



EMMANUEL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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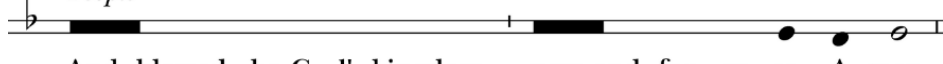
PRELUDE

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 my soul, the King of heaven

H82 #410

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Jonah 3:10-4:11

*A Reading from the Book of Jonah:*

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about

Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

**Psalm 145:1-8**

*Exaltabo te, Deus*

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| 1 I will exalt you, O God my King,<br>and bless your Name for ever and ever.         | 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty<br>and all your marvelous works.                      |
| 2 Every day will I bless you<br>and praise your Name for ever and ever.              | 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous<br>acts,<br>and I will tell of your greatness.             |
| 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;<br>there is no end to his greatness.  | 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great<br>goodness;<br>they shall sing of your righteous deeds. |
| 4 One generation shall praise your works to another<br>and shall declare your power. | 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,*<br>slow to anger and of great kindness.                     |

**THE SECOND READING**

Philippians 1:21-30

*A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians*

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

All who hunger gather gladly

WLP #761

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again

about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*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 Grace Church, Salem, St. Peter' Church/Iglesia de San Pedro, Salem, Christ Church, South Hamilton, Church of the Holy Name, Swampscott, Trinity Church, Topsfield, 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: 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. 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; 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**

Here Am I, Send Me

*Please stand as you are able.*

LEVAS #126

## **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

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*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

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](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

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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.