



EMMANUEL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 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**

Lord, you gave the great commission

WLP #780

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING**

Ezekiel 33:7-11

*A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.*

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

**Psalm 119:33-40**

*Legem pone*

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*

give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

*A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*  
H82 #413

## SEQUENCE HYMN

New songs of celebration render

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them

*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 Ascension Memorial Church, Ipswich St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn, Emmanuel Chapel, Manchester-by-the-Sea, and for all Ministries to the Homeless. 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 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 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, especially Bud Cederholm and all those we name now, either silently or aloud, 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

Christ is made the sure foundation

*Please stand as you are able.*

H82 #518

## 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.**

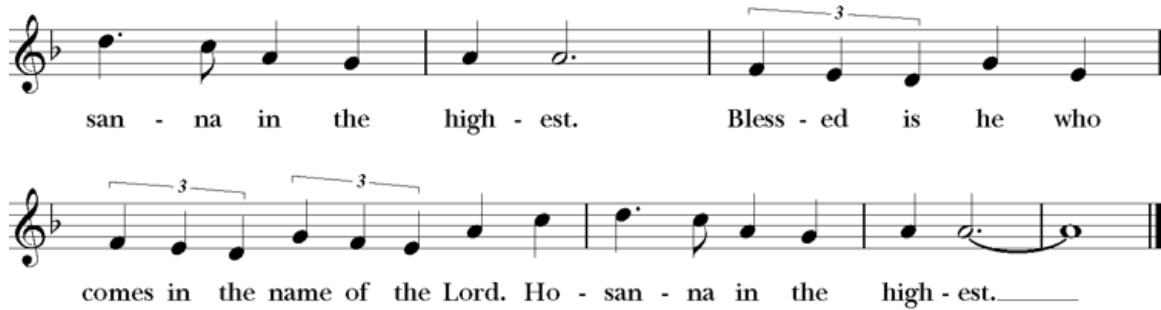
*Celebrant* God who moves in light and love and life: From before time you have nurtured this creation as a loving parent cares for a beloved child. You fill it with beauty and, by its bounty, provide for its every need. In your good time you brought us forth from the world, created in your image. You 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 -



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.**

*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, thou fount of every blessing

H82 #686

## **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](mailto: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  
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### PARISH DIRECTORY

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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.

### HOME COMING SUNDAY!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023** - Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. and for the picnic right after the service, as we welcome everyone back from summer and look ahead to the year to come

