

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Order for Celebrating Holy Eucharist



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.

## A PRAYER FOR HEALING AND HOPE

O Great Spirit, God of all people and every tribe, through whom all people are related. Call us into the kinship of all your people. We give thanks for the Coast Salish peoples, especially the Lummi and Samish, and for their continued faithful care of these lands and waters. Grant us vision to see, through the lens of our Baptismal Covenant, the brokenness of the past, especially the Doctrine of Discovery that blessed conquest, sanctioned dispossession, and treated Indigenous peoples as less than fully human. Help us to listen to you and to one-another in order to heal the wounds of the present. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom to work together for healing and hope with all your people, now and in the generations to come. Mend the hoop of our hearts, and teach us to live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, who comes to all peoples, that all may live in dignity. Amen.

*Adapted from the Indigenous Episcopal Ministry 2012 Lent resource: "Seeking God's Justice for All" p. 41.*

### ~ MINISTERS FOR THE SERVICE ~

*Presider* ~ Fr. Hugh M. Grant

*Lector 1* ~ Lori Oakes

*Lector 2* ~ Mary Poletti

*Eucharistic Minister* ~ Kira Raven

*Healing Minister* ~ Antoinette Botsford

*Usher* ~ Vicki Clancy

*Altar Guild* ~ Chris Kennady and Karen Blinn

*Flower Guild* ~ Barbara Mehlman

*Donations to the Flower Fund were made to the glory of God and in memory of  
Catherine Pederson  
with love from her children Jenny, Mary, David, Susan and Carol.*



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

**/May the breath fan the flame that illuminates, illuminates,  
the breath fan the flame that illuminates my heart./ 2x**

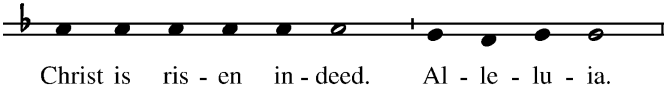
**/Breath calls to me,  
light flows through me./2x**

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Presider*



*People*



*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*

*Presider* "If anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!"  
*2 Corinthians 5:17 (CEB)*

**Let go, and know that I am God.**

**Let go, and know that I am God.**

**Let go, and know that I am.**

**Let go, and know.**

**Let go.**

*Psalm 46:11 (The Hebrew Bible, R. Alter)*

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

## **THE COLLECT PRAYER**

*Presider* God be with you.

*Presider* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All:* **Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we celebrate with you forever. Amen.**

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

## **FIRST READING**

*Lector 1* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*[2:42-47 NRSV<sup>ue</sup>]*

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Lector 1: A Retelling of Psalm 23**

*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.*

O my beloved, You are my shepherd, I shall not want;

You bring me to green pastures for rest and lead me beside still waters  
renewing my spirit;

You restore my soul. You lead me in the path of goodness to follow Love's  
way.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow and of death, I am not  
afraid;

For you are ever with me; your rod and your staff they guide me, they give  
me strength and comfort.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of all my fears; you bless me  
with oil, my cup overflows,

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life; and I shall  
dwell in the heart of the Beloved forever.

**Amen.**

## SECOND READING

*Lector 2:* A reading from the First Letter of Peter

[2:19-25 NRSV<sup>ue</sup>]

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures  
pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing  
wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer  
for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been  
called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that  
you should follow in his steps.

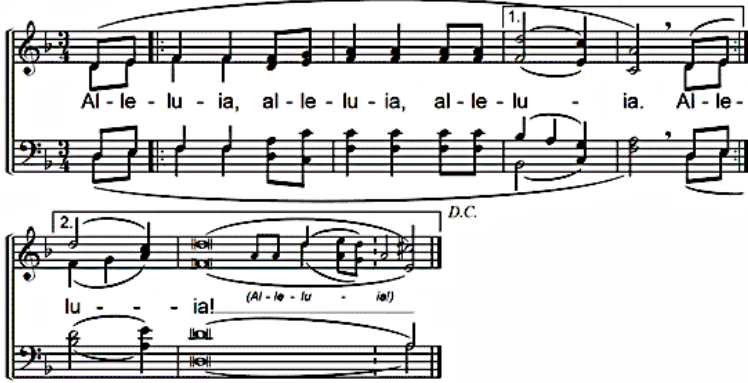
“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did  
not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He  
himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins,  
we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For  
you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd  
and guardian of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as able, and welcome the Gospel chanting.*

## Alleluia 7



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -

lu - - - ia! (Al - le - lu - ia!)

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## THE GOSPEL READING

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to  
John *[10:1-10 NRSV<sup>ue</sup>]*

*People*            **Glorify to you, Lord Christ**

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

*We chant the Alleluia.*

## THE SERMON

*We may be seated for the sermon. After the sermon, we keep a time of silence before the prayers.*

### WE PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH

*Please stand, as able, when the Intercessor invites us to pray for the world and the church.*

*Intercessor:* Spirit of Love, we seek the still waters and green pastures that are here for us, if we but only open our hearts and eyes.

**May we follow where Love leads.**

Spirit of love, much of the world is in darkness now, yet light shines also in so many places and hearts. May our love burn brightly and boldly each day to heal our hurting world.

**May we follow where Love leads.**

Spirit of love, we are thankful for the Episcopal Church and the Anglican communion, especially for its leaders, Archbishop Mullaly and Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, who speak out and act boldly, and we are thankful for Pope Leo XIV, for his spirit and strength in speaking truth to power.

**May we follow where Love leads.**

Spirit of Love, we are awed by the physical world we live in, for the many forms of life all around us. May we do our best to be good caretakers of it.

**May we follow where Love leads.**

Spirit of Love,, we hold in our hearts our loved ones who are suffering from grave illnesses. May they be touched by the Spirit of peace and sense the love that we have for them.

**May we follow where Love leads.**

Spirit of love, we pray, for people known and unknown to us who suffer from loneliness, financial difficulties, depression, and life challenges. We name them now either silently or aloud...and we pray for them and those it on our prayer prayer list...**Bill & Jane... Heather... Jan... Cheryl... Ian... James... Dick... Renee... John... Nick... Sara... David... The Rev. Pam Tinsley... Laura and Dart... and Skipper... Cynthia & Bruce... Wes & Carol... Helen... Diane... Chris... Lynn... Margaret... Sam...**

**Maria... Ali... Debbie... Carol... Julia... Catherine... Angie and Jeff... John... Ida Rae...Lalo...Liz... and those for whom no one prays; may they be comforted by your Holy Spirit.  
May we follow where Love leads.**

Spirit of love, we hold in our hearts, those who have died and those who mourn them. May they know the presence of love in their lives.  
**May we follow where Love leads.**

*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 Dave Kirkpatrick (4/27) and Steve Jung (5/2) 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 life; 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. Please be mindful of other people's boundaries.*

## **WE PREPARE THE ALTAR AND PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS**

*Presider* Live your life with love, following the example of Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. *Epbessians 5:2a (CEB)*

*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 and we sing*  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;** *Doxology: Old 100th*  
**praise God, all creatures here below;**  
**praise God above, ye heavenly host;**  
**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

## WE PRAY THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider* The LORD be with you.

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

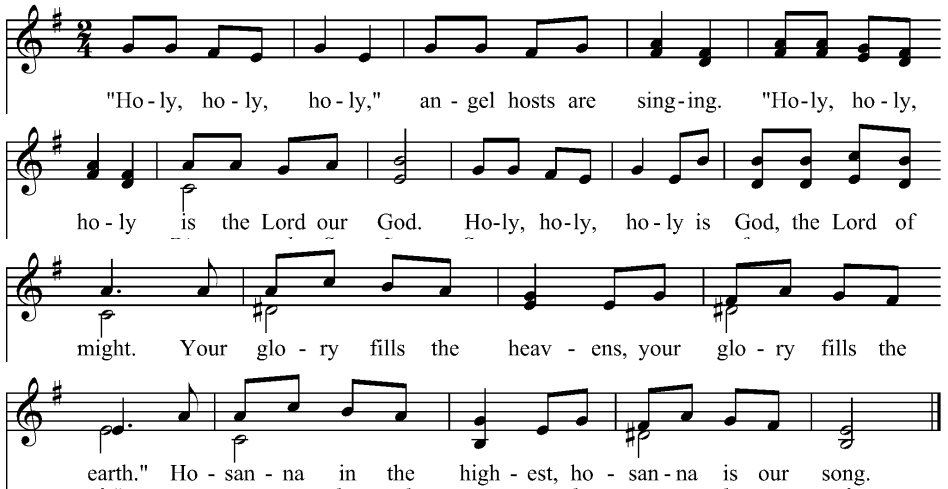
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to LORD.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the LORD our God

*People* **It is right to give our 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, and then invites us to chant.*

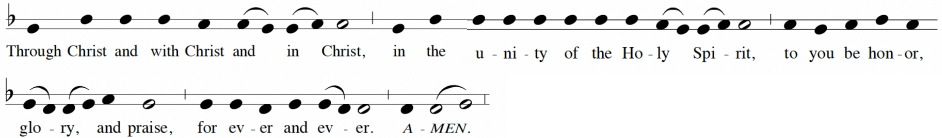


"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," an - gel hosts are sing - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly is the Lord our God. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is God, the Lord of  
might. Your glo - ry fills the heav - ens, your glo - ry fills the  
earth." Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na is our song.

*The Presider continues praying, asking the Holy Spirit to transform us, along with the bread and wine, into the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus' words from the Last Supper are spoken over the bread and wine. The Presider will invite us to respond to the memorial by 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 the doxology*



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, to you be hon - or, glo - ry, and praise, for ev - er and ev - er. A - MEN.

*Presider* Let us pray in Christ,

Eternal Spirit,  
**Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,**  
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 and debts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too severe 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

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread, and a period of silence is kept.*

*Then the Presider says.*

Lamb of God taking away the sin of the world,

**having compassion upon us:**

Beloved of God, affirming the worth of the world,

**accepting us in love for ever:**

Healing God, bearing the pain of the world,

**giving us and all your creation your peace:**

Pour your mercy upon us,

**whisper your love for us,**

**give us peace.**

## INVITATION FOR COMMUNION

*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

*Please stand as you are able.*





*Please stay for coffee hour following this service in Benson Hall.*



**Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:** 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 Botsford, and James Lawrence Botsford, Cynthia & Bruce Hubert, Wes & Carol Burger, Helen Menefee, Diane Gillespie, Chris, Lynn Jenssen, Margaret Black, Sam Staatz, Maria Bullock, Ali Walker, Debbie Durand, Carol Wright, Julia de Peyster, Angie and Jeff Johnson, John Olson, Ida Rae McDonald, Lalo Gándara, and Elizabeth Salvinski.

**Calendar for This Week:**

Sun	April 26	8&10 am	Eucharist <b>(No Ekids)</b>	Church
Sun	April 26	9 am	Choir Practice	Parish Hall
Sun	April 26	11:30 am	Peace Vigil	Main St.
Wed	April 29	12-2 pm	Peace Meditation-Letter Writing	Church/BH
<b>Wed</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>Inquirer's Group</b>	<b>Benson Hall</b>
Thu	April 30	12:15 pm	Lectio Divina	Benson Hall
Thu	April 30	1:00 pm	Book Club	Benson Hal
<b>Thu</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>5-6 pm</b>	<b>Dinner Kitchen</b>	<b>Parish Hall</b>
Fri	May 1	12:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Church
Fri	May 1	1 pm	Devotional Chanting	Retreat Room
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 2</b>	<b>10am-3pm</b>	<b>Easter Retreat</b>	<b>Parish Hall</b>

**Calendar for Next Week:**

Sun	May 3	8&10 am	Eucharist	Church
Sun	May 3	9 am	Choir Practice	Parish Hall
Sun	May 3	11:30 am	Peace Vigil	Main St.
Wed	May 6	12-2 pm	Peace Meditation-Letter Writing	Church/BH
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>Inquirer's Group</b>	<b>Benson Hall</b>
Thu	May 7	12:15 pm	Lectio Divina	Benson Hall
Thu	May 7	1:00 pm	Book Club	Benson Hal
<b>Thu</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Spiritual Development</b>	<b>Parish Hall</b>
Fri	May 8	12:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Church
Fri	May 8	1 pm	Devotional Chanting	Retreat Room
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 9</b>	<b>1-3 pm</b>	<b>Death Cafe</b>	<b>Parish Hall</b>

## 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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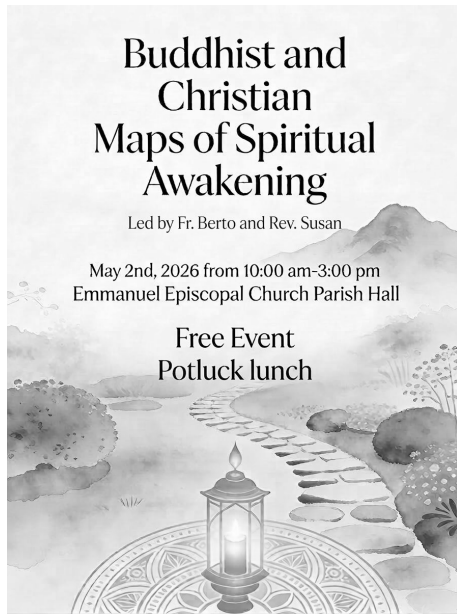
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Led by Fr. Berto and Rev. Susan

May 2nd, 2026 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall

Free Event  
Potluck lunch



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