



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 11, 2025 | 10:00 A.M.
HOLY EUCHARIST

HYMNALS WE USE: H82 (Blue); LEVAS (Black and Red); WLP (Green)

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING RITE

Please stand as you are able.

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell

H82 #377

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her

his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

Dominus regit me

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

My Shepherd will supply my need

Please stand as you are able.

H82 #664

THE GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

Intervenor Let us pray together saying, "God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer."

People **God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.**

For Sean and Julia, our Bishops, and for all those who lead and guide the Church of Christ; for loving care, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, hear our prayer.

For faithful witness, fellowship in love; for living hope, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever merciful, hear our prayer.

For those who guide the nations of the earth; that wisdom reign, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever redeeming, hear our prayer.

For those who seek and serve the common good; that justice reign, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever present, hear our prayer.

For neighbors' needs, for shelter from the storm; for homes of peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever nurturing, hear our prayer.

For those in sorrow, anguish, despair and for those who are sick, especially Jim, Catherine P., Janet, Chris, Alexis, Ken, Emerson, Kenneth, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, Bob, and for those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*); that they may find hope, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever comforting, hear our prayer.

For the oppressed, for those who live in fear; that they may be freed; that we might live in peace from day to day; that wars will cease, we pray to you, O Lord:

God who seeks justice, hear our prayer.

For all who have died, especially those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*). That they may gather one day, at a table we hope to share; we pray to you, O Lord:

God who is eternal, hear our prayer.

For Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton; St. Andrew's Church, Ayer; Trinity Church, Concord; St. Andrew's Church, Framingham; and the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society. That we may stay faithful and open to your Word. For all the dreams held deep within our hearts and for all our needs. Entrusting all that we are into your hands, we call your name, and pray to you, O Lord:

God of your people, hear our prayer.

Celebrant God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear the prayers we bring before you, strengthen us to share in the saving work of Jesus, and bring us and all you have created into the fullness of life that your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ has promised, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Please stand as you are able.

H82 #304

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 -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

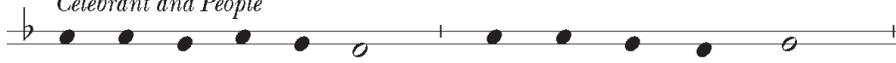
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Celebrant

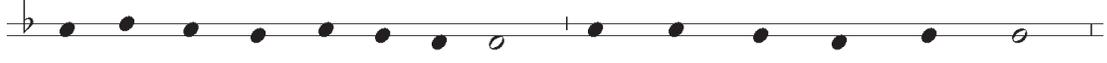


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People



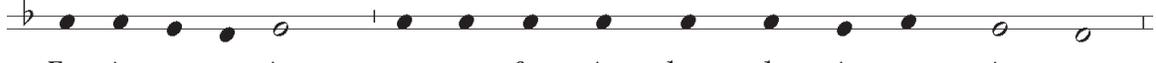
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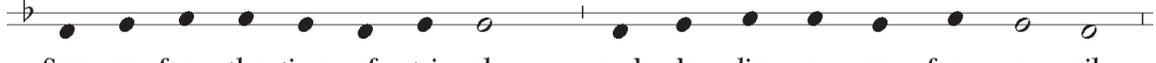
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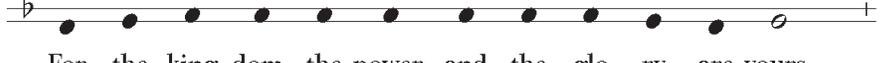
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

This is the feast of victory for our God

H82 #417

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace, to proclaim God's Word made flesh. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH

We are glad that you have 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 in our pews and in all the things we do 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 at 617.798.0770 for more information.

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CALENDAR

Neponset River Deanery Assembly

Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.
Location TBD

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, June 8, 10:00 a.m.

On Pentecost, we read from the Book of Acts in many languages. If you are able to read a basic text in a language other than English, your participation would be most welcome! This does not require fluency, as everyone will be reading in different languages at the same time, creating a cacophony. Please tell Anne Jackson (GrammarLady@verizon.net) that you'd like to read.

Pentecost is also one of the Sundays set aside for baptism. If you, or someone you love is considering baptism, please let Fr. Jon know before June 1.

Trinity Sunday – All Parish Potluck Picnic

Sunday, June 15, 10:00 a.m.

More details to follow soon!

To learn more about our offerings and news, please see our latest Newsletter, on our website under "News & Events."

PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please be in touch with The Rev. Jonathan Eden.