



Emmanuel

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
— BRISTOL, VIRGINIA —

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 2023 8:00 a.m.

Welcome to Emmanuel! If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to the priest and let us know of your interests and any pastoral concerns. If our way of worship is new to you, a few simple directions may be helpful. Generally speaking, we stand or kneel to pray, and sit to listen. This leaflet contains the texts from our Book of Common Prayer but page numbers are also provided if you would like to learn to use it.

THE WORD OF GOD

SALUTATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 323

GLORIA

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 215

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
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.**

FIRST READING (*seated*)

2 Kings 4:1-7

Now a woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord; and the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves.” So Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” And she said, “Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil.” Then he said, “Go, borrow containers elsewhere for yourself, empty containers from all your neighbors—do not get too few. Then you shall come in and shut the door behind you and your sons, and pour into all these containers; and you shall set aside what is full.” So she left him and shut the door behind her and her sons; they began bringing the containers to her, and she poured the oil. When the containers were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another container.” But he said to her, “There are no more containers.” Then the oil stopped. So she came and told the man of God. And he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons can live on the rest.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 (*spoken responsively by half verse*)

BCP 599

- 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.

SECOND READING (*seated*)

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON (*seated*)

THE NICENE CREED (*standing*)

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*kneeling or standing*)

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CONFESSION OF SIN

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ABSOLUTION

BCP 332

THE PEACE (*standing*)

BCP 332

OFFERTORY

THE HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I (*standing*)

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SANCTUS (*following the Sanctus, kneel or stand*)

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Words of Encouragement

“Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

Luke 21: 1-4

True generosity doesn't come from our excess; it comes from sacrificial hearts. The beauty of this passage is in Jesus' enthusiasm to point out this woman's generosity to the disciples. To think that God gets this excited when we give freely is inspiring..

Stewardship is about using the gifts God gives us, to do the work God calls us to do.”

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Rite I

10:30 a.m. Rite II

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday

9:30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER

Sunday

5:00 p.m.

VESTRY

2022-2024

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Leaders Retreat

If you would like to know about Emmanuel, please complete one of the Connection Cards found in the pew, ask one of the ushers, or visit us on-line at emmanuelbristol.org. The PEW (Parish Events Weekly) is emailed each Friday. If you would like to receive an electronic copy, please provide the office with your email address.