Emmanuel Episcopal Church
The Third Sunday After The Epiphany & Annual Meeting
January 25, 2026



WELCOME! We're glad that you're here today to worship God, renew your spirit, deepen your faith, meet new friends, and find new ways to serve.

Children are very welcome in worship – In the pews, the chapel Prayground, or the parish hall!
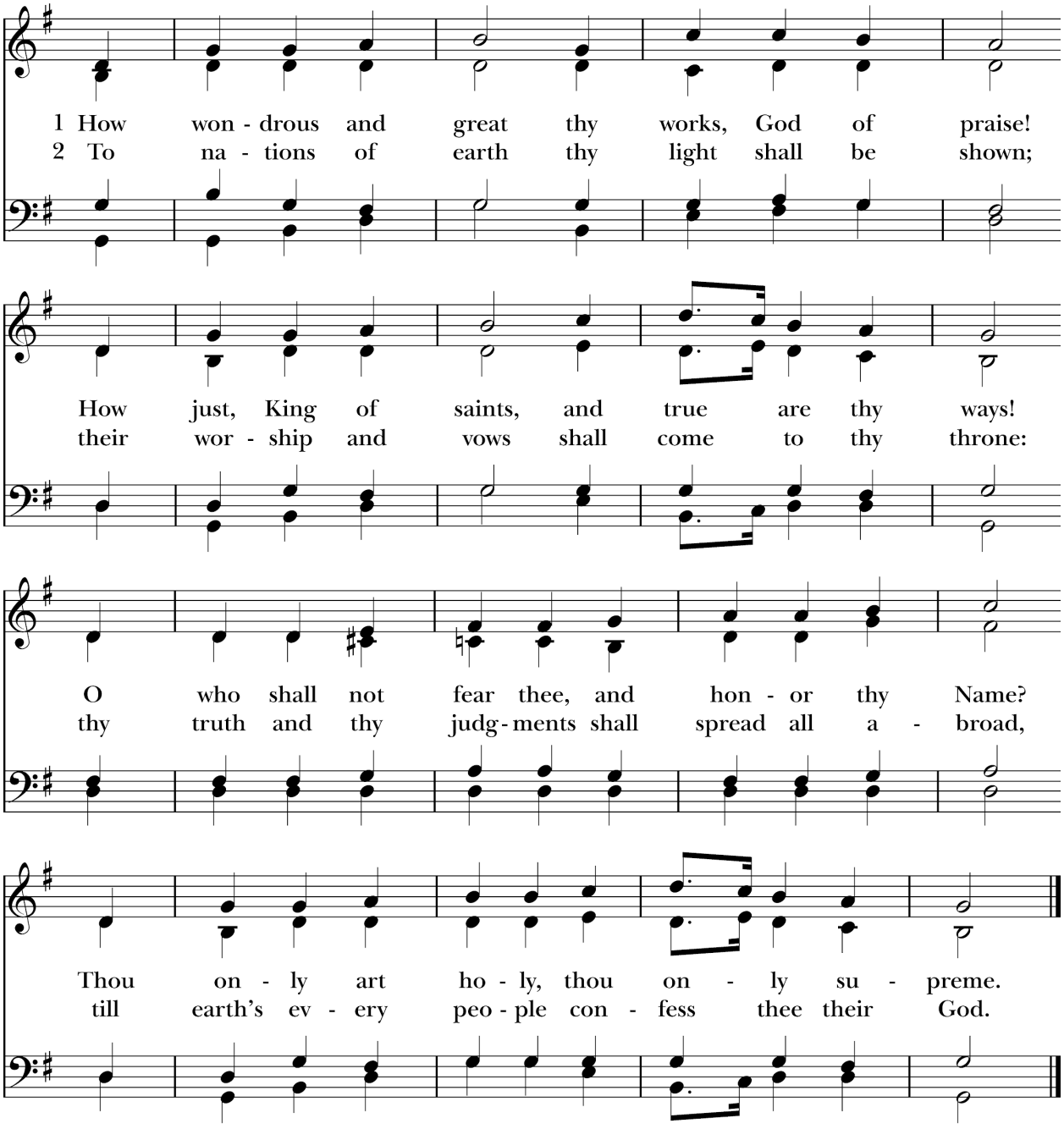
If you are a visitor or newcomer, we welcome you!
We invite you to sign the guest register by the main doors
or scan the QR code in the bulletin so we can let you know of upcoming services and events.

Full-service bulletins are available on our website: www.emmanuelepiscopal.org.
Wi-Fi: Emmanuel Guest - Password: Behold961

We respectfully recognize that we are on traditional, ancestral lands of the Kaskaskia, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Myaamia, Očhéthi, Šakówin, O-ga-xpa Ma-zho^{n} (O-ga-xpa) and Osage Nations. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that removed these people from their ancestral lands and affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today as we all work towards racial justice, equity, liberation for all people.

Prelude Pastorale on “Rockingham” Norman Gilbert

Opening Hymn How wondrous and great thy works Hymnal 533



Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed*. Music: *Lyons*, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806).

The Word of God, BCP p. 355

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, living God.
People: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

Celebrant God has reconciled us and made us one in Christ, therefore let us glorify God as we proclaim.

Celebrant and People

> **You are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Holy and undivided Trinity; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Amen.** (BCP, 90)

The Collect of the Day, BCP p. 215

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The people may be seated.

Special Music — Fishers of Men — Harry D. Clarke
Emmanuel Children's Choir

I will make you fishers of men
Fishers of men, fishers of men.
I will make you fishers of men
If you follow me.

If you follow me, if you follow me.
I will make you fishers of men
If you follow me.

Hear Christ calling, Come onto me!
Come onto me, come onto me!
Hear Christ calling, Come onto me!
I will give you rest.

I will give you rest. I will give you rest.
Hear Christ calling, Come onto me!
I will give you rest.

The children are led out to Children's Chapel.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Isaiah**.**

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. (9:1-4)

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 Dominus illuminatio BCP p.617

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
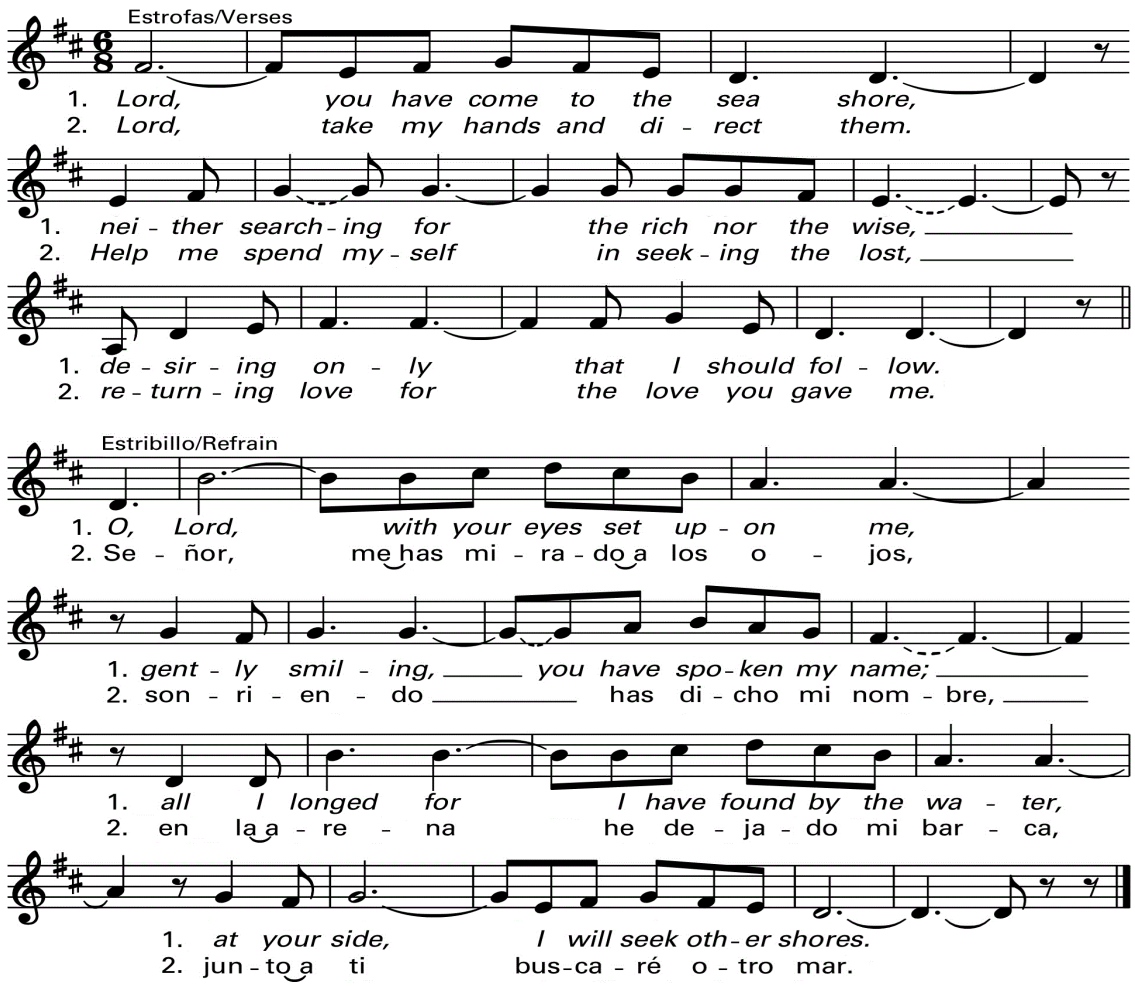
13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For 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.(1:10-18)

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn You have come to the seashore (Tú has venido a la orilla) WLP 758
Before the Gospel: vs. 1 | After the Gospel: vs. 2



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Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. (4:12-23)

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

A meditative moment of silence is kept after the sermon to allow time for the Holy Spirit to carry the Word deep into our hearts.

The Nicene Creed: Adapted (Inclusive and Expansive Language) *Standing in body or spirit.*

We believe in one God, the Holy One, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation this Word came down from heaven: was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and born of Mary, and became truly human. For our sake Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate; suffered death and was buried. On the third day Christ rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Creator. Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and God's reign will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Creator; who with the Creator and the Christ 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 *The people may be seated.*

Leader: As we follow the cross of Christ, let us pray to God who brings light into the darkness of the world, praying…
People: Protect all your children, O God.

Leader: For the church throughout the world, that our divisions may be healed so that we have one mind in Christ, and for all the people of God:

- For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Valori, Susanna, Jerre, Mandi, Paul, and Warren our clergy, and for all the holy People of God;
- In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of Christ Episcopal Church in Rolla; we pray for our Connections partner the Faith Christian Church of India;
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop-designate of Canterbury and for the Anglican Church of Chile;
- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Associados Orden de la Transfiguracion;
- In our parish family, we pray for our Vestry and delegates to Convention, those outgoing at today's Annual meetings, those newly elected, and those continuing in this ministry; we pray for our outreach ministry of Together STL Racial Unity;
- For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week; We pray…

People: Protect all your children, O God.

Leader: Guide all leaders of the world that they may serve those whose lives have been entrusted to their care with justice and mercy, that all people may live in peace and wholeness in your creation; we pray…
People: Protect all your children, O God.

Leader: Lift from all people of the earth the burden of poverty, war, and injustice, praying especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and Gaza. Break every rod of oppression throughout the earth; we pray…
People: Protect all your children, O God.

Leader: For all those in danger and need: the sick and suffering, prisoners, captives, immigrants, refugees and their families, the hungry and homeless, those who live in fear of separation from their homes and families, and victims of gun violence; we pray …
People: Protect all your children, O God.

Leader: For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need; in our parish family, we pray for Lou, Jodie, Desirée, and for those we name either silently or aloud [pause]; we pray for all who struggle with addiction, that God may strengthen them in their recovery; we pray for those serving in the armed forces; we pray…
People: Protect all your children, O God.

Leader: For the dying and the dead, Wayne and Patti, and for those who grieve, and for those who care for them; we pray…
People: Protect all your children, O God.

The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect

The Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; By what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.
People: Amen.

The Peace

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.	**Y con tu espíritu.**
Christu shanti meetho ellapudu undunnugaka.	**Neetho kooda.**
The peace of Christ be always with you.	**And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem — The Narrow Way — Emmanuel Choir — K. Lee Scott

Be near me, Lord, wheree'er I go;
Teach me what you would have me do;
Direct whate'er I think or say;
And lead me in the narrow way.

Prevent me, lest I harbor pride,
Lest I in my own strength confide;
Show me my weakness, let me see
I have my pow'r, my all in thee.

Assist and teach me how to pray;
Incline my nature to obey;
What you abhor, oh, let me flee,
And only love what pleases thee.

The Doxology

The people stand in body or spirit as the gifts are brought forward, singing the Doxology to the tune of Old Hundredth.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low
Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Gathering at Christ's Table: Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 36

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

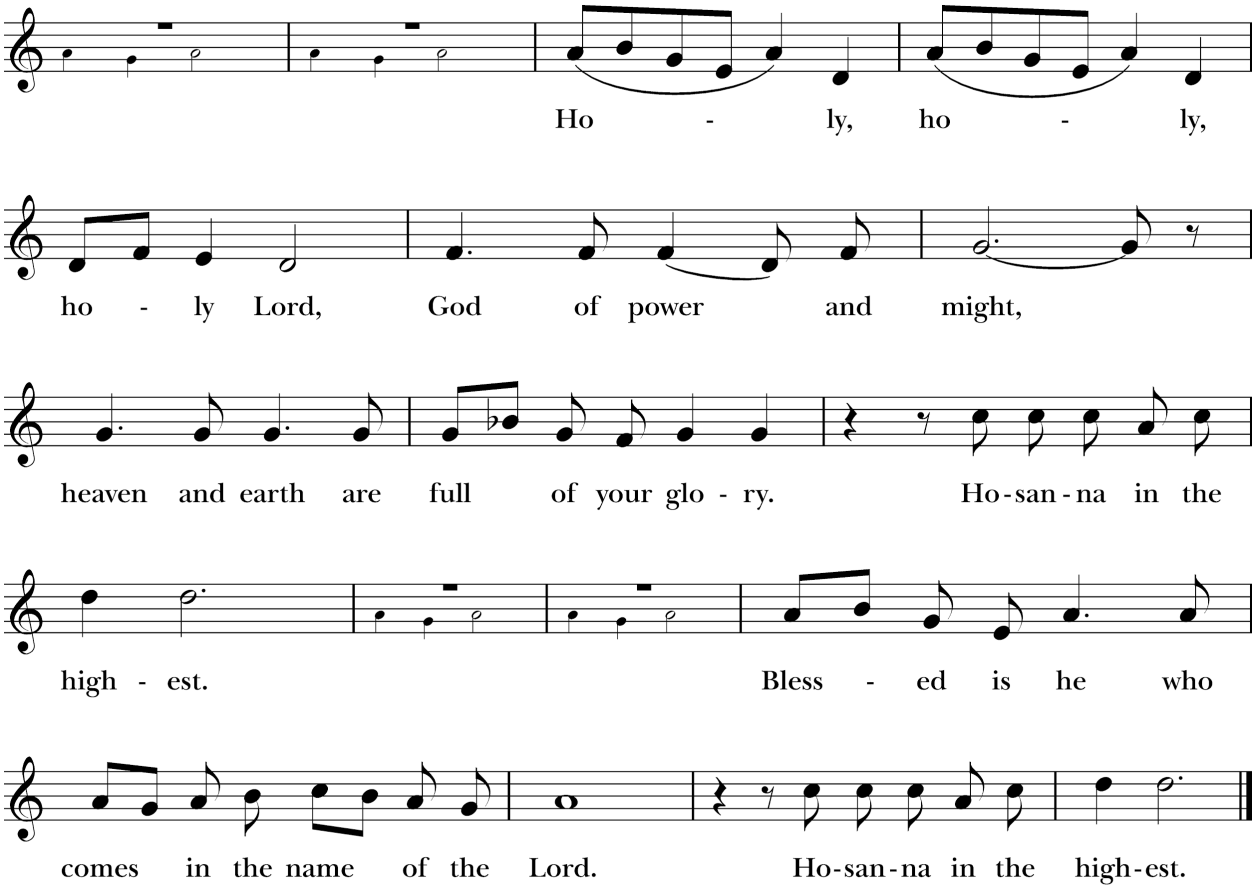
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, 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 your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S128



Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

The people may stand, sit, or kneel.

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, O God, Creator 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

The Lord's Prayer, BCP p. 364 *The people may stand in body or spirit.*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say in the language of our hearts:

Our Father, who are in heaven	**Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo**
hallowed be thy name	**santificado sea tu Nombre,**
thy kingdom come,	**venga tu reino,**
thy will be done,	**hágase tu voluntad,**
on earth as it is in heaven.	**en la tierra como en el cielo.**
Give us this day our daily bread.	**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.**
And forgive us our trespasses,	**Perdona nuestras ofensas,**
as we forgive those	**como también nosotros perdonamos**
who trespass against us.	**a los que nos ofenden.**
And lead us not into temptation,	**No nos dejes caer en tentación**
but deliver us from evil.	**y líbranos del mal.**
For thine is the kingdom,	**Porque tuyo es el reino,**
and the power, and the glory,	**tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,**

for ever and ever. Amen. **ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

The Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 God's table, where all are welcome to receive communion. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

~ Adapted from the Iona Community invitation

About receiving Communion at Emmanuel:

The fullness of this sacrament is received by taking one or both kinds (bread and wine).
The ushers will guide you to Communion.

Bread: *All of our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free, vegan, and dairy-free.*
The communion bread will be offered into your hands, not your mouth.

Wine: *You may choose intinction (clergy will dip the Communion bread into wine).*
Please do not reach into the cup of wine.
OR you may choose to drink from the common cup offered by the Eucharistic Minister.
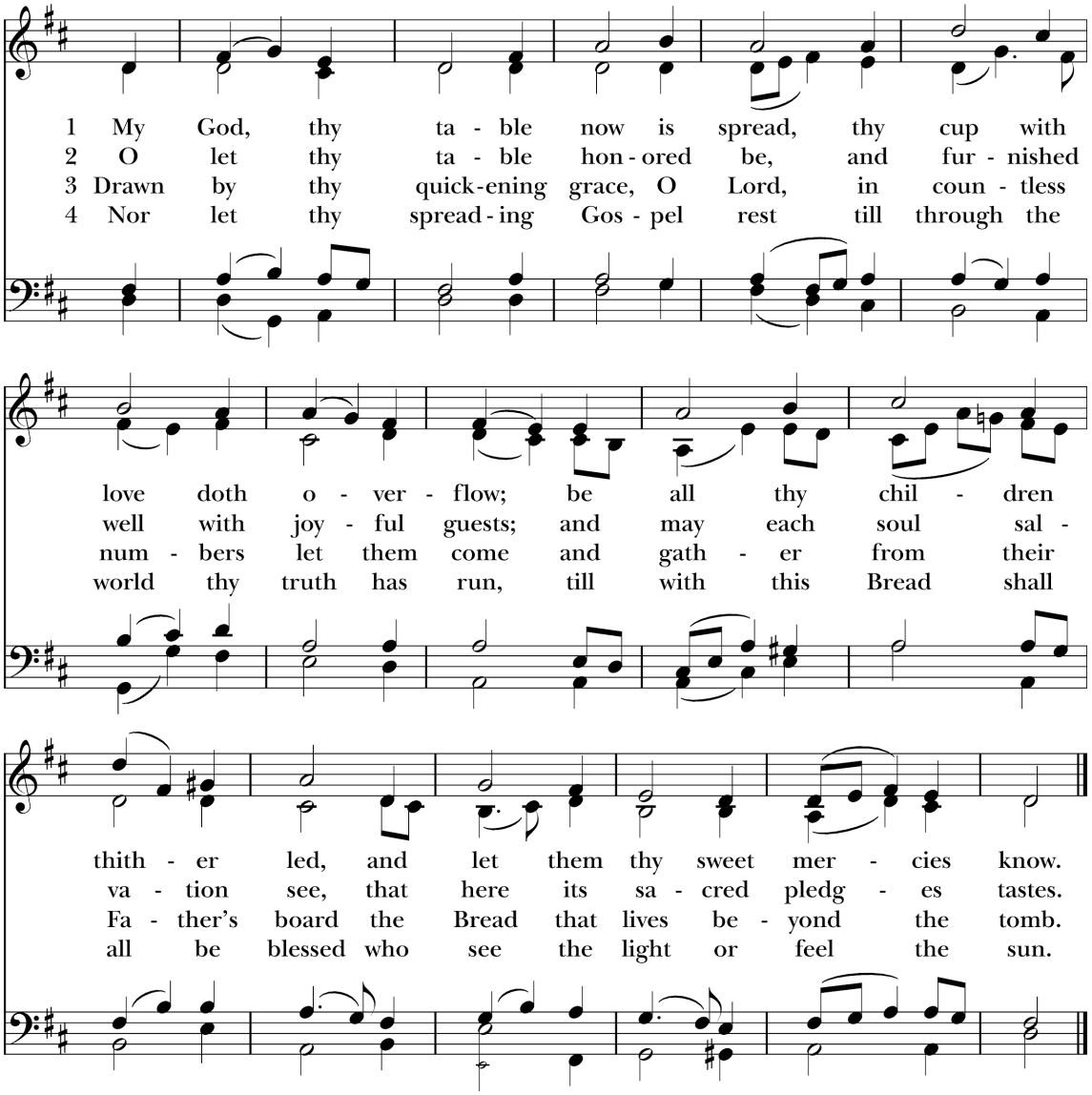
Blessing: *If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.*

Communion Anthem — Beati quorum via — Emmanuel Small Ensemble — C. V. Stanford

Beati quorum via integra est:
Qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.
—Psalm 119:1 (BCP)

Communion Hymn My God, thy table now is spread Hymnal 321



Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

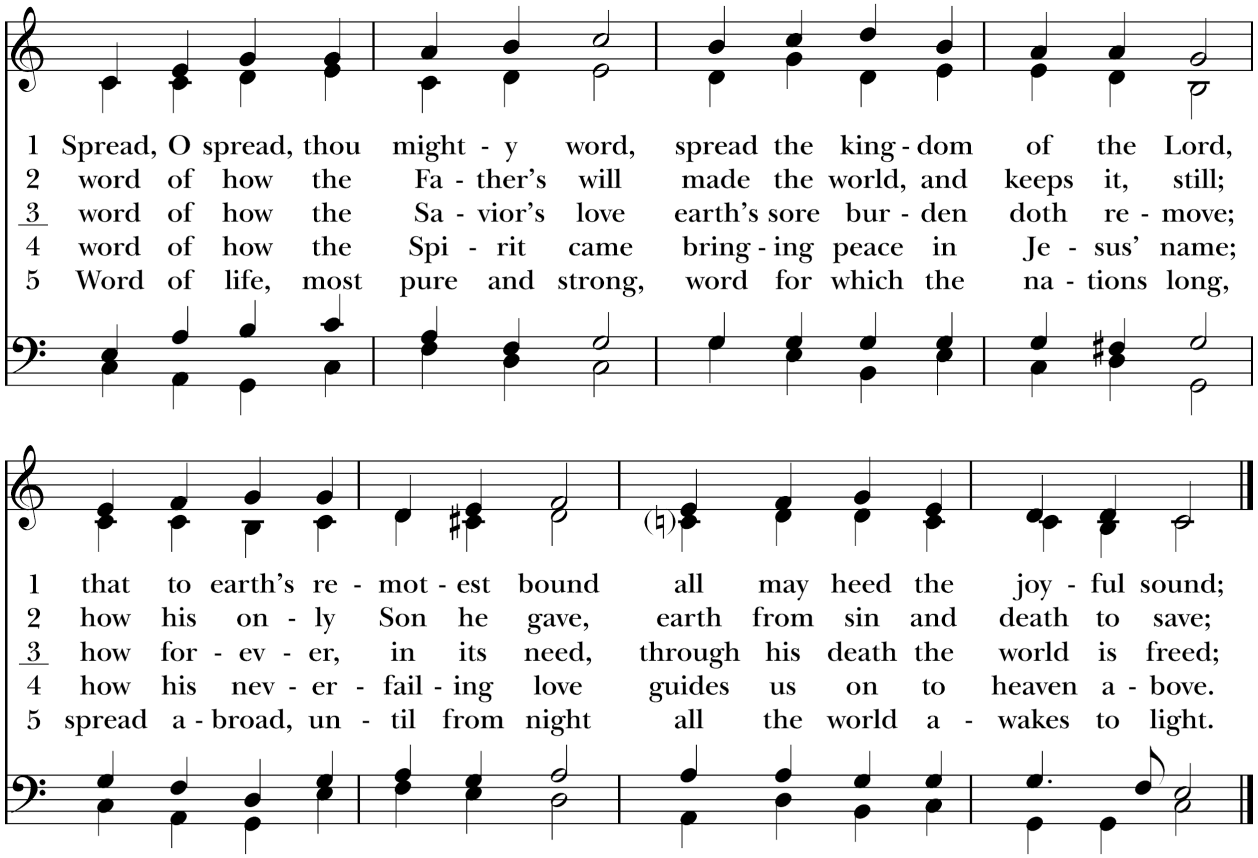
The Post Communion Prayer, BCP 365. *The people stand in body or spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn Spread, O spread, thou mighty word Hymnal 530



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The Dismissal

Deacon/Priest: Alleluia. Alleluia. Our worship has ended. Our service in the world begins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude Fanfare Emma Louise Ashford

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Jeanne May Smith
by Margo and Tom Smith

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD AT EMMANUEL - from our [online Calendar]

26 JAN, MON	1 – 2pm	**Knitting group** Tree Top Room
27 JAN, TUE	11:30am – 12:30pm	**WOE lunch at Sunny Street Cafe** Sunny Street Cafe, 11692 Manc...
28 JAN, WED	8 – 9am	**Bible Study via Zoom**
	4 – 5pm	**WU Int'l Students Dinner**
	5 – 6pm	**Old Testament Bible Study** Behold Room
	6 – 7pm	**Fellowship Dinner**
	6:30 – 7pm	**Children's Choir Rehearsal**
	6:45 – 7pm	**Taizé Service**
	7:05 – 8:05pm	**Adult Choir Rehearsal** Rehkopf Hall (Choir Room)
30 JAN, FRI	6 – 6:30pm	**BLM Vigil**
1 FEB, SUN	All day	**Epiphany 4**
	8 – 9am	**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
	9:30 – 10:30am	**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
	10:45 – 11:45am	**Christian Education & Formation**

OUR DIVINE PURPOSE STATEMENT

WE BELIEVE that we are called to live in service to others following the example of Jesus Christ, our Savior, helping to heal a broken world and preserve God's creation. We believe God calls us to accept and celebrate everyone - LGBTQIA2S+, race/ethnicity, status, age, or ability - no exceptions.

WE WORSHIP in community, in-person and online. Grounded in the Book of Common Prayer, our prayer and music embraces diversity of spiritual life. All are invited to receive Holy Eucharist at God's table and to participate in worship. Children are a valued presence and contribute to worship.

WE SERVE all of God's people in partnership with our local, national, and international neighbors, learning from them and working with them toward true justice and equitable access to God's abundance.



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