



# Emmanuel Church

The Episcopal Church on Mercer Island



*“When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.*

*Then he began to speak, and taught them ...” Matthew 5:1-2a*

Image: Three-paneled painting by Lebanese artist Joseph Matar

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1, 2026, 9:00 A.M.

## 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.*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### PRELUDE

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *Said by all*

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.

### PROCESSION – Hymnal 1982 #542 “Christ is the world’s true light”

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us Pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 HEBREW SCRIPTURES – Micah 6:1-8

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Micah.

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

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

### THE PSALM – 15

*Read Responsively*

1. Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
2. Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
3. There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
4. In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
5. He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
6. He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
7. Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## **A READING FROM THE EPISTLES – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

*Lector* A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

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

**THE GRADUAL – Hymnal 1982, #656** “Blest are the pure in heart”

**THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 5:1-12**

*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.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader:* I ask your prayers for true and lasting peace and justice throughout the world; for goodwill among all nations; and for the well-being of all people.

***People:* We pray for justice and peace.    *Pause***

I ask your prayers for those known to us who are in any need or trouble, including \_\_\_\_\_, and all others, wherever they may be, who are sick, fearful, poor, or lonely.

***People:* We pray for those in any need or trouble.    *Pause***

I ask for your prayers with thanksgiving for those known to us who celebrate birthdays this week [including \_\_\_\_\_], and for our other blessings.

***People:* We give thanks for blessings in the lives of others and in our own lives.    *Pause***

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

***People:* We pray that they may find and be found by God.    *Pause***

I ask your prayers for the dying, the dead, and those who mourn [remembering especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

***People:* We pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.    *Pause***

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world: for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Phil, our Bishop, and the members of his staff; for all laypersons and clergy who serve and lead throughout our diocese; and for the well-being and faith of all in this parish family.

***People:* We pray for all throughout the Church, and for our own faith, fellowship and witness.**

*The Celebrant adds this or another Collect*

Jesus, Light of the world, you know our hearts, our lives, and our world. Mercifully hear and accept our prayers, and strengthen us to do your will in all things, at all times, for we pray in your holy name. *Amen.*

## **THE CONFESSION**

*After a brief silence, the Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Minister and People*

God of all 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.*

## **ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant*      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**

*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.*

**OFFERTORY – “Blessed”**

Bern Herbolsheimer

**OFFERTORY HYMN – Hymnal 1982, #605** “What does the Lord require”

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Eucharistic Prayer B, Expanded Language*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

God be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift our hearts to the Lord.

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

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our savior.

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:

*All:*

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.

*The People remain standing, or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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 after which the Celebrant says*

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

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

*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.*

**COMMUNION HYMN – Hymnal 1982, #441 “In the cross of Christ I glory”**

**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 BLESSING** *Said by the Celebrant; all respond ‘Amen’.*

May the peace of God that passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of our savior Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, abide within you, be known among you, and go forth with you into the world, now and always.  
*Amen.*

**PROCESSION – Hymnal 1982, #477 “All praise to thee, for thou, O King Divine”**

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

**VOLUNTARY**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift:  
Look graciously on your Church,  
and so guide the minds of those who shall  
choose a new priest for Emmanuel Church,  
that we may receive a faithful pastor,  
who will care for your people, inspire our faith,  
and equip us for our ministries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 818*

### 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.*



# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

## Agenda for the 2025 Annual Meeting

### February 1, 2026

- I. Call to Order – Senior Warden, Michael Spencer
- II. Appointments – Senior Warden  
John Fedele, Parliamentarian, Clerk; Rev. Marilyn Cornwell, Chaplain
- III. Opening Prayer - Rev. Cornwell
- IV. Approval of Agenda, with Amendments if any
- V. Elections  
Nominations report\* – Jon Fedele
  - **2026-2028 Vestry:** For election to 3-year terms: Pat Angell, Stacy Dimmich, Nathan Ihle, Sue Stiles.
  - **2026-7 Diocesan Convention Delegates:** Elect 2 (of 4) for 2-year terms: Jon Fedele, Sandy Maloof
  - **2026 Diocesan Convention Alternates:** Elect 2 (of 4) for 2-year terms: Pat Angell, Alan Reed. Elect 1 (of 4) for 1-year term: Leslie Threlkeld
  - **2026-7 Nominating Committee Members:** Elect 2 (of 4) for 2-year terms: Polly Ogden, Jeff Zantek

**Nominations from the floor, if any:** \_\_\_\_\_
- VI. Vestry Leadership Report
  - Senior Warden's Remarks - Michael Spencer
  - Parish Life & Engagement Team Report
  - Property Team Report
  - Strategy Team Report
  - Clergy Search & Transition Report
  - Parishioner Responses to Vestry Reports (Comments, Questions)
- VII. Treasurer's Report - Sue Stiles
- VIII. Open Mic: Opportunity for Thanksgivings, Questions, Comments
- IX. Closing Prayer
- X. Adjournment

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* - BCP, p. 817

\*Nominee profiles may be found in the Annual Report document.



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

***2025 Emmanuel Vestry:*** Michael Spencer, Senior Warden; Janet Bell, Jon Fedele, Sandy Maloof, Leslie Moore,  
Polly Ogden, Marcia Palk, Jeff Zantek; Sue Stiles, Treasurer. [askvestry@emmanuelmi.org](mailto:askvestry@emmanuelmi.org)