

Holy Eucharist Rite III
Last Sunday of Epiphany
Year A
February 15, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.



Emmanuel Episcopal Church
of Orcas Island

Welcome to Emmanuel!

We are glad you are here. Our mission at Emmanuel is to love God and God's creation, and our neighbors as ourselves. We are a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship and prayer, study and formation, compassion and service, fellowship and community, to welcome all people just as God created them. We welcome you wherever you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered. We welcome you regardless of your age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, economic condition, physical condition, or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation, and so do we. We welcome you to our inclusive family; come share the journey.

Prayer acknowledging the People and Land of Orcas Island

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Coast Salish Peoples, especially the Lummi (Lhaq'temish) and Samish, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your Name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

from All Saint's Church, Minneapolis, MN

~ MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE ~

Presider ~ Fr. Berto Gándara

Eucharistic Minister ~ Kira Raven

Healing Ministry ~ Antoinette Botsford

Lector 1 ~ Mimi Anderson

Lector 2 ~ Luann Pamatian

Usher ~ Vicki Clancy

Altar Guild ~ Sue Askevold

Flower Guild ~ Vicki Clancy

At the sound of the bell, please stand as you are able, as we chant

**Wake up, you who sleep
rise from the dead
as the Anointed One fills you with light.**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider 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.**

Please be seated

GATHERING IN CHRIST'S NAME IN SILENCE

Presider God be with you.

Presider **And also with you.**

Presider In this last Sunday after the Epiphany, let us take a moment of silence acknowledging the presence of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity so that we may share in the divine life."

2P 1:4 & BCP Collect Christmas 2 and

/Deeply descend into "I Am."

Deeply descend into One./ 3x

A period of silent prayer follows, and the conclusion is signaled by the singing bowl.

THE COLLECT PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All: **Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Chant

**Listen, listen, wait in silence listening.
For the One from whom all mercy flows.**

First Reading

Lector 1: A reading from the book of Exodus

[24:12-18 NRSV]

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

After a period of silence, the reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Retelling of Psalm 2

The Lector chooses the manner of praying the Psalm or Canticle and explains it to the congregation

Direct Recitation: *prayed in unison.*

Antiphonal Recitation: *one side of the congregation and the other.*

Responsive Recitation: *the Lector alternating with the congregation.*

Why do nations and people plot against one another,
setting themselves apart and conspiring against the Beloved and
those who follow Love’s way?

They say to themselves, “We are free of Love’s law; humility and service are
for others.”

The Beloved, who is ever present, can but smile at their foolishness, knowing
that one day, they will fall to their knees in regret.

Distracted by greed and arrogance they do not hear the Beloved's Voice
whispering in the silence:
"Awaken all of you living in darkness! We are all One in Love
Consciousness.

You live in my Heart even as I dwell in yours.
For you are mine; I am your Beloved.

I have given you abundant life to love and care for all Creation.
May it be for the delight of All.

Yet, to know Me, fears and illusions must be faced, as an iron rod
hitting a clay pot shining Light into the darkness."

Blessed are all who have asked for forgiveness, whose hearts radiate the Love
we all are at the core.

Second Reading

Lector 2: A reading from the second letter of Peter

[1:16-21 NRSV]

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

After a period of silence, the reader says:
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able, and let's chant to welcome the Gospel,

The veil between worlds, it is opening

Sophia is calling our names

to listen to her wisdom

to gather 'round sacred flame.

Lk 23:45

Prov 8:1ff

Prov 9:1ff

Mt 3:11

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
[17:1-9 NRSV]

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

Six days *[after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God]*, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

After a period of silence:

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you Lord Christ.

We chant once more "The Veil."

THE SERMON

After the sermon we take a moment of silence before the prayers.

WE PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

Please stand as you are able as the Intercessor leads us in prayer.

Intercessor O God, we give thanks for your church, all believers, all seekers, and all priests. We come to church for many reasons including to be reminded that Peter said that they do not follow cleverly devised myths so our faith may be strengthened.

Jesus said “Get up and do not be afraid.”

O God, we give thanks for these United States of America. In these difficult times, we pray for our country, our leaders, our citizens, our immigrants and all who want to call this country home. We pray that you will answer our prayer in faith knowing that You ask us in return to be part of the answer to our prayer. O God, we give thanks for this beautiful earth and all inhabitants. We ask that those in harm’s way from war, famine, floods, fire and other calamities be protected and comforted.

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O God, we give thanks for this beautiful earth and all inhabitants. We ask that those in harm’s way from war, famine, floods, fire and other calamities be protected and comforted.

Jesus said “Get up and do not be afraid.”

O God, we give thanks for this island and the surrounding waters. As we approach next week’s annual meeting, we give thanks to those completing their terms of service as well as those who have volunteered to follow in their footsteps.

Jesus said “Get up and do not be afraid.”

O God, we pray for victims of senseless violence as well as for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, from addiction, unemployment, mental illness or homelessness, particularly those we now name either silently or aloud, (pause) and especially for those on our parish prayer list... .. **Tamara... Bill & Jane... Heather... Jan... Cheryl... Ian... James... Dick... Renee... John ... Nick ... Sara...David... The Rev. Pam... Dart and Laura...Skipper...Cynthia & Bruce...Wes & Carol... Bruce... Helen... Diane...Chris...Lynn...Margaret...Sam...Nick...Maria...those for whom no one prays; may they be comforted by your Holy Spirit.**

Jesus said “Get up and do not be afraid.”

O God, we give thanks for the lives of those who have died. We pray for strength of faith for the dying, faithful compassion for caregivers and hospice workers, and thoughtful intervention by medical professionals.

Jesus said “Get up and do not be afraid.”

Those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward. If you would like your name printed in the bulletin, please let the parish office know.

Presider: Let us pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Clark Cundy (2/15), Mars Cassidy (2/15), and Willie Clancy (2/21) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider: Let us pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week.

Grant, O God, in your compassion, that (insert names) may grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME OF VISITORS

Please be seated. If you are visiting us this morning, we warmly welcome you! You may introduce yourself if you would like. We invite you to join us at coffee hour after the service in Benson Hall. Sign up for our weekly eNews by scanning this QR code:



WE SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you

People: **And also with you.**

We share a sign of peace with those around you.

WE PREPARE THE ALTAR AND PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Sentence: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

The gifts of bread and wine and our offerings for our parish's support are placed on the offering plate. We thank you for your generous financial support. Checks may be made out to Emmanuel Parish. If you are not a pledging member, we invite you to consider making a yearly pledge to Emmanuel. Ask for a pledge card. You can also donate online at: <https://bit.ly/donateEmmanuel>



Please stand, as you are able, when the offering plate is brought forward.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

Doxology: Old 100th

WE PRAY THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider thanks God, on our behalf, for the goodness and beauty of creation and for the story of liberation, particularly in the life of Jesus Christ.

The Presider then invites us to say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues praying, invoking the Holy Spirit to transform us and the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus' words at the Last Supper are said over the bread and wine.

The Presider will then invite us to respond to the memorial, saying,

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

The Presider will now pray for the world and church concluding with



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the



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glo - ry, and praise, for ev - er and ev - er. A - MEN.

Presider

Let us now pray this retelling of the Lord's Prayer,

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are welcome to receive Christ's sacramental presence in Holy Communion. Our Catechism (BCP p. 860) says that what is required is that we examine our lives and commit to the transformation of our hearts and lives, striving to live in love with God, all people, and creation. If, for personal reasons, you feel you cannot receive Communion at this time, you are nonetheless welcome to come to receive a blessing; indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. If you want to request the sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, or Reconciliation/Confession, speak with one of our priests.

Receiving the Bread, the Body of Christ: *You can kneel or stand at the Communion rail, filling it from right to left. The tradition is to receive the Body of Christ, forming "a throne" with your hands, your*

two palms open, one on top of the other in a receptive position. To the minister's words, "the Body of Christ, the bread of heaven," it is customary to respond: Amen.

Receiving the Wine, the Blood of Christ: *If you wish to dip the Bread in the Wine, leave it in your hand, and the minister will come by to offer you the chalice. If you want to drink directly from the Chalice, consume the Bread before the minister arrives, and they will provide you with the cup to drink directly from; please guide and tip the chalice so you can drink comfortably. If you would not rather partake of the Blood of Christ, cross your hands over your chest. To the minister's words, "the Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," it is customary to respond by saying: Amen.*

Receiving Communion in your pew: *If you would like the ministers to bring Communion to your seat, please let the usher know, and we will be glad to do so.*

Healing Ministry: *A healing minister will be available to pray for you or a loved one. They are seated towards the right of the altar rail, behind the priest's chair. Feel free to approach them and share your intentions.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us prayer.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Presider May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and may God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**The energy of love surrounds me
The energy of love moves through me
Guiding my way in all I do and say
Yes the energy of love surrounds me**

GOING FORTH

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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**All are welcome to join us for fellowship and coffee  
Please follow the group through the door on the right of the nave.**

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Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Tamara West, Bill & Jane Newchurch, Heather Smith, Jan Koltun, Cheryl Danskin, Ian McDonald, James Hardman, Dick Thompson, Renee Hill, John Ehrmantraut, Nick Redfield, Sara Gerakaris, David Liebenberg, The Rev. Pam Tinsley, Laura and Sherwood (Dart) Botsford, and Skipper (James Lawrence) Botsford, Cynthia & Bruce Hubert, Wes & Carol Burger, The Rev. Bruce Freeman, Helen Menefee, Diane Gillespie, Chris, Lynn Jenssen, Margaret Black, Sam Staatz, Nick DiZinno, and Maria Bullock.

From your Stewardship Team: Many thanks to everyone who pledged during our recent campaign. Continuing pledges, new pledges, and increased pledges mean that we anticipate a having balanced and increased budget for 2026. Thank you for your generosity and for your commitment to Emmanuel. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please return it as soon as possible, or email the co-treasurers, Bill or Margie Bangs, with your pledge information.

Calendar for This Week:

Sun	Feb 15	8 & 10 am	Eucharist Services	Church
Sun	Feb 15	9 am	Choir Rehearsal	Parish Hall
Sun	Feb 15	11:30 am	Peace Vigil	Main St.
Tue	Feb 17	6 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	Parish Hall
Wed	Feb 17	12-2 pm	Peace Meditation-Letter Writing	Church/BH
Wed	Feb 18	5:30 pm	Ash Wednesday	Benson Hall
Thu	Feb 19	12:15 pm	Lectio Divina	Benson Hall
Thu	Feb 19	1:00 pm	Book Club	Benson Hall
Thu	Feb 19	5:30 pm	Spiritual Development Group	Parish Hall
Fri	Feb 20	12:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Church
Fri	Feb 20	1 pm	Devotional Chanting	Retreat Room
Sat	Feb 21	2 pm	Funeral Eucharist for Peter Schultz	Benson Hall

Calendar for Next Week:

Sun	Feb 22	8 & 10 am	Eucharist Services	Church
Sun	Feb 22	9 am	Choir Rehearsal	Parish Hall
Sun	Feb 22	11:30 am	Peace Vigil	Main St.
Wed	Feb 25	12-2 pm	Peace Meditation-Letter Writing	Church/BH
Wed	Feb 25	5:30 pm	Sophia Circle	Church
Thu	Feb 26	12:15 pm	Lectio Divina	Benson Hall
Thu	Feb 26	1:00 pm	Book Club	Benson Hall
Thu	Feb 26	4 pm	Dinner Kitchen	Parish Hall
Fri	Feb 27	12:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Church
Fri	Feb 27	1 pm	Devotional Chanting	Retreat Room

Lent will start on **Ash Wednesday, February 18**. We will celebrate the **Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.** in church, with the imposition of ashes on our foreheads, the symbolic outward expression of our commitment to the work of transformation. We are invited to consider what spiritual practice(s) we might undertake to cooperate with God's work in us for our spiritual growth.

The evening before, February 17 at 5 pm, we will have the traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Please sign up to help host this fun night before we begin Lent.

Lent Prayer and Soup Ecumenical Gatherings, starting at 5:30 p.m.

March 4: Roman Catholic St. Francis Church

March 11: Orcas' Adventist Fellowship

March 18: Emmanuel Episcopal Church

March 25: Orcas Island Community Church

12-Step Meetings in Benson Hall

- Sundays at 5:30 pm AA open meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Mondays at 5:30 pm AA open meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Tuesdays at 1 pm AlAnon meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Tuesdays at 5:30 pm AA Women's meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Tuesdays at 7 pm AA Men's meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Thursdays at 5:30 pm AlAnon meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Fridays at 5:30 pm AA open meeting, (*hybrid*)
- Fridays at 7 pm AA open meeting (*in person only*)
- Saturdays at 8 am AA open meeting, (*hybrid*)

~ Attributions ~

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- Chants: “Wake up,” “Deeply Descend,” “Listen” from the Oriental Orthodox Order in the West <https://soundcloud.com/user-112193632>
- Chants: The Veil and The Energy of Love from Heather Houston <https://heatherhoustonmusic.com/sisters-in-harmony-song-library/>
- Collect Prayer from The Consultation on Common Texts, *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002).
- Retelling of the Psalm from Nan Merrill, *Psalms for Praying*.
- Writers of the Prayers of the People: Antoinette Botsford, Jennifer Johnson-Fralick, Stewart Mehlman & Nancy Reas.
- Prayer for Wedding Anniversary from *The Book of Occasional Services 2024*.
- Prayer for blessing for Candlemas from the 2022 *Book of Occasional Services*.
- “Eucharist Prayer” from Samuel Well and Abigail Kocher, *Eucharistic Prayers* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016).
- Retelling of the Lord's Prayer from *A New Zealand Prayer Book's* Night Prayer, which is an adaptation of the work of the Rev. Jim Cotter.

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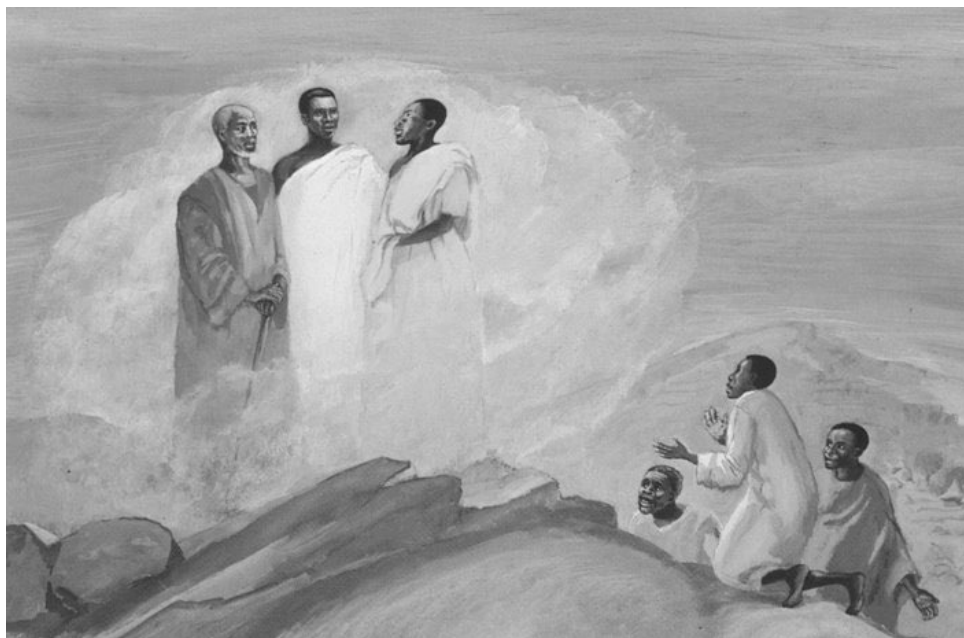
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