauré and Ravel several decades prior. Messiaen had a wide array of interests, including bird calls, plainchant, theology, Hindu rhythms (deci-talas), and other world music. He was also influenced by color — both the timbre of sound as well as the perception of color upon hearing certain chords known as synesthesia. The technical use and the color generated from the chords are characteristic of *L'Ascension*. Throughout the movement and as suggested by the suite's title, the chords 'ascend' along the instrument's register.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church commissioned the postlude piece “Fanfare for Organ” in 1971 to celebrate the newly installed antiphonal division (rear balcony pipes). This piece is all about the trumpet: bold, colorful fanfares on the trumpet stop.

The flowers are given to the glory of God
in honor of
All those who mother.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!





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

17	MAY, SUN	All day	Fst of the Ascension
		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
		10:45 – 11:45am	Earthlove Pillar Meeting
		6:30 – 7:30pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
18	MAY, MON	6:30 – 8pm	Vestry on Zoom
20	MAY, WED	8 – 9am	Bible Study via Zoom
		5 – 6pm	Episcopal 101
		5:30 – 7:30pm	AANHIP event Hope Episcopal Church 1166 S Mason Rd
		7 – 8pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
		7:05 – 8:05pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal Rehkopf Hall (Choir Room)
21	MAY, THU	6 – 7pm	12 Step Group (Closed Group)
22	MAY, FRI	6 – 6:30pm	BLM Vigil
23	MAY, SAT	11:30am – 3pm	12 Step Group Movie Party
		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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