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## **The Liturgy for**

## **The Sunday of the Passion:**

## **Palm Sunday**

## **April 13th, 2025**

## **8:00 a.m.**

**Worship and Pastoral Notes**

**Welcome Guests & Visitors**

**+ Welcome to the Episcopal Church.** The mission of the Episcopal Church, as stated in our Book of Common Prayer, is “*to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.*” We seek to follow Jesus in loving and life-giving relationships with God, with one another, with all people, and with all God’s creation. Our worship, beliefs and practices are diverse and reflect influences from Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox traditions as well as on going reflection and prayer about what it means to believe in and follow Jesus Christ in a rapidly changing world. We Episco- palians are also known as Anglicans, part of the worldwide Anglican Communion with origins and ongoing ties to the Church of England.

**+ Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church.** We trace our history on Mercer Island to a first worship service in 1909 and to a prior church building, built in 1914, in an area of the island once known as East Seattle. We have met, worshiped, served at and gone forth in faith from the present church since 1959.

**+ Welcome to Our Worship Today.** The order for worship that we call the Holy Eucharist is printed, with music, on the following pages. It begins with the Liturgy of the Word: Bible readings, a sermon, an affirmation of faith, prayers, and greeting one another at the Peace. All this prepares us for the Eucharist itself — the word is derived from the biblical Greek word for thanksgiving. Here and elsewhere it may also be called Holy Communion, the Lord’s Supper or the Mass.

**+ Welcome to Communion.** The Real Presence of Christ in the blessed bread and wine is a primary belief in our Anglican tradition. Here at Emmanuel, any and all who are drawn to do so may receive Communion. Additional notes may be found at the appropriate place in today’s printed order of worship.

**+ Welcome to Getting Around Here.**

♦ **Our nursery and ministries with young children** are offered in various ways at various times. Please inquire with an usher, the clergy or other parents, or look for information on our website.

♦ **An accessible restroom** may be found across from the stairway outside the west doors of the narthex (the gathering area just beyond the doors of the church proper). Other restrooms may be found up the ramp and stairs at the east side of the narthex.

♦ **Hearing assistance devices**, with related instructions, may be found in and borrowed from a basket on a narthex table.

*Please let us know how we may better welcome you.*

**The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

OUR WORSHIP TODAY here at Emmanuel is unusual and provocative. This is not our usual Sunday routine.

The distinctive features of the Palm Sunday Liturgy alert us to the fact that, along with other Christians around the world, we are entering Holy Week. Our worship services beginning today and through the coming week are intended to be experienced as a whole, so that we may fully share in remembering and taking part in the events of Christ’s Passion, death and resurrection.

     Today’s liturgy includes an abrupt and disturbing change of tone and substance that merits some explana-tion. In the Liturgy of the Palms, we share in what is traditionally called the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The appointed gospel text reminds us of the throngs that greeted Jesus with joy and with the hope that he would become a liberating new king for Israel.

The mood abruptly turns, however. From the time that we pray the Collect of the Day, we anticipate and soon share in hearing of Christ’s Passion – his betrayal, mock trial, torture and death by crucifixion. The lengthy Gospel is dramatic, tragic, sorrowful. Together we shout Crucify!

*Please note that the reading of the Passion Gospel*

*this year invites your active participation,*

*by way of the parts in bold indicated for the People.*

If by the end of this worship we are left feeling dismayed, implicated, or even without hope, this liturgy will have done its intended spiritual work. We have been given a preview that will be expanded upon in the upcoming liturgies for Maundy Thursday (at 7:00 p.m.) and Good Friday (at Noon and at 7:00 p.m.).

All of the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter are tradi-tionally considered to be a relay of sorts, with each service preparing and moving toward the next

Please enrich your faith and our common life by taking part as you are able throughout the coming week.

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The Holy Eucharist – Rite Two –8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

The Liturgy of the Palms

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Holy Gospel **–** Luke 19:28-40

*All standing, the Priest says to the People*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and when he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

*After the Gospel the Reader says*

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Blessing of the Palms

*The Celebrant says the following blessing*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues,*

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*\* \* \* The Palms are now distributed \* \* \**

*Celebrant* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

***People* Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.

***People* In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Word Of God

The Collect Of The Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us Pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons

A Reading From The Old Testament **–** Isaiah 50:4-9a

*Lector* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--  
wakens my ear   
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,   
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;   
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm **–** 31:9-16 *Read Responsively*

9.  Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*

my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

10. For my life is wasted with grief,

and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.

11. I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,

a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12. I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*

I am as useless as a broken pot.

13. For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;

fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.

14. But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*

I have said, "You are my God.

15. My times are in your hand; \*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

16. Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*

and in your loving-kindness save me."

A Reading From The Epistles – Philippians 2:5-11

*Lector* A reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God   
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,   
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself and became  
obedient to the point of death--   
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name   
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,   
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,   
to the glory of God the Father.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ **–** Luke 22:14-23:56

When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." He said to them, "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, `And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled." They said,

***People:* "Lord, look, here are two swords."**

He replied, "It is enough."

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

***People:* "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"**

Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

***People:* "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?"**

They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council.

They said,

***People:* "If you are the Messiah, tell us**."

He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." All of them asked,

***People:* "Are you, then, the Son of God?"**

He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said,

***People:* "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"**

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

***People:* "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."**

Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said,

***People:* "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."**

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hop-ing to see him perform some sign. He ques-tioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Her-od with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together,

***People:* "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"**

(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

***People:* "Crucify, crucify him!"**

A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.

So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

*All stand, as able*

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

***People:* "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"**

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

***People:* "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"**

There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

*All kneel, as able. A period of silence is kept.*

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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The Sermon – The Rev. Patrick Raymond

The Nicene Creed*The Book of Common Prayer*

*All stand, as able, and say together*

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 and the Son.  
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.

The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* For all times that we have recognized your holy presence among us,

O Christ, and shouted ‘Hosanna!’ in our hearts,

*People***We give thanks, and we pray for you to come among us again.**

*Intercessor* For all times that we have denied our part in your betrayal and death; for those

times when we have sought to be regarded as the greatest; for those times we have been called to patience and compassion and instead shouted, “Crucify!”

*People* **We ask your forgiveness, Lord.**

*Intercessor* For those known to us in need of prayers and those named on our parish prayer list: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. And for all who are sick or dying, lonely or discouraged; for those whose lives bear the wounds of violence; and for those who have lost faith, hope or love;

*People* **May your saving presence and power be known to them through us.**

*Intercessor* For those known to us who celebrate birthdays today or in the coming week,

including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. And for all who are thankful at this time, and for all your people, from every race and nation, who call upon you.

*People* **We your people remember your Passion and death, and we await**

**your resurrection.**

*The Celebrant adds this prayer.*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.** *Please share the Peace of Christ with others.*

Announcements

The Liturgy Of The Table

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Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving*Eucharistic Prayer A, The Book of Common Prayer*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

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| ***People*** | **And also with you.** |
| *Celebrant* | Lift up your hearts. |
| ***People*** | **We lift them to the Lord.** |
| *Celebrant* | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| ***People*** | **It is right to give him thanks and praise.** |

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*8:00 AM Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The People stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven, And forgive us our trespasses,

hallowed be thy Name, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

thy kingdom come, And lead us not into temptation,

thy will be done, but deliver us from evil.

on earth as it is in heaven. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

Give us this day our daily bread. and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking Of The Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Agnus Dei

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

*People* **have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

*People* **have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

*People* **grant us your peace.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died

for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to participate in communion at Emmanuel. Primarily our communion takes place at the altar rail. You can stand or kneel. If you want to abstain from the bread or wine, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If the steps to the altar rail present a challenge for you, you may stand at the bottom of the stairs, or ask an usher to have communion brought to you in your seat.*

Post-Communion Prayer. *Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love

you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink

of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ,

and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.

Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction,

and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom

where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying,

but the fullness of joy with all your saints;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, And General Thanksgivings

*Whether recently, today or in days to come, whether members of this parish or guests: Those celebrating a birthday or anniversary are welcomed to come forward. Led by the Celebrant, all pray:*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer Over The People for Lent

*Celebrant* Let us humble ourselves before our God.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, we may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

*All respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

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**Covenant for Our Common Life and Witness**

***We, the members, staff, and clergy of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, aspire to personally and collectively demonstrate and advocate the following principles in all of our relationships.***

1. **We Demonstrate Christ's Command to Love One Another**, treating all with generosity, kindness, and empathy. "*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you*." John 15:12
2. **We Respect the Dignity of Every Person,** listening to one another and honoring differences.

Jesus said, "*In everything do to others as you would have them do to you;*

*for this is the law and the prophets.*" Matthew 7:12

1. **We Speak Truth in Love,** sharing our hopes, concerns, and perspectives in a spirit of collaboration.

"*Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.*" Ephesians 4:25

1. **We Promptly Address Conflicts and Pursue Reconciliation,** whenever and with whomever it is needed, seeking to heal and restore broken relationships.

"*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*" Ephesians 4:32

1. **We Promote Unity,** acknowledging that we share a love for this community and its future.

"*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace*." Ephesians 4:3

1. **We Practice Humility,** recognizing the needs, concerns and interests of others alongside our own.

“*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.”* Philippians 2:3a. "*What does the Lord require of you*

*but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*" Micah 6:8

1. **We Pray For Each Other, the Church, Our Community, and Our World.**

"*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for all people*." 1 Timothy 2:1

***By way of this covenant, we seek to share in a parish community***

***that reflects Christ’s love and peace to all, where every person is valued and respected,***

***aand where we work together for the common good of the church, our community and our world.***

***Clergy and Staff:*** The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Interim Rector; The Rev. Brian Gregory, Associate Rector; Fred McIlroy, Director of Music; Julene Levin, Parish Administrator; John Pritchard, Bookkeeper

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