



# Emmanuel

EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
— BRISTOL, VIRGINIA —

## The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 29, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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**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.

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PRELUDE *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* Anton Wilhelm Leupold

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*standing*) *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel* Hymnal 574

### WELCOME TO COMMUNITY AND ON-LINE CONGREGATION

OPENING ACCLAMATION Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God* Hymnal S280 or Pew leaflet

COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 215

*Celebrant* The Lord 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.**

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."

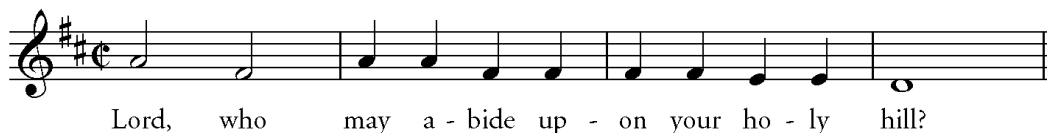
*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 15

*St. Martin's Psalter*

Thomas Pavlechko



- 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. **Response**
  
- 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. **Response**

SECOND READING

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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN (*standing*)

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

Hymnal 490

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

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

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON (*seated*)

The Rev. Dr. Tom Day

NICENE CREED (*standing*)

BCP 358

**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 (FORM IV ADAPTED) (*kneeling or standing*)

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially Ruby, Lana, Anna, Mike, Charlie, Larry, Shelly, Jackie, Connie, Johnny, Alicia, Kitty, Crystal, and Jack; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For John Harty, Lee Wampler, Greg Oakley, Ed Powers, and Holston Knickerbocker; who are celebrating birthdays.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **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 our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE (*standing*)

BCP 360

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The people share expressions of peace, after which all sit.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

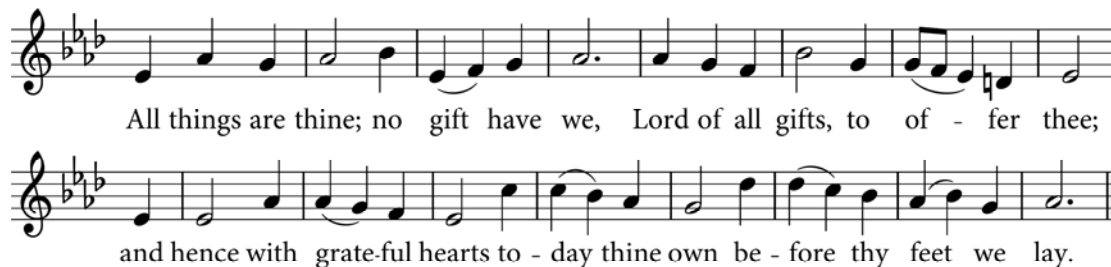
*Blest Are the Pure in Heart*

Walford Davies

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION (*standing*)

*All things are thine*

Pew leaflet



All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to of - fer thee;  
and hence with grate-ful hearts to - day thine own be - fore thy feet we lay.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872

Music: *Gardiner*, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770–1853)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A)

BCP 361

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord*

Hymnal S129 or Pew leaflet

(*kneel or stand*)

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: 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, the God and Father 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 many 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.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 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.**

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

*People* **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

*Lamb of God*

Hymnal S163 or Pew leaflet

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Celebrant* On behalf of our on-line community watching today, I offer this prayer for a Spiritual Communion.

Lord, in union with your faithful people at this church and at every altar where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I ask for your blessing.

Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of Your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

COMMUNION HYMN                      *Lord, make us servants of your peace*                      Hymnal 593

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*standing or kneeling*)                      BCP 365

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN                      *Rejoice, ye pure in heart*                      Hymnal 556

DISMISSAL                      BCP 366

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE                      *In Thee Is Gladness*                      J.S. Bach

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## LAY MINISTERS THIS WEEKEND

*8:00 a.m. Lector/EM: N/A*

*10:30 a.m. Lector: Janet Jayne*

*Intercessions: Janet Jayne*

*Eucharistic Minister: Walt Bressler*

*Intinction Cup: Chris Yoder*

*Ushers: TBD*

*Altar Guild: Seth Graham, Beth Rodgers, Sandra Rushing*

*Acolyte(s): TBD*

*Vestry Person of the Week: Tariq Zaidi*



## 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.”



### Adult Christian Education

Starting Sunday, January 22, we will watch and discuss the gripping series which is sweeping across the world. *The Chosen* is a powerful presentation of the life of Jesus and the disciples. You will laugh and you will cry as this story unfolds over the next few months.

In order to have as much discussion as possible, we will start our study at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday morning in the library.



### YOUTH NEWS

The Sunday Morning Youth Group are taking a pause while exploring a new approach to try to increase attendance. Watch for an announcement for a new start in the next few weeks.



## January is STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Please pray about God's desire for your pledge to His work through Emmanuel. Our goal is to receive a pledge card by every member of the church. Giving is one of the most spiritual actions a person can do. Grow your faith through generosity.

# Leaders Retreat

**The Olde Farm  
Saturday, February. 11  
9:00 to 4:00**

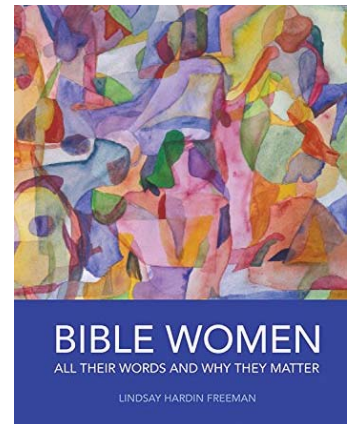
If you want to help chart the course of Emmanuel into the future, sign-up for this important event. There is no cost. Lunch provided. Location: Sign up at the church or call the Parish Office.

## Wednesday Evening Gathering Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall

We will be studying the book *Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter* by The Rev. Lindsay Hardin Freeman.

The books have already been purchased. All women are encouraged to come and join in the fun and discussion.

For more information please contact Ashley McLaughlin.





We are accepting donations and volunteers to sponsor 10 kids who rely heavily on their school to receive their daily food nourishment. However, they have little food over the weekend to sustain them. Call, or email the church office, or text Fr. Tom if you would like to donate or help shop, pack, and deliver these Snack Packs for the weekends.

Every Wednesday  
at 12:15 p.m.



# Healing & Eucharist

*in the*  
Bledsoe Chapel

## Altar Flowers

Do you need a way to recognize a birthday, or anniversary?

Would you like to give a memorial, recognize a special occasion, or give thanks to God for His blessings?

Why not do so by sponsoring altar flowers? The cost is \$100 per Sunday and after Sunday services you may share the flowers with a friend, a sick or shut-in parishioner, or enjoy them in your home.

For more information, contact the Parish  
Office (276-669-9488)



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Christina Passamonte  
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Leanne Collins  
Tara Collius  
**Nursery Attendants**

Nicole Cullop  
Heather Harless  
**Nursery Attendants**

## 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.

## WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Holy Eucharist with  
Prayers for Healing  
12:15 p.m.

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

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## VESTRY

### 2021-2023

Seth Graham, *Secretary*  
Linda Rector  
Rachel Morgan  
Daniel Shew, *Junior Warden*

### 2022-2024

Jane Bachman  
Tim Haer, *Treasurer*  
Shauna Nefos-Webb  
Tariq Zaidi

### 2023-2025

Fred Knickerbocker  
Shawna Knickerbocker  
Jeremy McLaughlin, *Senior Warden*  
Loretta Trayer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.....Leader's Retreat

If you would like to know more about Emmanuel, please visit us on-line at [emmanuelbristol.org](http://emmanuelbristol.org) or email the church office [emmanuelbristol@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelbristol@gmail.com). 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.