



# Emmanuel Church

The Episcopal Church on Mercer Island



*The Temptation of Christ, Vasili Ivanovich Surikov, 1872*

In fellowship with those who join us online, please consider sitting in one of the six front rows of the church. Thank you!

**THE GREAT LITANY & HOLY EUCHARIST**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT + FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

## WELCOME GUESTS & VISITORS



We are grateful that you have joined us!

Some notes that may be of help in getting to know us may be found on the inside back cover of this worship leaflet. All that you will need to take part in worship may be found here in this worship leaflet and in the blue Hymnal 1982.

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

## WORSHIP AND CONVERSATIONS IN LENT

**OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING** begins with the **Great Litany**. Archbishop Thomas Cranmer authored the first English form of this long series of penitential prayers, in 1544. Once a regular feature of Anglican worship, the Great Litany is now mainly used for public worship in many Episcopal parishes only on this First Sunday in Lent. (On the remaining Sundays of Lent here at Emmanuel, we will begin worship with the Penitential Order – BCP p. 351). Due to the length of the Great Litany it is customary when using it to omit the Prayers of the People, as we will do this morning. Other features of our worship throughout Lent complement the season's themes of self-examination and repentance. At the altar, flowers are replaced by barren branches. Throughout Lent and Holy Week (and until Easter) we omit *Alleluias* from all elements of our worship and music. At the Fraction Anthem (when the bread is raised and broken after the Lord's Prayer) we will use the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world ...").

**OUR 'SUNDAY CONVERSATIONS IN LENT' SERIES** begins this morning and will continue through the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22. Each conversation will invite your engagement, thoughts and questions about one stand-alone topic. Please take part in all that may engage your heart, mind and faith or strengthen your appreciation for and fellowship with others here at Emmanuel. Unless otherwise posted, all conversations will take place at both 9:00am and 11:30am in the parish library. Optional prep reading materials may be found through links in the e-Bell, on the website, or via limited print copies placed in the narthex.

**Feb. 22 Calling a Priest & The Ministry of the Whole Church** – an update from the Vestry's Clergy Call & Transition Team and an opportunity to reflect on the 'who' and 'what' of all ministry.

**Mar. 1 Healthy Churches & Emmanuel's Covenant** What makes a 'healthy church'? In what ways is Emmanuel healthy or not? Any thoughts about our 2024 Covenant? Led by Rev. Patrick.

**Mar. 8 It's About Time** Reflections on the nature of time; how we experience it; how it is uniquely understood, traditionally, in Christian theology, experience and practice. Led by Rev. Marilyn Cornwell and Marte Menz Skov.

**Mar. 15 Religion, Politics, Christian Nationalism** What does it mean to be 'Christian' and to be 'political' in our current national milieu? How does or can 'faith' inform 'politics', for better and/or worse? Led by Rev. Patrick.

**Mar. 22 Prayer & Temperament** How do our native temperaments influence the styles of prayer to which we are drawn or that may be more 'natural' and edifying for us individually. Led by Rev. Patrick.

The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Interim Rector

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE GREAT LITANY

*Please kneel, as able, at the bidding of the clergy. The Litany is spoken at the 8:00 a.m. service.*

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

*People*



Have mer - cy up - on us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

*Have mercy upon us.*

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

*People*



Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

*People*



Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

*(This same response is sung after the petitions that follow)*

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all humankind into thy kingdom,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, Donald, the President of the United States, Robert our Governor, Salim, Mayor of Mercer Island, all elected officials and justices, civil servants, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

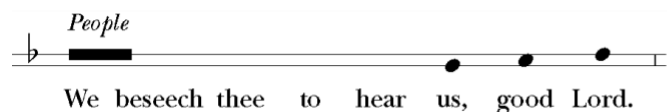
That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*



That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all humankind,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

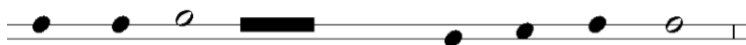
That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

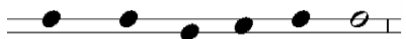
That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



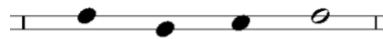
*People* Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



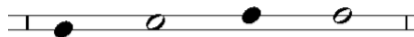
*People* Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



*People* Grant us thy peace.

*Celebrant* O Christ, hear us.



*People* O Christ, hear us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us Pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES – Genesis 2:17-17

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

### THE PSALM – 32

*Sung by The Choir*

1. Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
2. Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
3. While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
4. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
5. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
6. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
7. Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8. You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
9. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
10. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."
11. Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
12. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## **A READING FROM THE EPISTLES – Romans 5:12-19**

*Lector* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

## **10:00 THE GRADUAL – Hymnal 1982, #143 "The glory of these forty days"**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 4:1-11**

*All standing, the Minister says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*After the Gospel the Minister says*

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

**THE SERMON** The Reverend Patrick Raymond

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Enriching Our Worship*

*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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 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

*Part of our spiritual practice as Christians is to support the mission of the church through financial donations. You may give in the plate or online using PayPal. To donate via PayPal, simply scan this QR code and follow the instructions.*



*Information on receiving Communion may be found on page 15.*

### 10:00 OFFERTORY

**10:00 OFFERTORY HYMN – Hymnal 1982, #559** “Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us”

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Eucharistic Prayer A, The Book of Common Prayer (Expanded Language)*

*The People remain standing, as able.*

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Savior, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**8:00**                      **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.**

10:00

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker and of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, 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,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

## THE AGNUS DEI

**8:00** *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.**

**10:00**

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy 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.*

**10:00 COMMUNION HYMN – Hymnal 1982, #150** “Forty days and forty nights”

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER.** *Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND GENERAL THANKSGIVINGS**

*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**

*Celebrant* Humble yourself before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protections of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**10:00 PROCESSION – Hymnal 1982, #688** “A mighty fortress is our God”

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

## 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 Episcopalians 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 on the following pages; hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 or printed in the order of worship. We begin 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 reinstructions, may be found in and borrowed from a basket on a narthex table.

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



from **The Morning's News**

The morning's news drives sleep out of the head  
at night. Uselessness and horror hold the eyes  
open to the dark. Weary, we lie awake  
in the agony of the old giving birth to the new  
without assurance that the new will be better.  
I look at my son, whose eyes are like a young god's,  
they are so open to the world.  
I look at my sloping fields now turning  
green with the young grass of April. What must I do  
to go free? I think I must put on  
a deathlier knowledge, and prepare to die  
rather than enter into the design of man's hate.  
I will purge my mind of the airy claims  
of church and state. I will serve the earth  
and not pretend my life could better serve.  
Another morning comes with its strange cure.  
The earth is news. Though the river floods  
And the spring is cold, my heart goes on,  
faithful to a mystery in a cloud,  
and the summer's garden continues its descent  
through me, toward the ground.

— Wendell Berry



## **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
3. **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
4. **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
5. **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
6. **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
7. **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,  
and where we work together for the common good of the church, our community and our world.*

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