Emmanuel Episcopal Church



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Children & Youth Sunday
May 3, 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.

Throughout the service you are invited to applaud in thanksgiving following each musician's offering of talents.

Prelude Maple Leaf Rag Scott Joplin/arr. Carol Matz
Mary Bleyer, piano

Opening Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation (vs. 1-3) Hymnal 518



Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

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, 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 people are seated.

Special Music Selections

In A Sentimental Mood — Duke Ellington
Ben Powers, tenor saxophone & Dave Powers, piano

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life — Colin Buchanan
Emmanuel Children's Choir

I am the way, the truth, and the life
That's what Jesus said
I am the way, the truth, and the life
That's what Jesus said

Without the way, there is no going
Without the truth, there is no knowing
Without the life, there is no growing
I am the way, the truth, and the life
That's what Jesus said

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Acts.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. (7:55-60)

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 In te, Domine, speravi BCP p. 622

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

A reading from the first Epistle of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

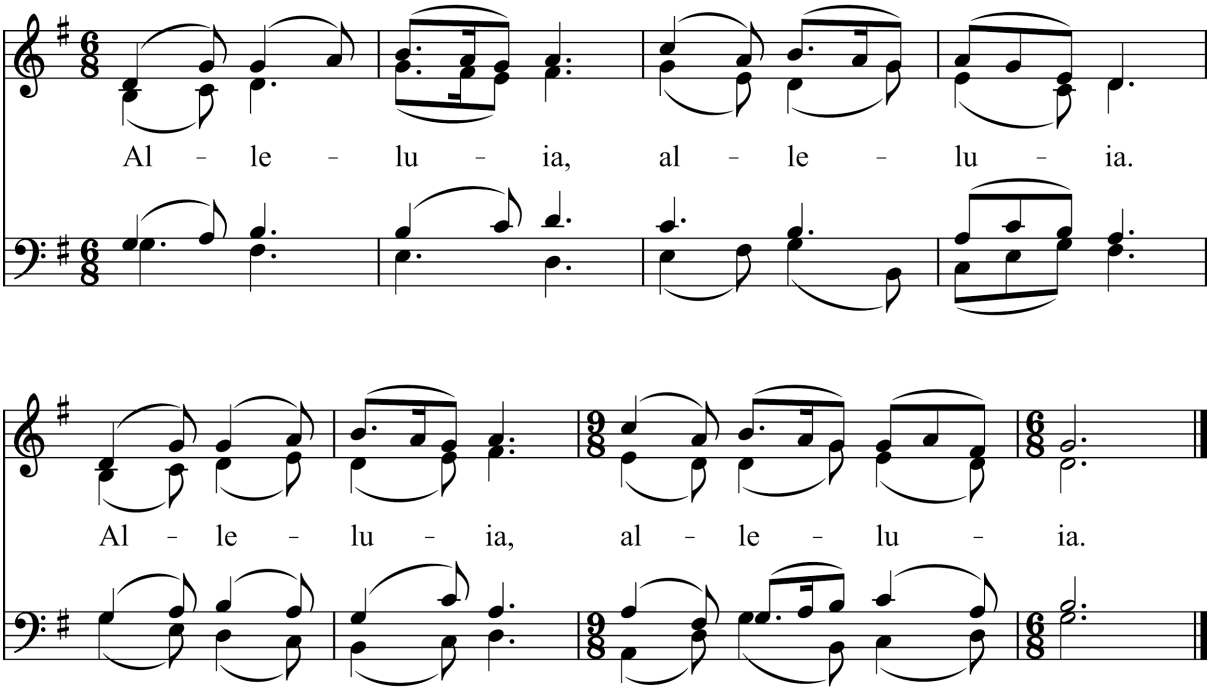
Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (2:2-10)

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

The people stand in body or spirit.

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 John
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but

if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it." (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: Empowered by the Lord's promise that God will do whatever we ask in Jesus' name, let us, in confidence, pray for the church and the world, praying, Risen Lord, …

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the many blessings God showers upon us and for the power God gives us to serve God's people all our days:
We give thanks for our lives, our families, our companions, and all those we love,
We give thanks for the splendor of this earthly home God created for our enjoyment and care; for the flowering of springtime.
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 like living stones built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood:

- 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 minister and lovingly serve the world as the community of the Church;
- In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Eureka; 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 Church of North India (United);
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Colegio Episcopal Santisima in Trinidad;
- In our parish family, on this Youth Sunday we pray in thanksgiving for the youth of our church and for their participation in our outreach ministry;
- For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week**;**

praying, Risen Lord, …

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for all nations and people of this wide earth, especially the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East, that all may be delivered from human devices of oppression and from false idols and futile ways; we pray for an end to war, praying, Risen Lord, …

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for 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 serving in the armed forces and all who struggle with addiction or difficult demands of daily life; praying, Risen Lord, …

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need; in our parish family, we pray for … 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: We pray for those who have died, Robert Feldmann , 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 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 Selections

Wings — Mary Bleyer
Mary Bleyer, piano

String Quartet in D Major, op. 71, no. 2 — Joseph Haydn
I. Adagio. Allegro.

Zoe Baldwin, violin
Hayden Baker, violin
Reid Huntley, viola
Sylvia Kennedy, cello

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.

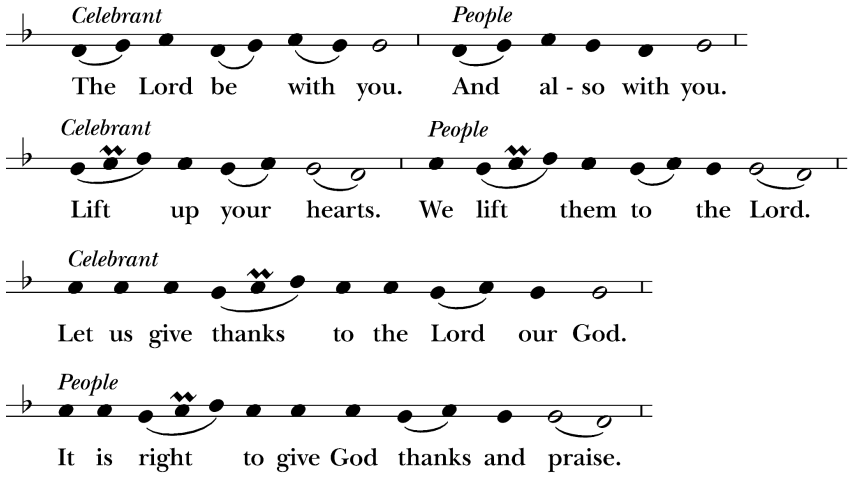
Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.

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



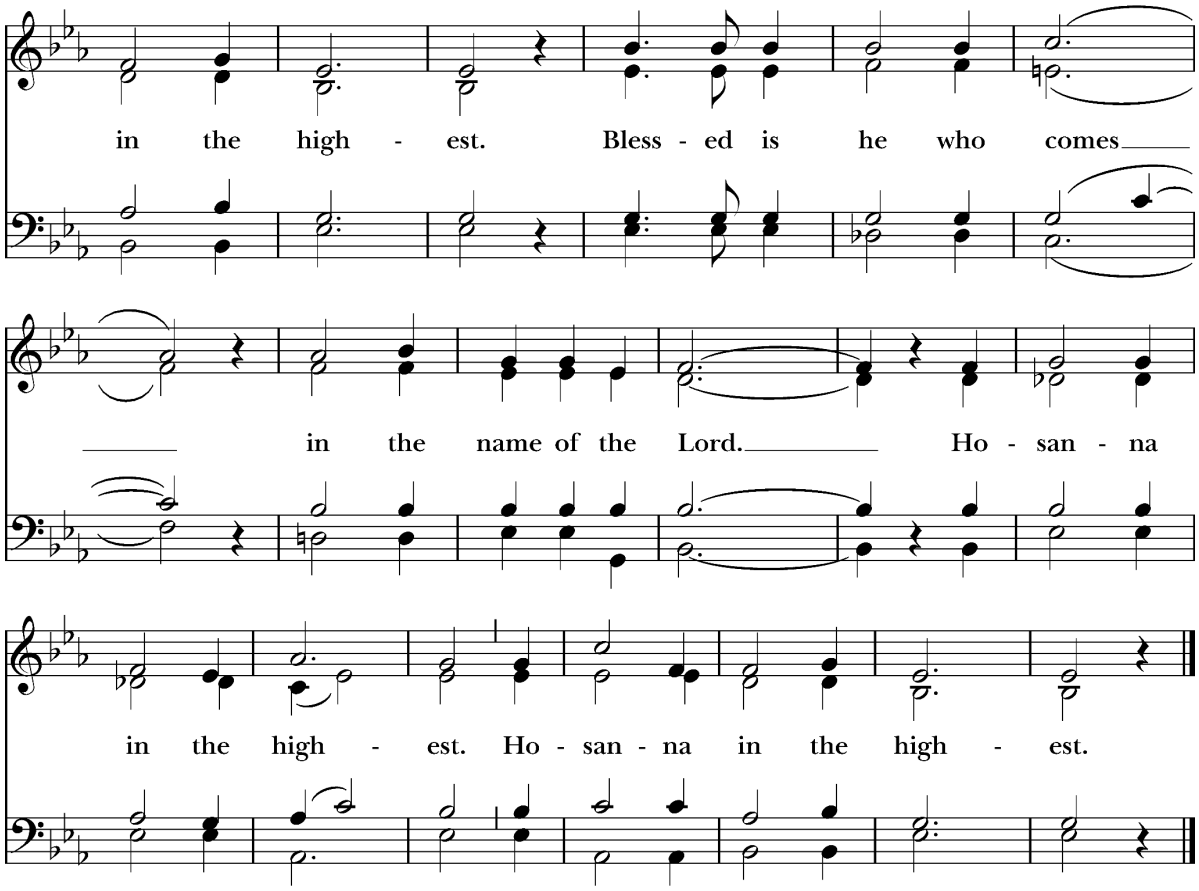
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus 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 Celebrant continues. The people may sit, stand, or kneel.

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:

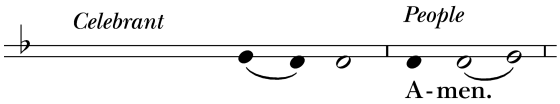
People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

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 Piano Sonatina in C Major, op. 36 Muzio Clementi
III. Vivace

Patrick Stephenson, piano

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



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

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: The Church's one foundation (vs. 1-4) Hymnal 525



Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

The Dismissal

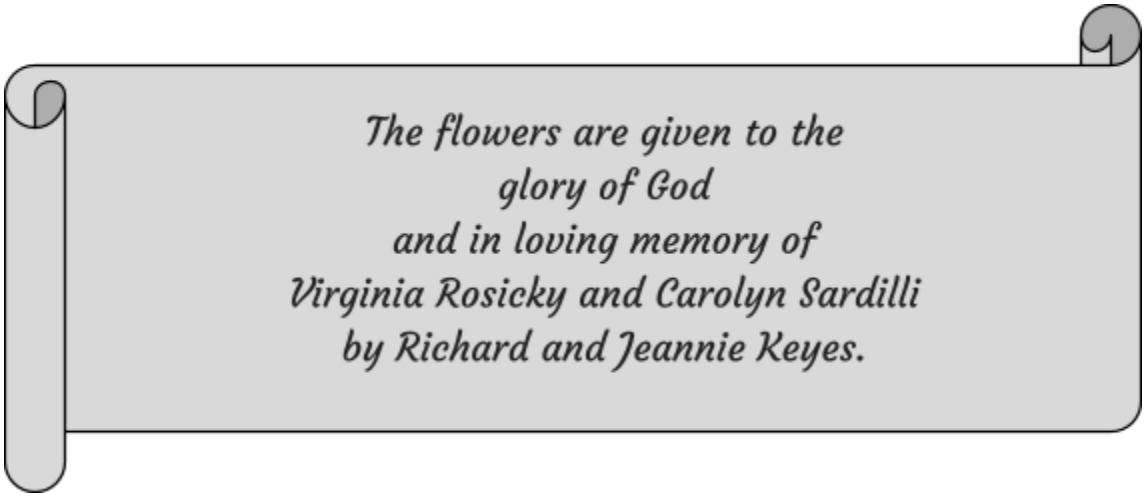
Youth: Go into the broken places of this world to sow the compassion of Christ. Go into the hurting places of this world to share the healing of Christ. Go into the lonely places of this world to be the love of Christ. Go in peace. Go in hope. Go in love. Go with God!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Chaconne in G minor — François Couperin/arr. Joseph Bonnet

Instrumentalists Serving In Worship

Hayden Baker, violin
Zoe Baldwin, violin
Mary Bleyer, piano
Reid Huntley, viola
Sylvia Kennedy, cello
Ben Powers, tenor saxophone
Dave Powers, piano
Patrick Stephenson, piano



To all at Emmanuel who help care for, teach, encourage, and love our young people — thank you. Your time, patience, and servant hearts make our church a place where kids feel safe, welcomed, and unconditionally loved. Whether you teach, volunteer, listen, pray, or simply show up with kindness, you are helping shape young lives. Your faithfulness makes a lasting difference, and we are truly grateful for all you do.

A special thanks to our Children's Chapel, FaithQuest, and Youth Group volunteers:

Elliot Belloli	Sara Evancho	Rachael Ludwig	Michael Mancini	Becky Rogers
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Sarah Wade				Tessa Weiland

Deep gratitude and praise to our Family & Faith Formation Coordinator, Katie Gregston.

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

3 MAY, SUN	All day	Children & Youth Sunday	
	All day	Easter 5	
	8 – 9am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	
	9:30 – 10:30am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	
	10:30 – 10:45am	Coffee & Biscuits	
	12 – 4pm	Eagle Court of Honor - Troop 314	Parish Hall
6 MAY, WED	8 – 9am	Bible Study via Zoom	
	1:30 – 2:30pm	Eucharist at Hawthorne Place	
	4 – 5pm	WU Int'l Students Dinner	
	5 – 6pm	Episcopal 101	
	7:05 – 8:05pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Rehkopf Hall (Choir Room)
7 MAY, THU	10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist at Orchard House	
8 MAY, FRI	6 – 6:30pm	BLM Vigil	

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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