

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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. José Berto Gándara

*Lector 1* ~ Deborah Sparks

*Lector 2* ~ Luann Pamatian

*Eucharistic Minister* ~ Vicki Clancy

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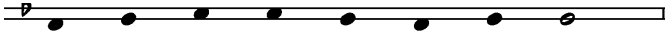
*At the sound of the bell, please stand as you are able, as we chant*

**/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**

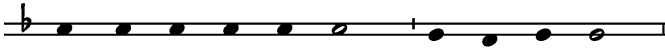
## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*



Christ is ris - en in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.

*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.**

*Psalms 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:* **Risen Christ, you prepare a place for us, in the home of the Mother-and-Father of us all. Draw us more deeply into yourself, through scripture read, water splashed, bread broken, wine poured, so that when our hearts are troubled, we will know you more completely as the way, the truth, and the life. 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

[7:55-60 NRSV<sup>ue</sup>]

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”

But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died

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

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

*Lector 1: A Retelling of Psalm 31*

[31:1-5, 15-16]

*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.*

In You, Beloved, I would make my home; though I be humiliated with guilt,  
Your mercy and forgiveness will deliver me!

Hear me and hasten to my assistance! For You are my strength and have the  
power to raise me up!

Yes, You are strength and truth to me; You are my teacher, my guide; the  
Fires of your abiding Love cleanses my heart.

Loosen the webs that entangle me, that veil my love for You.

Into your Heart I commend my soul. You have redeemed me, O Love, O ever Faithful One.

My life is in your hands; deliver me from the fears which separate me!

Let your face shine on me; hold me in your steadfast love!

## SECOND READING

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

[2:2-10 NRSV<sup>ue</sup>]

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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



Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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:* Oh Holy Spirit of Loving Kindness, we take you into our troubled hearts. May your love shine within us in all we do. In you we take refuge, celebrating our oneness with another, and with you. Bless our spiritual teachers and mentors: Fathers Berto and Hugh, our Bishop Phillip, our Presiding Bishop Sean, the Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah, and all our church's leadership, as well as spiritual leaders everywhere who are trying to show the way of Christ. Keep us mindful that we are all your people, and are family with one another—even those whom we have never met.

**May your face shine upon us, and enlighten our path as we work to glorify you in all we do.**

Oh Holy Spirit of Loving Kindness, we pray together for government officials and all who serve the public, especially our President and his Cabinet and Congress. We ask that they hear and respond to the true needs of all people. May they seek diligently to find non-violent means for working with global and local problems. May they celebrate diversity within our nation, free of unfair judgement and assumptions.

**May your face shine upon us, and enlighten our path as we work to glorify you in all we do.**

Oh, Gracious God, we are very grateful for all teachers who help children find their way in this world. We pray that they do not lose heart; we pray that students celebrate unlimited possibilities for good, for moving forward in a trajectory of hope.

**May your face shine upon us, and enlighten our path as we work to glorify you in all we do.**

We ask help for all those persecuted because of race, nationality, creed, or gender identities and preferences. Help those who persecute others to realize their error. Hold in your strong arms the oppressed and the abused, the poor and the unemployed, and all who suffer from social inequity.

**May your face shine upon us, and enlighten our path as we work to glorify you in all we do.**

Oh tower of strength, give us eyes to see your hand at work in our world. Lead us and inspire us to become more effective stewards of creation. Guide us away from unquenchable hungers for material gratification so that the greater good may be realized. We pray now for those on our Parish Prayer List...**Bill & Jane... Heather... Jan... Cheryl... Ian... James... Dick... Renee... John... Nick... Sara... David... Pam... Laura and Dart...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... Morgan...** and special concerns known privately to us (*silence*), and those for whom no one prays.

**May your face shine upon us, and enlighten our path as we work to glorify you in all we do.**

Oh compassionate God, we commend the dying into your hands. And we pray with full heart for those who are tending them. We pray for all who are no longer with us in their physical form, and those who mourn them, trusting we all may meet one another in shining glory, as we follow the way, the truth, and the life of love, as you have taught.

**May your face shine upon us, and enlighten our path as we work to glorify you in all we do. Amen.**

*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 Noa Lui (5/3), Ave Berge (5/5) and Kate Kinney (5/9) 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. 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.** *Ephesians 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.*

*Presider*            Let us pray.

*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.**

## EASTER BLESSING

*Presider*            The power of the Creator who brings life out of death,  
                              be in this place and in your hearts.

The risen Christ  
                              be your constant companion.

The healing embrace of the Holy Spirit  
                              encircle you so that you see the

                              Resurrection light ever about you.


*People*             **Amen.**

## FINAL CHANT

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

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon*




Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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**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, 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, Elizabeth Salvinski, and Morgan Persons.

### Calendar for This 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

### Calendar for Next Week:

Sun	May 10	8&10 am	Eucharist	Church
Sun	May 10	9 am	Choir Practice	Parish Hall
Sun	May 10	11:30 am	Peace Vigil	Main St.
Wed	May 13	12-2 pm	Peace Meditation-Letter Writing	Church/BH
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	<b>Inquirer's Group</b>	<b>Benson Hall</b>
Thu	May 14	12:15 pm	Lectio Divina	Benson Hall
Thu	May 14	1:00 pm	Book Club	Benson Hal
<b>Thu</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Movie Night: Risen</b>	<b>Parish Hall</b>
Fri	May 14	12:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Church
Fri	May 14	1 pm	Devotional Chanting	Retreat Room
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 16</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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