



The Second Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 27, 2025 | 10:30A.M.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
The Rev. Cheryl Brainard, *Celebrant*  
The Very Rev. Clayton Harrington, *Preacher*

Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. You honor us with your presence! All are invited into the full life and worship of this community, regardless of race, sexuality, gender identity, or physical or mental ability. All means all.

## THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

*On "Rhosymedre"*

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, H-192

*This joyful Eastertide*

VRUCHTEN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

GLORIA, H-1982 #S-278

WILLIAM MATHIAS



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.  
 ccive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The People may be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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



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| 1 Hallelujah!<br>Praise God in his holy / <b>temple</b> ; *<br>praise him in the firmament of his / <b>power</b> . | 4 Praise him with timbrel and / <b>dance</b> ; *<br>praise him with strings and / <b>pipe</b> .       |
| 2 Praise him for his mighty / <b>acts</b> ; *<br>praise him for his excellent / <b>greatness</b> .                 | 5 Praise him with resounding / <b>cymbals</b> ; *<br>praise him with loud-clanging / <b>cymbals</b> . |
| 3 Praise him with the blast of the / <b>ram's-horn</b> ; *<br>praise him with lyre and / <b>harp</b> .             | 6 Let everything that has / <b>breath</b> *<br>praise the LORD. Halle-/ <b>lujah</b> !                |

## THE SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*All stand and sing.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN, H-209

*We walk by faith, and not by sight*

ST. BOLOPH

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the religious leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*At the invitation of the preacher, all are seated.*

SERMON

The Very Rev. Clayton Harrington

*At the invitation of the celebrant, all stand.*

NICENE CREED

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**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

*Litanist* Risen Christ,

*People* **Hear us.**

*Birthdays:*

**Norma Pylant, Janice Brown, Karen Zinka, Nelson Aponte, Emma Bartlett, Tanya Boyd,  
Jack Luken, Ezra Taylor, Molly Thomas**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## PARISH NOTICES

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*  
Aimée Marcoux, Soprano

ARR. MARGARET BONDS

*All stand and sing as the gifts are presented.*

### THE PRESENTATION HYMN, H-618

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER B

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*Celebrant* The Lord 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, 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:

### SANCTUS H-1982 #S-128

WILLIAM MATHIAS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-cst.

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

FRACTION H-1982 #S-155

GERALD NEAR



## THE COMMUNION

*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.]

*The People may be seated. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten free bread is available upon request. The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.*

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN, H-305

*Come, risen Lord*

ROSEDALE

*On those Sundays when Eucharistic Visitors are sent to those unable to be at a public celebration of the Eucharist, they are sent with the following words:*

### SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant* In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we are one in Jesus Christ.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**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.**

## THE EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CLOSING HYMN, H-432

*O praise ye the Lord*

LAUDATE DOMINUM

## THE DISMISSAL

*The priest dismisses the people.*

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## POSTLUDE

*Chorale Fantasie on "Lasst uns erfreuen"*

FLOR PEETER

## The Week Ahead

### *April 27, Sunday*

8:30am Holy Eucharist  
9:15am Nursery Opens (Upper Level)  
9:30am Children's & Youth Formation (UL & YR)  
9:30am The Cranmer Class (LL West.)  
10:30am Children's Chapel (Upper Level)  
10:30am Holy Eucharist (Live Streamed)  
12:00pm Natural Spirituality (Library)  
3:00pm Brotherhood of St. Andrew  
Monthly Meeting (LL Canterbury)

### *April 28, Monday*

10:00am Bible Study (LL Coventry)  
5:30pm Vestry (Conference Room)

### *April 29, Tuesday*

10:00am Natural Spirituality (Library)

### *April 30, Wednesday*

10:00am Centering Prayer (Chapel)  
11:00am Centering Prayer (Library)  
12:15pm Healing Eucharist (Chapel)  
5:00pm Wednesday Dinner (Common Room)  
7:00pm Choir (LL Choir Room)

### *May 1, Thursday*

10:00am Sacred Ground (Conference Room)  
1:00pm Stephen Ministry (Library)

### *May 3, Saturday*

8:30am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast

### *May 4, Sunday (Name Tag Sunday)*

8:30am Holy Eucharist  
9:15am Nursery Opens (Upper Level)  
9:30am Children's & Youth Formation (UL & YR)  
9:30am The Cranmer Class (LL West.)  
10:30am Children's Chapel (Upper Level)  
10:30am Holy Eucharist & Graduate Recognition  
(Live Streamed)  
11:30am Holy Hoedown Parish Picnic  
12:00pm Natural Spirituality (Library)  
3:00pm Athens Flute Choir Concert (Nave)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Kemp & Fletcher wedding.

### **GRADUATE RECOGNITION:**

High School and College 2025 graduates will be honored during the 10:30 Holy Eucharist on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please submit graduate's information via the link in the E-letter or on the website [www.emmanuelathens.org](http://www.emmanuelathens.org).

### **HOLY HOEDOWN PARISH**

**COOKOUT:** Welcome the joys of spring with a community cookout featuring hamburgers, hotdogs, line dancing with caller, and mini ponies in cowboy attire! Bring a side or dessert--and a friend. Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 service.

**WE PRAY FOR:** Gayle Ahrens, John Brewer, Peggy Christa, Lynn Crevar, Emily Dantzler, Anna Dyer, Betty Driver Ellis, Lisa Frierson, Clemente Garcia, Charlese Howard, John Northcutt, Betsy Respass, Cathi Shinn, Karen Silverberg, Andy Simmonds, John Steedman, Betsy Turner, Hilary Watson, JoAnn Yates

To add someone to the prayer list, contact the parish office at 706-543-1294 or [akurtz@emmanuelathens.org](mailto:akurtz@emmanuelathens.org).



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