



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

JULY 23, 2023
10:00 A.M.

EMMANUEL CHURCH
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PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING RITE

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy glorious, and undivided Trinity.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

HYMN

Come with us, O bless'd Jesus

H82 #336

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalm 86:11-17

Inclina, Domine

11 Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

- 12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

A Reading from Paul's 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!

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

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Praise to the living God

H82 #372

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jonathan Eden

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Standing or Kneeling, the Leader and People pray responsively.*

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For Church of the Good Shepherd, Reading St. John's Church, Saugus, Emmanuel Church, Wakefield, and The Third Order Society of St. Francis. For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Alan and Carol our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For all those who have asked for our prayers, especially Bud Cederholm, Paul, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne H., Patricia, Barbara, Maureen, Edmond, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Marilyn, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Laura, and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation (*pause*);

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life (*pause*);

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom (*pause*);

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,**

by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

Please stand as you are able.
H82 #347

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to our eternal God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant God who moves in light and love and life: From before time you have nurtured this creation as a loving parent cares for a beloved child. You fill it with beauty and, by its bounty, provide for its every need. In your good time you brought us forth from the world, created in your image. You made us stewards of this good earth and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. Then, as now, you spoke your love in many different languages, so that all might hear. You spoke to your people Israel and set them apart as a blessing to all people, and from them, again in your good time, you raised up a servant for us all, the eternal Word, Jesus, who would give his life for those he loved in hopes of bringing them new life.

And, singing with the whole company of heaven, we join those from every time and tongue and tribe who proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

H82 #s129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Jesus, the Blessed One, came and moved among us, healed, cured, and calmed, and challenged the authorities of this world to be faithful stewards of your people and messengers of your love. On the night he was taken captive by powers and principalities, Jesus spoke new words over bread and wine with his friends.

And so, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be, for your people, the Body and Blood of Christ; who, on the night before he died for us, took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper, Jesus 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 a new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gathered here as the stewards of this table, and following your command,

People **We remember His death,
 We proclaim His resurrection,
 We await His coming in glory.**

Celebrant And we celebrate, O God, this memorial of Christ our Savior. With holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of Christ’s death, and we proclaim His resurrection, until He comes in glory.

Gather us by this Holy Communion, and, as you have blessed these gifts to be the body and blood of Christ, bless us also to become Christ’s Body in the world. Knit together in your love, and so made one in your eternal purpose, we offer and present to you, O God, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to become a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

H82 #s148

Celebrant
 As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People
 Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
 For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
 Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
 now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.**

BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all persons. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us, be upon you, and remain with you always.

HYMN

Come, Labor on

H82 #541

DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH

We are glad that you joined us today and pray that you will know God's presence through our worship and in this community. Wherever you are in your journey with God or toward God you are welcome here. Indeed, you are invited and welcome here in our pews and in all the things we do together as a community each week. We would also love to be in better touch throughout the year. Please reach out to our Bridge Priest, the Rev. Jonathan Eden at therev.jonteden@gmail.com or [617.798.0700](tel:617.798.0700) for more information.

We meet every Sunday for worship at 10:00 A.M. and you can also learn more about who we are and what we do together through our Web and Social Media pages:

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SERVING TODAY

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Altar Server
Altar Guild
Lector
Gift Bearers
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PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please be in touch with The Rev. Jonathan Eden.