



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | 10:00 A.M.
HOLY EUCHARIST

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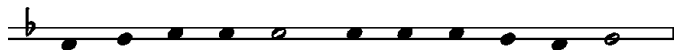
PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING RITE

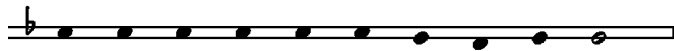
Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant



Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

People



Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

H82 #307

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

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.***SEQUENCE HYMN**

Singing songs of expectation

H82 #527

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

<i>Priest</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
<i>People</i>	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."

<i>Priest</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Intervessor In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, "Christ, have mercy." For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.

People **Christ, have mercy**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Julia, Ian, and Mary our Bishops, and for all clergy and people, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

For the Churches, communities, and ministries of our Diocese, especially St. Peter's Church, Beverly; St. John's Church, Beverly Farms; All Saints Episcopal Church of the North Shore, Danvers; St. John's Church, Gloucester; and the Essex County Community Organization, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

For our city of Boston, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

For all those who have requested our prayers: 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, Sophie, Edy and family, Nina, Darin and those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*), let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, for all the departed, and for those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*), let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Christ, by your grace.

Christ, have mercy

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Christ our God.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us come before our merciful God in silence and remember those things that mean we have not loved God, our neighbor and ourselves with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our strength.

Silence

Holy God, Maker of all,

All **have mercy upon us.**

Jesus Christ, who walks our path,

have mercy upon us.

Holy Spirit, breath of life,

have mercy upon us.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant May the God of love and life
forgive you and free you from all that divides you,
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,
and restore you to wholeness in Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come, labor on

Please stand as you are able.
H82 #541

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship 2

Celebrant May 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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a parent cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

H82 #S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *A period of silence is kept.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

WLP #865



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 **Loving God,
we give you thanks**

for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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 fainthearted.
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 with you now, and remain with you always.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord

H82 #404

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. 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 Rector, the Rev. Jonathan Eden, at 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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CALENDAR

VESTRY MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Via Zoom

ST. FRANCIS DAY WITH BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

Join us for this festive day, when animals are welcome in Church!
Stay after the service for animal blessings and social hour.

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.