



# Emmanuel Church

The Episcopal Church on Mercer Island



*Golden Wheat Fields Under Blue Sky*, Thomas Breval

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 19, 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 Good Shepherd”

Myles Foster

*At the church entry, the Celebrant bids the People to stand as able.*

### 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, #623 – “O what their joy and their glory must be”

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us Pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ 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 OLD TESTAMENT – Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 *Sit.*

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.

Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

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

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

### PSALM 86:11-17

*Read Responsively*

Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and I will walk in your truth; \*

**knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.**

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, \*  
**and glorify your Name for evermore.**

For great is your love toward me; \*  
**you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.**

The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
**they have not set you before their eyes.**

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
**slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
**give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.**

Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
**because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

## **A READING FROM THE EPISTLES — Romans 8:12-25**

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

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

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

**THE GRADUAL – Hymnal 1982, #423 – "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

*All standing, the clergy appointed says to the People*

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

*Continued ...*

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

*After the Gospel the Reader says*

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

**THE SERMON** Rev. 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

In peace, let us pray, saying, “God, hear our prayers.” *Pause.*

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray. **People: God, hear our prayers.**

For +Phil our bishop, for clergy and all who serve and lead in our parish and diocese, let us pray. **God, hear our prayers.**

For the leaders of all nations, and for all whose words, actions and decisions affect the lives of others, let us pray. **God, hear our prayers.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray. **God, hear our prayers.**

For those for whom our prayers have been asked [*including \_\_\_\_\_*], and for all who are aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for those who are lonely, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray. **God, hear our prayers.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and refugees, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray. **God, hear our prayers.**

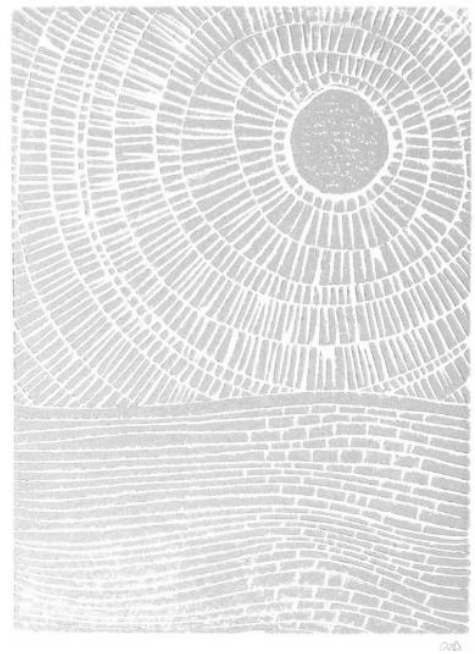
For those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries today or in the coming week [*including \_\_\_\_\_*], and for grateful awareness of all our blessings. **God, hear our prayers.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, and for all who are grieving let us pray. **God, hear our prayers.**

In communion with all the saints, let us commit ourselves, in all that we are and say and do, to Christ our God.

*Other intercessions may be added, after which the Celebrant adds this or another prayer.*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*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.

*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

*Our spiritual practice as Christians includes support of the church through financial giving. You may give in the offering plate or online using PayPal.*

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

**OFFERTORY** – Andante

W. Warder Harvey

**OFFERTORY HYMN** – Hymnal 1982, #596 – “Judge eternal, throned in splendor”

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship (1997)*

*The people remain standing, as able. The Celebrant begins*

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*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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 the one who comes in the name\_\_\_ of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high- est. Ho - san - na in the high- est.\_\_\_\_\_

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us + your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

<i>All</i> 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.
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## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

**We break this bread and share this cup to share in the Body and Blood of Christ.**

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we share in one bread, one cup.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*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**

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

*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world in word and deed,  
and continue for ever in the risen life of 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 BLESSING**

*The Celebrant blesses the People, using the following or another form*

May our merciful and gracious God ever strengthen you in faith, hope and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in ways of truth, justice and peace; 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, #665 – “All my hope on God is founded”**

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

**VOLUNTARY – Andante con moto**

A.R. Gaul

*Unless a Grain of Wheat  
Falls into the Ground and Dies*

*by Malcolm Guite*

*Oh let me fall as grain to the good earth  
And die away from all dry separation,  
Die to my sole self, and find new birth  
Within that very death, a dark fruition,  
Deep in this crowded underground, to learn  
The earthy otherness of every other,  
To know that nothing is achieved alone  
But only where these other fallen gather.*

*If I bear fruit and break through to bright air,  
Then fall upon me with your freeing flail  
To shuck this husk and leave me sheer and clear  
As heaven-handled Hopkins, that my fall  
May be more fruitful and my autumn still  
A golden evening where your barns are full.*





## **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; The Rev. Marilyn Cornwell, Assisting Priest; Fred McIlroy, Director of Music; Julene Levin, Parish Administrator; John Pritchard, Bookkeeper

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