



Emmanuel

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
— BRISTOL, VIRGINIA —

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 24, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Emmanuel! If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here. 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.

PRELUDE *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639* J.S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*standing*) *O bless the Lord, my soul* Hymnal 411

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.**

GLORIA Hymnal S278 or Pew leaflet

COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 234

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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*) Exodus 16:2-15

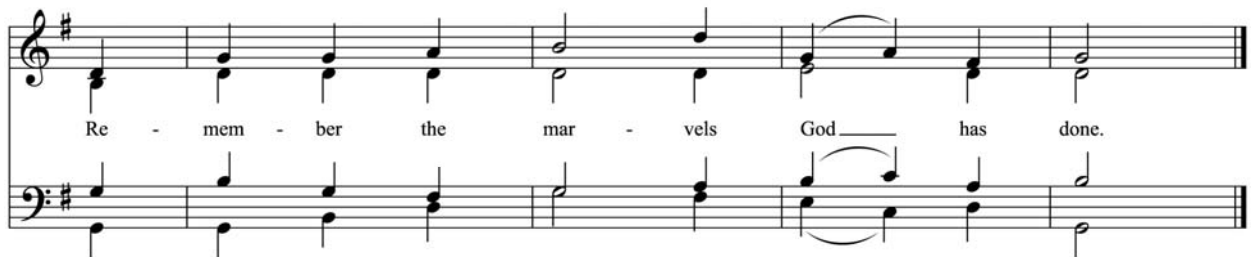
The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the

whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45



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- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **Response**
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen. **Response**
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them. **Response**

- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places. **Response**
- 42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah! **Response**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21–30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN (*standing*)

Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace

Hymnal 627

vs 1–4 before the Gospel, vs. 5 after the Gospel

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the

first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON (*seated*)

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.**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our ministry may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble especially George, Ruby, Richard, Rachel, Walt, Wayne, Charlie, Larry, Horace, Roland, Sharon, Shelly, Jackie, Connie, Cynthia, Crystal, and Dean;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We give thanks for Sandra Rushing who is celebrating her birthday; and Moseley and Cody Snyder and Karen and Dean Tillison who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries;

May their joy be made complete.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you and thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously upon us and guide our hearts and minds as we seek the next rector for our church. Help us to choose a spiritual leader who will care for your people and equip us for ministry. Grant us wisdom and discernment, faithfulness and patience, kindness and love so that we may know your will. We also ask that you prepare the hearts of our next rector and family, that they may hear your call and joyfully respond,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

God be in my Head

H. Walford Davies

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION



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

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:

Celebrant 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,

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

Celebrant 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.**

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

Hymnal S163 or Pew leaflet

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christians regardless of where they were baptized may receive communion.

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus, I have promised

Hymnal 655

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 (*standing*)

Rise up, ye saints of God

Hymnal 551

DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Darwall's 148th"

Richard A. Williamson

LAY MINISTERS THIS WEEKEND

Lector: Dave Zochowski

Eucharistic Minister: Dave Zochowski

Ushers: TBD

Acolyte(s): Kyla, William

Intercessions: Seth Graham

Intinction Cup: Seth Graham

Altar Guild: Chelsa, Lee, Beth

Vestry: Frank Goodpasture III

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given this weekend to the Glory of God and in memory of Wyatt McLaughlin from his family.

The poster features a warm, light-brown background with a decorative border of autumn leaves in shades of purple, orange, and green, and several pumpkins with various carved faces. The main title is written in a large, orange, serif font.

KIDS FALL FUNFEST

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
EVENT

October 1ST
4 P.M. - 6 P.M.

STEELE CREEK PARK
SHELTER G
4 LITTLE LN.
BRISTOL, TN 37620

SEE YOU THERE!



FROM MICHAEL WEBB

Below are the essential items we need to keep in stock to continue caring for students at VMS.

Small peanut butter
Mac & Cheese
Big Box cereal
Chips/Gold fish

Fruit cups
Tuna packets
Soup
Juice
Cookies

Apple Sauce
Yogurt
Chef Boyardee
Veggie cups

As a quick reminder, please ensure that the cans are pop top.

Every Wednesday
at 12:15 p.m.



Healing & Eucharist

in the
Bledsoe Chapel

Adult Christian Education

We are watching and discussing 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.



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
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Eden Foster
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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
9:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

VESTRY

2021-2023

Seth Graham, *Secretary*
Linda Rector
Rachel Morgan

2022-2024

Jane Bachman
Frank Goodpasture III
Jonathan Harden
Shauna Nefos-Webb

2023-2025

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 7, 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (Bledsoe Chapel)
Tuesday, October 17, 5:00 p.m. Vestry
Friday, October 27 *Virginia High School Football Team Meal*
Saturday, November 4, 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (Bledsoe Chapel)
Sunday, November 12, 9:30 a.m. Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 5:00 p.m. Vestry
Wednesday November 22 through Friday, November 24 Parish Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving
Saturday, December 2, 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (Bledsoe Chapel)
Tuesday, December 19, 5:00 p.m. Vestry
Friday, December 22 through Friday, December 29 Parish Office CLOSED for Christmas
Sunday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Services
Monday, January 1, 2024 Parish Office CLOSED for New Years

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.