

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.

November 24, 2024

10:00am—Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary

Presiding: The Rev. Pamela L. Wertz

Deacon & Preaching: The Rev. Robert Greiner

Conductor: Ryan Turner

Organist: John Dilworth

Subdeacon: Joy Howard

Crucifer: Jason McLin

Torch Bearers: Kelly Hager, William Fitzner

First Reader: Carolyn Roosevelt

Second Reader: Joy Howard

Prayer Intercessor: Rebecca Clark Lightcap

Altar Guild: Glenn Seberg, William Fitzner

Greeters: Dawn Dreisbach, Liz Levin

Livestream provided by: Emmanuel Music

Sexton: Dennis Gaskell

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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:

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Founded in 1860, Emmanuel Church is located on land once used by the matriarchal Massachusetts Tribe for fishing in the estuary of the Quinobequin (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-acknowledgment/>

The Holy Eucharist
The Last Sunday After Pentecost: Proper 29B

Prelude Rex Christe factor omnium

Hieronymus Praetorius (1560-1629)

Announcements

Opening Hymn Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
(Please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 544
 DUKE STREET

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 thron'g to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

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 Holy God
(Sung three times)

S102
ARCHANGELSKY

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever .

All: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Lessons

First Reading 2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,

the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,

is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Motet and the swallow

Caroline Shaw (b.1982)
Psalm 84

how beloved is your dwelling place,
o lord of hosts
my soul yearns,
my heart and my flesh cry
the sparrow found a house,
and the swallow her nest,
where she may raise her young
they pass through the Valley of Bakka,
they make it a place of springs
the autumn rains cover it with pools

Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn “Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee (St. 1-2)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 615

ST. FLAVIAN

1 “Thy king - dom come!” on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom’s day.
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

The Gospel Reading John 18:33-37

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Judeans?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Judean, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Judeans. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Hymn “Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee (St. 3-5)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 615

ST. FLAVIAN

The Sermon

Mr. Greiner

The Creed

(Please rise in body or spirit)

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. He 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.

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

In trust, we bring before God our hopes and fears, our wonder and confusion, our joys and sorrows, asking God's blessing on our lives and the life of the world. Let us pray.

We give thanks for our lives which are in God's hand, for our souls which are in God's keeping, for God's wondrous providence and continuous goodness, bestowed on us day by day. *(Silence)*

For grateful hearts we pray:

Be with us and awaken us, O God.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, remembering particularly all who minister in this congregation and community. We give thanks for ... *(Silence)*

For the household of faith we pray:

Be with us and bless us, O God.

We pray for our nation. Endow us with your grace, and bring us to a more perfect union embracing young and old, rich and poor, people of all colors, cultures, and tongues. *(Silence)*

For our nation we pray:

Be with us and guide us, O God.

We pray for all nations, peoples, and tribes throughout the world. In your compassion lead us into the way of unity and peace, and bring us to that glorious liberty which is the birthright of all your children. *(Silence)*

For the welfare of the world we pray:

Be with us and unite us, O God.

We pray for our neighbors in this community: at work, at school, and at play. Help us all to be aware of those who are unemployed and without shelter, and give us compassion and determination to respond to their needs. *(Silence)*

For our community we pray:

Be with us and help us, O God.

We pray for everyone whose body aches, whose heart is weary or frightened, whose mind is confused or cast down. Strengthen with your healing Spirit all who suffer, especially those who we now name aloud or in our hearts. Give us grace to be instruments of your peace. *(Silence)*

For all who suffer and struggle we pray.

Be with us and heal us, O God.

We pray for all those who have died. Draw them to your bosom in love and to the new life of eternity, with all your saints, who have shown us how to live more fully the life of Christ. *(Silence)*

For all who have entered new life in the resurrection we pray:

Be with us and raise us, O God.

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)

During the Offertory, we invite you to donate in person or online using our CashApp cashtag \$EmmanuelBostonGive. If you are visiting or new to Emmanuel, we also invite you to take this moment to complete the Welcome Card on paper or online, using the QR code on the inside cover of the bulletin. Paper Welcome Cards and gifts may be placed in the collection plate.

At the Offertory Improvisation brève

Mel Bonis (1858-1937)

Offertory Hymn Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor
(Please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 307
BRYN CALFARIA

1 Lord, en - throned in heav - en - ly splen - dor, first - be -
*2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
*3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
5 Life - im - part - ing heav - en - ly Man - na, smit - ten

1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
5 Rock with stream - ing side, heav - en and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -
1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.
4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Presider: 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.

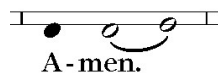
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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.

All: 
A-men.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread


Presider: Alleluia! God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem

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Antiphon
Cantor; then All



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,
is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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

Communion

There are two communion stations at the altar rail and at the baptismal font. At the rail, you may receive either standing or kneeling. Gluten-free wafers are available at both stations. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the ceramic chalice at the baptismal font.

You who hunger and thirst for deeper communion with the Holy One, come to the table. All without exception are welcome to receive. As you receive communion, we ask that you refrain from dipping the bread in the cup. As an alternative, please sip from the cup or hold your bread over the cup without touching the cup as the chalice is presented.

Communion Motet Ave verum corpus

William Byrd (1540-1623)

Ave verum corpus,
Natum de Maria virgine;
Vere passum immolatum
In crucis pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.
O dulcis, o pie,
O Jesu Fili Mariae,
Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true body,
Born of the virgin Mary;
Who has truly suffered, slaughtered
On the Cross for humanit;
Whose side was pierced,
Pouring out water and blood.
Be a foretaste for us
During our ordeal of death.
O sweet, O holy,
O Jesus Son of Mary,
Have mercy on me. Amen.

Communion Hymn Give praise and glory unto God

Hymn 375

(Please rise in body or spirit)

DER LEBENSROT, HERR JESU CHRIST

Unison or harmony

1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;
2 The host of hea - ven prais - eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;
3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er - more sus - tain - eth;

his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious - ness con -
and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing
he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er

fess - ions. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his
pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that
wan - eth. Through all his king - dom's wide do - main, his

com - fort all my an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.
do - eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.
right - eous - ness and jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

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Soloists: Krista River, alto; Charles Blandy, tenor; Andrew Padgett, bass

Instrumental Soloists: Heidi Braun-Hill, violin; Vanessa Holroyd, flute;

Peggy Pearson & Jennifer Slowik, oboe d'amore

Instrumentation: flute I/II, oboe d'amore I/II, violin I/II, viola, cello, bass, organ

1. Chor

Sei Lob und Ehr dem höchsten Gut,
Dem Vater aller Güte,
Dem Gott, der alle Wunder tut,
Dem Gott, der mein Gemüte
mit seinem reichen Trost erfüllt,
Dem Gott, der allen Jammer stillt.

2. Rezitativ B

Es danken dir die Himmelsheer,
O Herrscher aller Thronen,
Und die auf Erden, Luft und Meer
In deinem Schatten wohnen,
Die preisen deine Schöpfermacht,

3. Arie T

Was unser Gott geschaffen hat,
Das will er auch erhalten;
Darüber will er früh und spat
Mit seiner Gnade walten.
In seinem ganzen Königreich
Ist alles recht und alles gleich.
Gebt unserm Gott die Ehre!

4. Chor

Ich rief dem Herrn in meiner Not:
Ach Gott, vernimm mein Schreien!
Da half mein Helfer mir vom Tod
Und ließ mir Trost gedeihen.
Drum dank, ach Gott, drum dank ich dir;

5. Rezitativ A

Der Herr ist noch und nimmer nicht
Von seinem Volk geschieden,
Er bleibet ihre Zuversicht,
Ihr Segen, Heil und Frieden;
Mit Mutterhänden leitet er

6. Arie B

Wenn Trost und Hülff ermangeln muß,
Die alle Welt erzeiget,
So kommt, so hilft der Überfluß,
Der Schöpfer selbst, und neiget
Die Vateraugen denen zu,
Die sonst nirgend finden Ruh.

1. Chorus

Praise and honor be to the highest good,
to the Father of all goodness,
to God, who works all miracles,
to God, who fills my spirit
with his sumptuous comfort,
to God, who quiets all anguish.

2. Recitative B

The host of heaven gives you thanks,
O Sovereign of all kingdoms,
and those in earth, air, and sea
who live in your shadow
praise your creative power,

3. Aria T

What our God has created
he will also sustain;
therefore he will govern early and late
with his grace.
In his entire kingdom
all is right and all is equal.
Give honor to our God!

4. Chorus

I call to the Lord in my need:
ah, God, accept my cries!
For my Helper has saved me from death
and lets me thrive on comfort.
Therefore I thank, ah God, therefore I thank you;

5. Recitative A

The Lord is not still and never shall be
parted from his people,
he remains their security,
their blessing, salvation, and peace;
with maternal hands he leads

6. Aria B

If comfort and aid be lacking,
which is apparent in the entire world,
then the abundance shall come and help,
the Creator himself, and bend
his paternal eyes on them,
who otherwise would never find rest.

7. Arie A

Ich will dich all mein Leben lang,
O Gott, von nun an ehren;
Man soll, o Gott, den Lobgesang
An allen Orten hören.
Mein ganzes Herz ermuntere sich,
Mein Geist und Leib erfreue sich.
Gebt unserm Gott die Ehre!

8. Rezitativ T

Ihr, die ihr Christi Namen nennt,
Gebt unserm Gott die Ehre!
Ihr, die ihr Gottes Macht bekennt,
Gebt unserm Gott die Ehre!
Die falschen Götzen macht zu Spott,
Der Herr ist Gott, der Herr ist Gott;
Gebt unserm Gott die Ehre!

9. Chor

So kommet vor sein Angesicht
Mit jauchzenvollem Springen;
Bezahlet die gelobte Pflicht
Und laßt uns fröhlich singen:
Gott hat es alles wohl bedacht
Und alles, alles recht gemacht.
Gebt unserm Gott die Ehre!

7. Aria A

I shall honor you my whole life long,
O God, from now on;
the hymn of praise, O God,
can be heard in all places.
My whole heart is cheered,
my spirit and body rejoice.
Give honor to our God!

8. Recitative T

You, who take Christ's name,
give honor to our God!
You, who acknowledge God's power,
give honor to our God!
Make a mockery of the false idols,
the Lord is God, the Lord is God;
give honor to our God!

9. Chorus

Then come before his face
with exultant leaps;
repay the praiseworthy duty
and let us happily sing:
God has given all good consideration
and made everything, everything right.
Give honor to our God!

"Sei Lob und Ehr dem höchsten Gut," Jakob Schütz 1675
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Post-Communion Prayer (*Please rise in body or spirit*)

Subdeacon: Let us pray.

All: **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

Presider: God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. Amen.

BCP, pg. 365

Closing Hymn Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
(Please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 460
 HYFRYDOL

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - every

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his love
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his love

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Sei Lob und Ehr dem höchsten Gut

Gottfried Homilius (1714-1785)

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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Music Notes

Today's cantata is made possible in part by income from the Young Fund of Emmanuel Church, in memory of Priscilla Young, whose generosity helps to sustain our cantata program.

and the swallow

Caroline Shaw (b.1982)

And the swallow was commissioned by Nederland Kammerkoor It was first performed on November 11, 2017, at Union Theological Seminary, as part of Lincoln Center's White Lights Festival "150 Psalms"

Caroline Shaw is the youngest recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Music for her composition Partita for 8 Voices. Her music is renowned for its use of extended vocal techniques, the most basic of which can be heard in “and the swallow,” a setting of Psalm 84 which ends with singers evoking the sound of autumn rains. Shaw spoke of how she was thinking of the Syrian refugee crisis and she composed the work: “There’s a yearning for home that feels very relevant today. The second verse is “the sparrow found a house and swallow her nest where she may place her young” -- a beautiful image of a bird trying to keep her children safe – people trying to keep their family safe.

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Sei Lob und Ehr dem höchsten Gut, BWV 117

J.S. Bach

BWV 117 was last presented on November 25, 2012, with Ryan Turner conducting. The vocal soloists were Krista River, alto; Jonas Budris, tenor; and Paul Max Tipton, bass. The instrumental soloists were Heidi Braun-Hill, violin; Jacqueline DeVoe, flute; and Jane Harrison and Jennifer Slowik, oboe d'amore

The chorale text, "Sei Lob und Ehr dem höchsten Gut" began its life as a wedding hymn, a clue as to the occasion for the composition of today's cantata - almost certainly a wedding. In the middle Leipzig period (around 1730) Bach was more likely to set multiple chorale verses intact, rather than original texts. This does not seem to have presented an obstacle to Bach compositionally. Another potential constraint (not in Bach's case) was the identical line of text that ends each verse.

The opening chorus is bright and celebratory. The ornamented chorale tune that serves as the main theme of the orchestral ritornello is further decorated by billowing sixteenth notes, most notably in the bass line. The chorus

presents the chorale tune in simple block chords. The bass soloist takes the second verse in a recitative - the last phrase repeated several times in *arioso* style. The third verse is a gracious and melancholy dialogue between tenor and two oboes *d'amore*. The writing for the two instruments, as well as the harmonic ambiguity, seems to suit the textual duality. The chorus sings the fourth verse as a chorale. In the next verse – an alto recitative accompanied by strings – the last line of text takes on an even greater importance. Set as an extended *arioso*, the vocal line mimics the first phrase of the cantata tune, while the bass line becomes motivic and rhythmic material for the aria that follows. The bass is accompanied by a solo violin that supports the intimate and comforting quality of this aria. Full stings and flute (at the octave) accompany a lush pastoral alto aria. After a tenor recitative, the chorus sings the final chorale in the same harmonization heard earlier.

The whole experience of this wonderful cantata – while not exactly abstract – strikes us less with text-specificity or challenging theology than some of the cantatas of the earlier years.

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Join us for Christmas at Emmanuel in collaboration with Project STEP Sunday, December 15th at 4pm

Ring in the holiday season with traditions old and new as we celebrate with uplifting works of J.S. Bach, featuring students from Project STEP, setting the stage for the New England premiere of Evan Williams' A Little Mass for Christmas. Start something bright and new with Emmanuel Music this winter. Pay-what-you-can tickets available at emmanuelmusic.org

Emmanuel Church Announcements

Pledging to Emmanuel Church

If you value the worship and programs of Emmanuel Church, and the clergy and staff that support them, please make a pledge for 2025.

A pledge is an indication of the financial support you intend to offer for 2025. A pledge may be fulfilled in one gift, quarterly, monthly, or weekly. A pledge may be fulfilled in advance of 2025 (and so designated) or at any time during 2025.

The amount of your pledge depends entirely on you. Every pledge counts as 1, and the total number of pledges reflects the number of households committed to supporting the parish. No amount of money is too small or too large! For reference, in 2024 Emmanuel received 81 pledges, and the median pledge amount was \$2,500. For a parish of our size, we hope to receive 100 pledges in 2025. We are about halfway there.

A pledge may be made by completing a pledge card or by emailing the parish administrator at parishadmin@emmanuelboston.org.

Thank you!

Today After the Service 1:00pm to 4:00pm Thanksgiving at Emmanuel!

Emmanuel Church will celebrate Thanksgiving a little early this year with a dinner for our Boston Warm and common cathedral friends and beyond. Our own Dennis Gaskell and longtime colleague Sue Brady are asking for volunteer support for serving and kitchen duty. If you are looking for something to do this afternoon, there may still be a need. Volunteers will gather in the Parish Hall at noontime. Boston WCVB-TV (Channel 5) will be in the house.

Help us Green Emmanuel's Sanctuary

Volunteers are needed Sunday, December 15 to help green Emmanuel's sanctuary. Please, join us immediately after Sunday's service in the sanctuary. Pizza and soft drinks will be available. Many hands make light work or at least make things more entertaining. It is always a good time!

Please, text or email Mary Blocher if you can help. 617 512 1575 or blocher.mary@gmail.com

Including Loved Ones in the Prayers of the People: All are welcome to request prayers for loved ones. Periodically we start our prayer list afresh. To request that a loved one be included--or reinstated--on the prayer list, please email Becky Lightcap (lightcap@emmanuelboston.org).

Ways to Get Involved

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 the Parish Office at parishassist@emmanuelboston.org for the Zoom link.

Bible Study via Zoom- Bible Study meets virtually on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 am in all odd-numbered months. These lively conversations take place via Zoom. If you would like to participate, 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 Pavel Hradecky (pavelhrx@gmail.com) and Deacon Bob Greiner (deacon@emmanuelboston.org). If you have a need, please contact them.



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