

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.

June 2, 2024

10:00am—Holy Eucharist in the Lindsey Chapel

Presiding & Preaching: The Rev. Pamela L. Werntz
Deacon: The Rev. Robert Greiner
Organist & Choir Director: John Dilworth
Subdeacon: Jamie Shore
Crucifer: Rebekah Shore
First Reader: Pavel Hradecky
Second Reader: Susan Swan
Prayer Intercessor: Rebecca Clark Lightcap
Altar Guild: Rebekah Shore, Jane Redmont
Greeters: Mary Beth Clack, Kelly Hager
Sexton: Dennis Gaskell

Are you visiting or new to Emmanuel?

We'd love to talk with 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.



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/

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/

The Holy Eucharist Second Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 4 - Year B

Prelude Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669

J.S. Bach

Announcements

Opening Hymn Before the Lord's eternal throne

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

Hymn 391 Winchester New

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

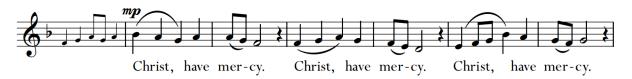
worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Kyrie

Cambridge Mass, Stuart Forster







The Collect of the Day

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

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

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

The Lessons

First Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-15 Please join in singing the antiphon when indicated; verses are sung by the choir. Antiphon



¹O God, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

²You trace my journeys and my resting-places, and are acquainted with all my ways.

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³A Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O God, know it altogether.

⁴You press upon me behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁵Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

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¹²For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹³I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

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¹⁴My body was not hidden from you,

while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁵Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;

all of them were written in your book;

they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

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 $^{16}\mbox{How deep I}$ find your thoughts, O God;

how great is the sum of them!

¹⁷If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;

to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

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Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 538 Lucerna Laudoniae

The Gospel Reading Mark 2:23-3:6

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

Gospel Hymn God of mercy, God of grace (St. 2) (Please open your hymnal and rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 538 Lucerna Laudoniae

The Sermon Ms. Werntz

The Nicene Creed S105, alt.

(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 for all bishops 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)

Offertory Anthem Almighty and everlasting God

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Text: Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany, The Book of Common Prayer (1549)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

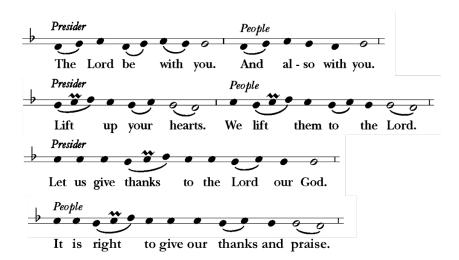
If you are visiting or new to Emmanuel, we also invite you to take this moment to complete the Welcome Card online, linked on the inside cover of the bulletin. Paper Welcome Cards and gifts may be brought to the box at the chancel steps at the end of the service.

Offertory Hymn Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (*Please rise in body or spirit*)

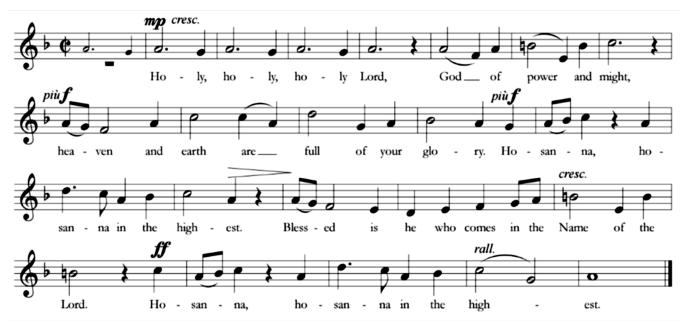
Hymn 339 Schmücke dich

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

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

There is one communion station at the foot of the chancel steps. Gluten-free wafers are available, as well as non-alcoholic grape juice in the ceramic chalice All without exception are welcome to receive. You who hunger and thirst for deeper communion with the Holy One come to the table.

Communion Hymn There is a balm in Gilead

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

Hymn 676 Balm in Gilead

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 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of joy

Hymn 482

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

Slane

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Canzon quarta: La Pace

Giovanni Paolo Cima (c. 1570 -1630)

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

Chapel Camp Begins Today in the Parish Hall: 11:30am to 12:30pm

Don't miss the inaugural Chapel Camp today after church: "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.

In Memoriam Walter Jonas | Today at 1pm

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.

Next week's Chapel Camp on June 9th: A Conversation About Deacons

Each year, our Diocese sets apart an early Sunday in June as Deacon Sunday. So please join us after Coffee Hour to learn about the origin of Deacons as well as a short history, particularly in the Episcopal Church. Bob will talk about what led him to seek ordination. How is Bob's role in Liturgy a sign of his diaconal calling? Bob will share some brief stories of what fellow deacons are doing in our Diocese. We'll have time for questions. And perhaps you might be interested in learning more. Hope to see you and share.

In and Around Emmanuel

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 Reform 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 in 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 contact the Parish Office.

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.

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."

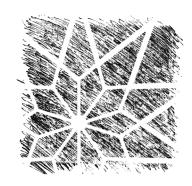
Whoever you are, wherever you've been, whatever you've done, you are welcome to participate in communion here. At this time communion may be received by bread alone or by praying the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

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.

In a typical week, Emmanuel Church provides sanctuary and hospitality for as many as fifteen hundred people who are living on the various margins of our society because of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, disability, addiction, immigration status, religion, and so on. Coming together to help lift heavy hearts and carry heavy burdens is what we do, and many hands make light work. Every single one of us has some capacity to join in this vital mission, thanks to Love.



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