



EMMANUEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

JULY 30, 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 O worship the King, all glorious above! H82 #388

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5-12

A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

Psalms 119:129-136

Mirabilia

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

- 131 I open my mouth and pant; *
 I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
 as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
 let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
 and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
 and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
 because people do not keep your law.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
 we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

The Christ who died but rose again

H82 #447

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

People For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For St. Elizabeth's Church, Wilmington, Parish of the Epiphany, Winchester, St. John's Church, Winthrop, Trinity Church, Woburn, and all Parish Historians. 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, Felix, 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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Please stand as you are able.

H82 #488

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

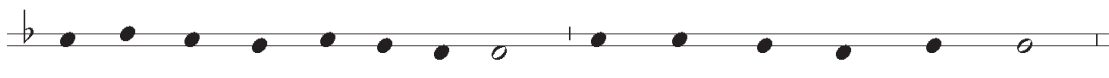


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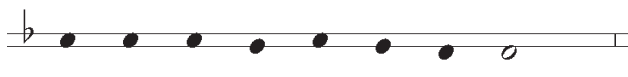
Celebrant and People



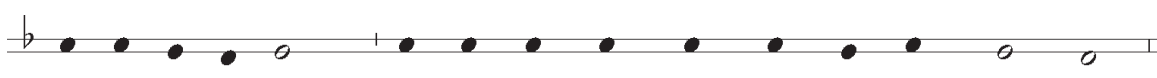
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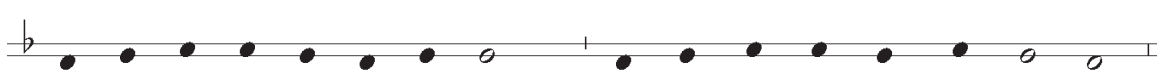
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.




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
People

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