



# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## HOLY EUCHARIST

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## HOME COMING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

10:00 A.M.


EMMANUEL CHURCH  
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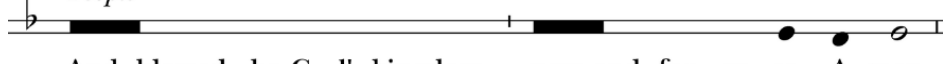
PRELUDE

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

H82 #390

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Genesis 50:15-21

*A Reading from the Book of Genesis.*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

Psalm 103:1-13

*Benedic, anima mea*

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| 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *<br>and all that is within me, bless his holy Name. | and heals all your infirmities;   |
| 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *<br>and forget not all his benefits.                | 4 He redeems your life from the grave *<br>and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness; |
| 3 He forgives all your sins *   | 5 He satisfies you with good things, *<br>and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.      |

6 The LORD executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.  
7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.  
8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.  
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.  
12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.  
13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

All my hope on God is founded

H82 #665

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a

hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*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 Gayle 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 Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead, St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, St. Mary's Church, Rockport, and all Church Secretaries and Administrators, 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, and worship the God of all creation 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: Donald our president, Charles our Governor, and Denise 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. The people may add their own thanksgivings. *Silence*

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; 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 [*prayer list*] and 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

Forgive our sins as we forgive

*Please stand as you are able.*

H82 #674

# 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.

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

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:





*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

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

Christ is made the sure foundation

H82 #518

### 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:

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## SERVING TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher  
Altar Server  
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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.

## HOMECOMING PICNIC TODAY!

**WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK!** Please join us after worship today at our homecoming picnic with great food, fellowship and field games as we celebrate a new program year and look ahead. Whether today is your first day or your 500<sup>th</sup>, all are welcome! We'll celebrate rain or shine.