



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | 10:00 A.M.
MORNING PRAYER

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

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Habakkuk 2:20

HYMN

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

H82 #205

CONFESSION

Officiant: Kneeling as you are able, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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

Please stand as you are able.

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. Alleluia.**

Officiant The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

VENITE

Psalms 95:1-7

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.

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.

PSALM 25:1-8

Ad te, Domine, levavi

Please be seated

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
3 Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.
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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Please remain seated

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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

CANTICLE 16

The Song of Zechariah

Benedictus Dominus Deus
Please stand as you are able

Officiant Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.
All **He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.**
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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

Philippians 2:1-13

Please be seated

A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

CANTICLE K

A Song of our Adoption

Ephesians 1:3-10

Please stand as you are able

Officiant Blessed are you, the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, for you have blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

All **Before the world was made, you chose us
to be yours in Christ, that we should be holy and
blameless before you.**

**You destined us for adoption as your children
through Jesus Christ, according to the good
pleasure of your will,**

**To the praise of your glorious grace, that you have
freely given us in the Beloved.**

**In you, we have redemption through the blood of
Christ, the forgiveness of our sins,**

**According to the riches of your grace which you
have lavished upon us.**

**You have made known to us, in all wisdom and
insight, the mystery of your will,**

**According to your good pleasure which you set forth
in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time,
To gather together all things in Christ, things in
heaven and things on earth.**

**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

Surely it is God who saves me

H82 #679

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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**

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

H82 #492

THE PRAYERS**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Officiant Let us pray.
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 be seated or kneel*

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

For our city and neighborhood, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray together. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Ascension Memorial Church, Ipswich; St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn; Emmanuel Chapel, Manchester-by-the-Sea; Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead; and all Ministries with Homeless Persons and Refugees.

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, Sophie, Edy and family, Nina, Darin 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

Gracious Spirit, give your servants

WLP #782

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

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.

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

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.