



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 2023
10:00 A.M.


EMMANUEL CHURCH
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PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

 Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People

 And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

H82 #307

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

A Reading from the Prophet of Ezekiel:

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

Psalm 25:1-8

Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
 my God, I put my trust in you; *
 let me not be humiliated,
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their
 schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
 and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
 for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my
 transgressions; *
 remember me according to your love
 and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
 therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
 and teaches his way to the lowly.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high

H82 #448

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Form V, alt.

Standing or Kneeling, the Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "God, graciously hear us."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming. *Silence*

Leader God, hear us.

People **God, graciously hear us.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Alan and Carol our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For all who follow God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For Emmanuel Church, Braintree, Grace Chapel, Brockton, St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may spread your reconciling love to the ends of the earth. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For those who walk different paths of faith, that we may work with them toward the peaceful world you envision. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For those in positions of public trust: Joseph our president, Maura our Governor, and Michelle our mayor; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For this congregation, that delivered from hardness of heart, we may show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you. We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

(The people may add their own thanksgivings.)

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; and for those who are alone; that they may live in joy, peace, and health. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For those who are sick or who suffer or struggle in our own community including those for whom our prayers have been asked: especially Alfred, Stanley, Peter, Felix, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Barbara, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Laura, Michael Curry, and those we name now silently or aloud. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For all who have died in faith, especially those we now name silently or aloud [*pause*], and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God. *Silence*

The Celebrant adds the following Doxology

For yours, O God, is the majesty, yours is the power and glory, for in that love that gave itself for us, you remain present to us, you accept us, and you send all faithful people out to claim the world in your name.

People **As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, world without end. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Rock of ages, cleft for me

Please stand as you are able.

H82 #685

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: 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, the God and Father 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:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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,

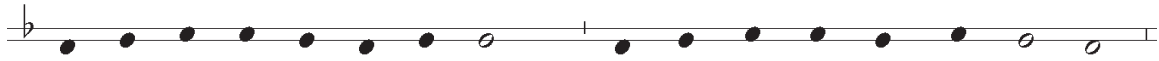
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

H82 #s164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

This block contains the first system of the Fraction Anthem. It features a vocal line in G major and a piano accompaniment in G major. The vocal line consists of a single melodic line with lyrics: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The piano accompaniment consists of two staves: the right hand plays chords and the left hand plays a bass line.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

This block contains the second system of the Fraction Anthem. It features a vocal line in G major and a piano accompaniment in G major. The vocal line consists of a single melodic line with lyrics: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The piano accompaniment consists of two staves: the right hand plays chords and the left hand plays a bass line.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant
People

Let us pray.

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

May God bless you and keep you.

May God make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May God lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace,

And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sustains, be upon you and surround all you love with blessing and peace. **Amen**

HYMN

The head that once was crowned with thorns

H82 #483

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:

Facebook



Instagram



YouTube



Web



SERVING TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher
Altar Server
Altar Guild
Lector
Gift Bearers
Organist

The Rev. Jonathan Eden
Terri Halliday
Terri Halliday, Gail Halpin-Evans
Gail Halpin-Evans
Weekly volunteers
Esther Kwok

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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.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 8 **Hymn Sing** following the service
We'll practice hymns for upcoming Sundays – All are welcome!

Sunday, October 15 **St. Francis' Day/Blessing of the Animals**
We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis at the service, with animal blessings and more afterwards!
Animals are welcome at the service this Sunday.