



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MORNING PRAYER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024
10:00 A.M.

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling

H82 #657

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Please sit or kneel.

All **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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

1 Cor. 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

PSALM 22:24-30

Deus, Deus, meus

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly;
* I will perform my vows in the
presence of those who worship him.
²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall
praise him: * "May your heart live for
ever!"
²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD, * and all the
families of the nations shall bow
before him.
²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD;* he
rules over the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship; * all who go
down to the dust fall before him.
²⁹My soul shall live for him; my
descendants shall serve him; * they
shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
³⁰They shall come and make known to a
people yet unborn * the saving deeds
that he has done.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the

eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

CANTICLE 8

The Song of Moses

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and
uplifted; the horse and its rider has he hurled
into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; the Lord
has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, the God of
my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; Yahweh is his
Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he
hurled into the sea; the finest of those who
bear armor have been drowned in the Red
Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them;
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might;
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the
enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among
the gods? who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; the earth
swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you
redeemed; with your might you brought them
in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them on the
mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O
Lord, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand
has established.

The Lord shall reign for ever and for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The

commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

CANTICLE 21

You are God

Te Deum laudamus

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim
you;
Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and
only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy
Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son
of the Father.
When you became man to set us free you did not
shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death and opened the
kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought
with the price of your own blood, and bring us
with your saints to glory everlasting.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

HYMN

In Christ there is no East or West

H82 #529

THE THIRD LESSON

John 15:1-8

A Reading from the Gospel According to John.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All Stand

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Thou art the Way, to thee alone

H82 #457

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES B *all seated or kneeling*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. John's Chapel at the Groton School, Groton, St. Michael's Church, Holliston, St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton, St. Luke's Church, Hudson, and the Congregational Chapters of the Episcopal Church Women. For our city and neighborhood, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray together.

For those dear to us who have sought our prayers this morning, especially Michelle, Ken, Emerson, Barbara, Kenneth, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Peter, Felix, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Barbara, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, and for those we now name either silently or aloud.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

All **Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

H82 #205

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

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 Priest in Charge, the Rev. Jonathan Eden at therev.jonteden@gmail.com or 617.798.0700 for more information.

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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

Candidates for Bishop: The Diocese of Massachusetts will be electing a new Bishop on Saturday, May 18. To learn more about the candidates and the meet and greets (May 7 – 11), scan the QR code or go to diomass.org/bishop-search/meet-greets.

Screening of Philadelphia Eleven Film: The congregations of St. Michael's and Church of Our Saviour invite you to a private screening of the *Philadelphia Eleven* film, May 5, 2024, 1:30 PM, at Church of Saviour. The Philadelphia Eleven was the first group of women ordained in the Episcopal Church. The trailer is available here:

www.philadelphiaelevenfilm.com/trailer.html. If you are interested, please RSVP at office@cos-milton.org.

