



# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## MORNING PRAYER

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

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## PRELUDE

### OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant* May God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 118:24*

## HYMN

**Awake, arise, lift up your voice**

**H82 #212**

### 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 133

<sup>1</sup> Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!  
<sup>2</sup> It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,  
<sup>3</sup> Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.  
<sup>4</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

<sup>5</sup> For there the LORD has ordained the  
blessing: life for evermore.

**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 4:32-35

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*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 1:1-2:2

*A Reading from the First Letter of John.*

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*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.**

## THE THIRD LESSON

John 20:19-31

A Reading from the Gospel According to John.

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*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.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our  
Lord.**

**He will come again to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**He was conceived by the power of the  
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**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.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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 Grace Church, Newton, St. John's Church, Newtonville, St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, Parish of St. Paul, Newton Highlands, and all Prison Ministries. 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.

### CONCLUDING SENTENCE

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant:* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

**HYMN**

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!**

**H82 #205**

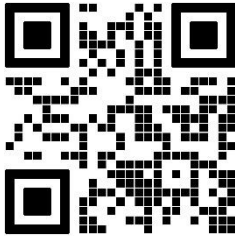
**POSTLUDE**

## WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH

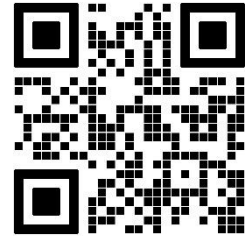
We are glad that you joined us today and pray that you will know God's presence through our worship and in this community. Wherever you are in your journey with God or toward God you are welcome here. Indeed, you are invited and welcome here in our pews and in all the things we do together as a community 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.

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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

April 8 (tomorrow) is the last day to submit questions for the candidates to answer during their Meet and Greets. To learn more about the candidates, the meet and greets (May 7 – 11), or to submit a question. Scan the QR code or go to [diomass.org/bishop-search/meet-greets](http://diomass.org/bishop-search/meet-greets).

