

# Trinity Sunday

# EMMANUEL CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

Emmanuel Episcopal Church has been serving the urban community of greater Boston as a dynamic center for spiritual discovery and renewal since 1860. We explore Christian tradition and foster inquiry through the celebration of liturgy, music, and the arts. We strive for justice and peace. Emmanuel Church welcomes all people without exception to our Eucharistic table. We honor individuals of every age, gender, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation, and religious background, and we respect the dignity of every living being.

# May 26, 2024

### 10:00am—Holy Eucharist in the Lindsey Chapel

Presiding and Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker
Deacon: The Rev. Robert Greiner
Organist & Choir Director: John Dilworth
Subdeacon: Karen King
Crucifer: Rebecca Clark Lightcap
First Reader: Liz Levin
Second Reader: Karen King
Prayer Intercessor: Carolyn Roosevelt
Altar Guild: Glenn Seberg, Paul Curtis
Greeters: Liz Levin, Mike Shea

Sexton: Dennis Gaskell

# Are you visiting or new to Emmanuel?

We'd love to talk to you! Newcomers and Visitors are encouraged to fill out a Welcome Card by using the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code to the right or at this address: https://forms.gle/hxpUdqMnEX12JvLT9 Paper copies are also available in the pews.



#### Land Use Acknowledgment

Founded in 1860, Emmanuel Church is located on land once used by the matriarchal Massachusett Tribe for fishing in the estuary of the Quinobeguin (now Charles River). Acknowledging this is an expression of our appreciation and a small, first step on the Way of Love, toward respect and accountability to Indigenous or First Peoples, who continue to suffer as a consequence of genocide and forced removal perpetrated by white ancestors of European descent. Our next steps have to do with actions to end violence directed toward them, which occurs when their histories are erased, cultures are trivialized, labor is exploited, and resources are seized. As the current occupiers of this territory, we must amplify First Peoples' voices, honor their dignity, and repent of our complicity in their oppression. Read more about our Land Use Acknowledgment on our website: https://www.emmanuelboston.org/mission/social-justice/land-acknowledgement/

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#### The Holy Eucharist

#### The First Sunday After Pentecost: Trinity Sunday Year B

Prelude O lux beata Trinitas

Jan Peeterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

#### **Announcements**

**Opening Hymn** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Hymn 362

(Please rise in body or spirit and open your hymnal)

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#### The Word of God

Presider: Blessed be God: eternal Majesty, incarnate Word, abiding Spirit.
All: And blessed be God's Holy Name, now and forever. Amen.

#### The Collect for Purity

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse

the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and

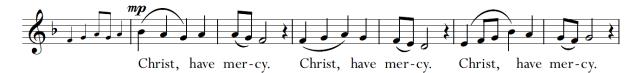
worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

#### Hymn of Praise Kyrie

Cambridge Mass, Stuart Forster







#### The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.
People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever

and ever

All: **Amen.** (*Please be seated*)

#### The Lessons

#### First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

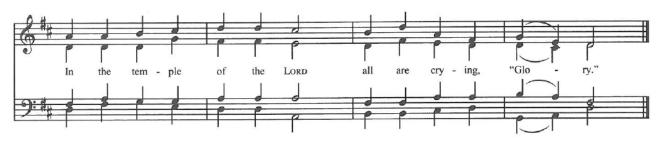
Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **Antiphon**

**Psalm 29** Please join in singing the antiphon when indicated; verses are sung by the choir.



<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings,

ascribe to God glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

[ANT.]

<sup>3</sup> The voice of God is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders;

<sup>4</sup>The voice of God is a powerful voice;

the voice of God is a voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of God breaks the cedar trees;

God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

[ANT.]

<sup>6</sup>God makes Lebanon skip like a calf

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice of God splits the flames of fire;

the voice of God shakes the wilderness;

God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

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<sup>8</sup>The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

<sup>9</sup> And in the temple of the Holy One, all are crying, "Glory!"

[ANT.]

God sits enthroned above the flood, enthroned as Sovereign for evermore.
God shall give strength to the people; God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

[ANT.]

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#### **Second Reading** Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

**Gospel Hymn** Come gracious Spirit heavenly Dove (St. 1-2) (Please rise in body or spirit and open your hymnal)

Hymn 512 MENDON

#### **The Gospel Reading** John 3:1-17

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

**Gospel Hymn** Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove (St.3-4) (*Please rise in body or spirit and open your hymnal*)

Hymn 512 MENDON

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Tucker

#### The Nicene Creed

(Please rise in body or spirit)





Prayers of the People (The Leader and People pray responsively)

Form VI, BCP p. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to those who are sick, friendless, or needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Carol our Bishops; for Julia our bishop-elect; and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our Sovereign;

#### And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal realm.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your

people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession EOW, p. 56

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: God of 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. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

#### The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

#### **The Holy Communion**

#### **Offertory Sentence**

I beseech you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love. (Eph. 4:1-2)

Richard Dering (1580-1630) Text: 1 John 5:7, Isaiah 6:36

Tres sunt qui testimonium dant in coelo, Pater et Verbum et Spiritus Sanctus: et hi tres unum sunt, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth: plena est omnis terra gloria ejus. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one, the holy Lord God of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

During the Offertory, we invite you to donate online using our CashApp cashtag \$EmmanuelChurchBoston.

If you are visiting or new to Emmanuel, we also invite you to take this moment to complete the Welcome Card online, linked on the inside cover of the bulletin. Paper Welcome Cards and gifts

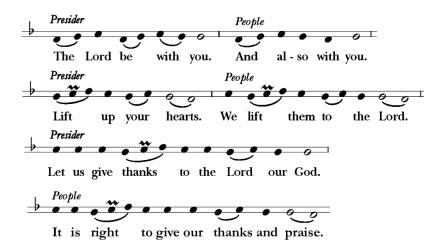
may be brought to the box at the chancel steps at the end of the service.

**Offertory Hymn** Come, thou almighty King (Please rise in body or spirit and open your hymnal)

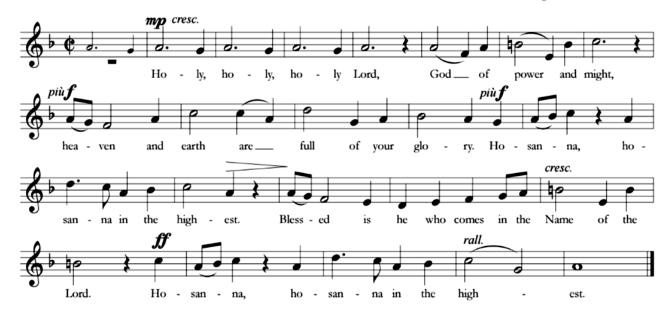
Hymn 365 MOSCOW

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP pg. 367



Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Author, of the Word, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

#### All: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in your Christ and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All: A-men.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Behold who you are.

People: May we become what we see.

#### **Fraction Anthem**

Cambridge Mass, Stuart Forster



Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

#### Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please proceed down the center aisle. At the foot of the chancel steps, cup your hands to receive the bread from the priest and turn right or left to return to your seat.

Please wait to consume the bread only after you have moved past the priest.

#### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787), from Enchiridion of Indulgences, 1969, Catholic Book Publishing Inc., altered

Post-Communion Prayer (Please rise in body or spirit)

BCP, pg. 365

Sub-deacon: Let us pray.

All:

Eternal God, heavenly Author, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Blessing**

Presider:

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of Love; and the blessing of God Almighty, Author, Word, and Inspiration be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

**Closing Hymn** Holy God, we praise thy Name (St. 1-4) (*Please rise in body or spirit and open your hymnal*)

Hymn 366 GROSSER GOTT

#### Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Welcome Cards may be brought with any gifts to the box at the chancel steps at the conclusion of the Postlude.

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#### **Emmanuel Church Announcements**

# Today and Upcoming

Thank you for joining us in worship today! Our worship has moved into the Lindsey Chapel for the summer. There will be no livestream of the service until we return to the sanctuary on September 22.

#### Chapel Camp Begins on Sunday, June 2!

Don't miss the inaugural Chapel Camp after church on Sunday, June 2, "Stories of Witness and Balm." Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, renowned scholar, author, educator, and member of Emmanuel Church, will present an informal talk in the Parish Hall followed by conversation on five stories based on her book, "Balm in Gilead" which recounts the extraordinary life of her mother, Dr. Margaret Morgan Lawrence. We recommend that participants read "Balm in Gilead" in advance, which is available for purchase on Amazon, and at many libraries. Also, there are a couple of copies at the church that can be loaned upon request.

#### In Memoriam | Walter Jonas

Emmanuel Church will hold a BCP Rite II Burial service (without Eucharist) for Walter Jonas at 1 pm Sunday, June 2 in Lindsey Chapel. All are welcome to attend and share memories of Walter, who chaired the Pastoral Care Committee of Emmanuel, and was active in Biblical language study and text study for many years.

**B-SAFE UPDATES—B-SAFE B-LOVE PROGRAM** B-SAFE, The Bishop's Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment. This year we join with the folks at Central Reformed Temple to support the summer day-camp activities organized by St. Stephen's Youth Programs (http://www.ssypboston.org/), providing B-LOVE support for B-SAFE families with bags full of groceries. If you wish, there are also other opportunities to volunteer with the kids (https://www.ssypboston.org/bsafe). **On Thursday July 25th,** we plan to deliver 25 filled grocery bags to St. Stephen's at 419 Shawmut Street. The aim is to help meet their needs in these times of continued economic upheaval and high food prices. Please consider getting involved in any of the following ways:

- **1. Starting June 1,** pick up a bag with a list of what goes in it, and return the bag filled to Emmanuel (delivery instructions included) by the end of the month. The estimated cost of the requested contents is about \$60-65.
- **2.** In early July ask what items are still needed, purchase them, and deliver to Emmanuel by Monday July 23rd. We'll have that list by July 1st, after we determine how many bags have been filled already. For this, you may request re-imbursement or donate the cost.
- **3. Wednesday, July 24th**: Join our party helping to pack in Lindsey Chapel, and to deliver the bags on Thursday morning July 25th. Packing and delivery times to be announced.
- **4. Buy raffle tickets**, come to a concert to be held on June 16th after Sunday service, and/or donate to this worthy cause anytime!
- **5. For the Raffle**—Win a dinner with the Rector for up to six persons. Tickets are \$10 for a single ticket or \$25 for three. For more information regarding raffle particulars, please email us at info@emmanuelboston.org.

If you are interested in filling bags and/or volunteering on July 24-25 or have any questions, please contact Peggy Bradley at peggy.bradley@emmanuelboston.org, Bob Greiner at bob\_greiner210@msn.com, or Jill Silverstein at jill\_silverstein@yahoo.com. You may also subscribe to our electronic newsletter for updates on this program.

#### Emmanuel Music | BachFest Boston | June 5, 2024 at 7pm, Ryan Turner, Conductor

Mark your calendars for this unique offering from Emmanuel Music before their trip to Leipzig for Bachfest in June. From Emmanuel Music: "We're deeply honored to have been invited to participate in this global celebration of Bach, and wish we could take all our Boston friends with us. Before we head to **Bachfest** in Germany, we want to share the experience of Bachfest — with some added benefits — for our local audience. Experience our program of four Bach cantatas, accompanied by **newly commissioned motets** inspired by each of the Bach works. Emmanuel Music continues our mission of serving as a living laboratory of Bach, both at home and abroad."

Purchase in person or livestream tickets here:

https://www.emmanuelmusic.org/performance-info/bachfest-in-boston

#### Emmanuel Music welcomes new Interim Executive Director: John I. Williams, Jr.

EMI Board President Dana Whiteside writes: "John comes to Emmanuel Music with extensive managerial experience in both the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors having spent the last several years with key leadership roles with non-profits. A graduate of Amherst College with degrees from both Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School and a former President of Muhlenberg College, he has had a solid career as an executive and consensus builder with proven ability to lead organizations in times of transition, preparing them for future success." Continue reading his bio at https://www.emmanuelmusic.org/leadership-staff/john-i-williams

## Ways to Get Involved

Chapel Choir - Our chapel choir is eager for new members! If you're new to Emmanuel, or if you've been here for years, if you're desperate for any solos, or if you need a neighbour singing in your ear - all are very welcome. Our "Chapeltide" season, when the cantata series pauses and chapel choir sing every Sunday morning, has arrived. Scores are always circulated well in advance so singers have a chance to work through the notes before a rehearsal on Sunday morning. If you're interested in making music with us over the summer, please get in touch with Organist & Choir Director John Dilworth (organist@emmanuelboston.org).

**Language Reading Groups at Emmanuel** - Want to learn or brush up an ancient language? Join one of Emmanuel's Reading Groups. We currently offer:

Hebrew Reading Group - Wednesdays at 6PM (co-sponsored with Central Reform Temple)

Greek Reading Group - Thursdays at 9AM

Latin Reading Group - Fridays at 9AM

Beginners are always welcome. Email Carolyn Beard at beard@emmanuelboston.org for the Zoom link.

**Bible Study via Zoom resumes in July** - Bible Study meets virtually on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 am in all odd-numbered months. These lively conversations with the Rector take place via Zoom. If you would like to participate next month, please <u>contact the Parish Office</u>.

Do you know someone who is in the hospital, or confined at home? The Care Commission provides pastoral ministry by writing notes, making visits, and more. Pastoral care needs are being coordinated by Deacon Bob Greiner (deacon@emmanuelboston.org). If you have a need, please contact him.

Emmanuel Church Photography and Social Media - Communicating through social media helps our efforts to build community and expand our reach to people who are new to Emmanuel, as well as to Emmanuelites around the world. Volunteers help spread the Word by taking photos before, during, and after services, posting and sharing online. We value the sanctity of our worship and aim to strike a balance between sharing life at Emmanuel and creating a sacred space for all, filled with wonder, love, thanksgiving, and praise. No one will be tagged or identified by name in a photo without their permission and other privacy wishes will be respected on request. If you are interested in helping in these efforts, have concerns, or have high resolution photos of the Emmanuel community to share, please email photos@emmanuelboston.org.

**Emmanuel Announcements & "This Week at Emmanuel"** - If you would like to submit an announcement for inclusion in our Sunday Announcements, please email the Parish Office. Our weekly E-news is sent by email every Wednesday with announcements listed here plus many more. If you would like to receive those, please contact the Parish Office or sign up on our website.

# Worship Today in Lindsey Chapel

Are you visiting Emmanuel for the first time today? Our congregation moves into the beautiful Lindsey Chapel during the summer. The chapel was built by William and Anne Lindsey, in memory of their newlywed daughter, Leslie Lindsey and her spouse Stewart Mason, who both tragically passed away on the Lusitania.

The chapel, originally a brownstone, was purchased by the Lindseys in 1919 and offered to the church as a memorial chapel. It was built in the style of a Lady Chapel, a space meant to honor the Blessed Mother.

We will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the chapel's consecration this fall in October. Visit our website to learn more about the chapel's architecture, stained glass windows and more:

https://www.emmanuelboston.org/mission/history/history-of-lindsey-chapel/

# New to Emmanuel?

Welcome to Emmanuel Church! You honor us with your presence. We are a faith community with a long history of challenging assumptions, of outreach, good preaching, and mission. We also have a long history of attracting deeply thoughtful people to engage in faith, doubt, music and art, conversation and fine liturgy. If you would like to learn more, please contact the Parish Office so we can connect.

In Episcopal liturgy, please stand in body or spirit when indicated. If you prefer to kneel during the prayers, please do. Please join in with the text in bold, when indicated. Hymns and responses to the liturgy usually found in the Hymnal 1982, Book of Common Prayer, and others are included in the bulletin. Our scripture readings are prescribed by the Revised Common Lectionary and are taken from the NRSV translation of the Bible. Psalm translations often come from the St. Helena Psalter.

Our commitment to expansive language dates from January 19, 1986, when the vestry vowed that our worship should "...speak of God, Christ, and our humanity in both male and female images." Thirty-five years later, we continue to expand our language to embrace non-binary and gender-fluid words for people and the Divine, as well as non-anthropomorphic words for the Divine that are theologically coherent and biblically grounded. In accordance with this commitment, we welcome everyone to make changes in the language of the liturgy and in the hymns to that which is more fully inclusive. Our rector considers the disturbances this causes to be signs of the Holy Spirit, even as she acknowledges that words will always be insufficient to describe the Mystery of Life and Love.

In the sixth century, the "filioque" clause referring to the Holy Spirit crept into the Nicene Creed in the Church in the West (Roman) without consultation or agreement from the Church in the East (Orthodox): "...Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father *and the Son*." The Episcopal Church meeting in General Convention in 1994 agreed to remove the clause in the next revision of the Book of Common Prayer. In the meantime, since Emmanuel Church prints the creed text in our bulletins, we have removed the clause and adjusted musical settings to put the Episcopal Church's intention into practice.

In our worship service, there are periods of silence which serve as transitions and moments of reflection within a rich liturgy. In scripture, silence lets Elijah hear the still small voice of God, and the Revelation to John speaks of the silence in heaven. You are encouraged to embrace this silence as an integral part of "God with us."

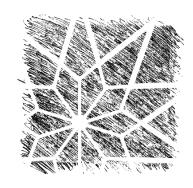
Whoever you are, wherever you've been, whatever you've done, you are welcome to participate in communion here. At this time communion may be received by bread alone or by praying the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

**Children are welcome** to participate fully in the service.

It is our practice to remain seated through the **Post-lude**. You are encouraged to respond "Amen" at its conclusion

Monetary gifts may be made by dropping your donation in the box by the pulpit, mailing it to the church, or electronically via CashApp. CashApp (our cashtag is \$EmmanuelChurchBoston) is a secure platform designed to allow you to quickly and easily make donations or payments. Please be sure to indicate if your gift should go towards your annual pledge or another special designation. If you are new to giving to Emmanuel Church and are using CashApp, please contact the Parish Office with your contact information.

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