

Emmanuel Church

The Episcopal Church on Mercer Island



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5TH, 2024 AT 8:00AM

Welcome!

Newcomers & Visitors

We are so glad you are here! Everyone is invited to fully participate in our services. Communion is open to all, regardless of religious background. Join our mailing list or connect with staff by filling out a visitor card.



Children at Emmanuel

Our **Sunday School** program follows Godly Play - a Montessori based program rooted in learning the stories of Scripture. Children are invited to begin in our Godly Play Room (found in the south wing of our building called the CE building, that eventually reaches the playground). Children will return before communion to rejoin their parents. *Godly Play meets every Sunday except the last Sunday of the month.*

Our **nursery** is open for infants to four year old's, next to our Godly Play room. The nursery is staffed with professional caregivers to watch our youngest members. There is a **soft space** with toys and activities in the back of the sanctuary for busy little ones who prefer to be in worship with their parents. We welcome all ages in our worship, and hope to accommodate worship to meets the needs of all generations we are blessed with at Emmanuel.

On the **Last Sunday of the Month** we are holding an intergenerational liturgy that seeks to intentionally include people of all ages. Our children will be included in the service in new ways, there will be shifts in the music and the liturgy, and we will experiment and play with how to come together in prayer.

Hearing Devices

If you wish, Emmanuel offers headphones to those who may want or need extra assistance hearing during the service, please ask an usher.

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY – “Andante in F”

Alfred Lefebure-Wely

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT

PROCESSION – Psalm 98

The People stand. The psalm is said responsively the people speaking the bold text.

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
2. **With his right hand and his holy arm ***
has he won for himself the victory.
3. The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4. **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, ***
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
5. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6. **Sing to the Lord with the harp, ***
with the harp and the voice of song.
7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
8. **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, ***
the lands and those who dwell therein.
9. Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
10. **In righteousness shall he judge the world ***
and the peoples with equity.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AT COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us Pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS – Acts 10:44-48

During the Season of Easter, the first reading comes from the Book of Acts rather than the Old Testament.

Lector A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES – 1 John 5:1-6

Lector A reading from the First Epistle of St. John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 15:9-17

All standing, the Priest says to the People

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

After the Gospel the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON – Father Frank Spina

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The Book of Common Prayer

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

The Book of Common Prayer, Form V, Adapted

The People stand or kneel

Presider Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence during which people may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence during which people may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence during which people may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks this week for the birthdays of: *The Intercessor names those in our community who are celebrating birthdays this week.*

Silence during which people may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For those who have asked for our prayers: *The Intercessor names those whose names are found on our prayer list.*

Silence during which people may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
The Intercessor may pray for any who have died.
Silence during which people may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.**

The Confession of Sin is omitted during Easter Season

THE PEACE

The Presider says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet those nearby to share the Peace of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY – “Verset”

Alfred Lefebure-Wely

*Part of our spiritual practice as Christians is to support the mission of the church through financial donations. You can give in the plate or online. **Text (206) 203-9245 with the amount you want to donate:** (ex \$20) and then follow the instructions text back to you to set up your account. If you have already set up an account, you can text that number at any time to make additional donations.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, The Book of Common Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

**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 Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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,

the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept after which the Presider says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

After the bread is divided and the cups are filled, the Presider says these or similar words.

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.

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to know God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet God here.

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC – “O Salutaris Hostia”

Maurice Emmanuel

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**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 your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARYS, AND GENERAL THANKSGIVINGS

The Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

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 BLESSING

The Presider blesses the People

PROCESSION

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY – “Prelude and Fugue in F”

J.S. Bach