



# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 26, 2026 | 10:00 A.M.  
MORNING PRAYER

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

## PRELUDE

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Please stand as you are able*

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
*Officiant* May God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!  
*2 Corinthians 5:17*

## HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell

H82 #377

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant:* Kneeling as you are able, let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

*All* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.**

*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

*Please stand as you are able*

*Officiant* O God, be not far from us.  
*People* **Come quickly to help us, O God.**  
*All* **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

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

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast,  
*All* **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 23

*Dominus regit me*

*Please be seated*

- 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.

*All*     **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

### CANTICLE A

A Song of Wisdom

*Wisdom 10:15-19, 20b-21*  
*Please stand as you are able*

*Officiant*    Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors a holy people and a blameless race.

*All*            **She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.**

**To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, and led them by a marvelous way; She was their shelter by day and a blaze of stars by night.**

**She brought them across the Red Sea, she led them through mighty waters;**

**But their enemies she swallowed in the waves and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss. And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, and praised with one voice your protecting hand; For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.**

*All*            **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

### THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25  
*Please be seated*

*A Reading from the First letter of Peter.*

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

### CANTICLE M

A Song of Faith

*1 Peter 1:3-4, 18-21*  
*Please stand as you are able*

*Officiant*   Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, by divine mercy we have a new birth into  
a living hope;

*All*           **Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ  
from the dead, we have an inheritance that is  
imperishable in heaven.**

**The ransom that was paid to free us was not paid in  
silver or gold,**

**But in the precious blood of Christ, the Lamb  
without spot or stain.**

**God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory  
so that we might have faith and hope in God.**

*All*           **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one  
God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will  
be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

### SEQUENCE HYMN

My Shepherd will supply my need

H82 #664

### THE THIRD LESSON

John 10:1-10  
*Please be seated*

A Reading from the Gospel According to John.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Please stand as you are able*

**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

*Please be seated*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

I come with joy to meet my Lord

*Please stand as you are able*  
H82 #304

## THE PRAYERS

*Officiant* Hear our cry, O God.  
*People* **And listen to our prayer.**  
*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

*Please kneel or be seated*

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

**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.**

## 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 Robert, Logan, Bobbie, Joshua, Ed, Rick, Jim, Catherine, Carla, Chris, Alexis, Ken, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Mary, Michael, Parker, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Kenneth, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, 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

*Please stand as you are able*

*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

This is the feast of victory for our God

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### 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](mailto:therev.jonteden@gmail.com) or at 617.798.0770 for more information.

We meet every Sunday at 10:00 AM for worship. By scanning the QR Code or going to the web address below, you can find out more about who we are and what we're doing, follow us on social media, and check our e-news. You will also find ways to donate easily and quickly to Emmanuel. Your presence and support are very important to us, and crucial to making sure we are always here for you.



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## SERVING TODAY

Officiant	Anne Jackson	Altar Guild	Weekly Volunteers
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## CALENDAR

**Neponset River Deanery Assembly** Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 p.m.  
Location TBA

**Holy Baptism on the Day of Pentecost** Sunday, May 24, 10:00 a.m.

Pentecost is one of our traditional baptismal Sundays!

If you, or someone you love, is interested in baptism, please be in touch with Fr. Jon by Sunday, May 3.

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.