

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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 ~ Mimi Anderson

Lector 2 ~ Sharon Nelson

Eucharistic Minister ~ Luann Pamatian

Healing Minister ~ Antoinette Botsford

Usher ~ Lori Oakes

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Flower Guild ~ Vicky Clancy



A donation has been made to the Flower Fund
in loving memory of Virgil Cleveland by Jan Cleveland.

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**

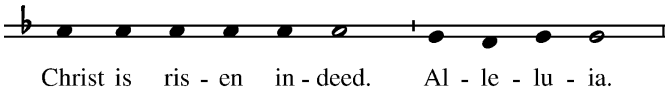
**/Breath calls to me,
light flows through me./2x**

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.**

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: **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other, in suffering and in joy, that all your children may be drawn into your bountiful dwelling. We ask this of you who are our Peace, our Truth, our Way. 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

[1:6-14 NRSV^{ue}]

So when the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Lector 1: A Retelling of Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

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.*

Impregnate us with Love, O Comforter! Let our fears be transformed; let all that keeps us separated and confused flee!

As smoke is blown away, so let our fears rise up before You; as wax melts before fire, let our fears be melted by Love!

Then will we be released from bondage; we will exult before the Beloved; we will be jubilant with joy!

Sing to the Beloved, the Name above all names; lift up a song to our Blessed Friend; commit yourself to loving Service!

Merciful to the poor and kind to the lowly is the Comforter, who dwells within.

With compassion are the desolate given a home, the prisoners set free; But those who run from Love live in a parched land.

O Beloved, reach into the hearts of your people, enter into the darkness of their fears; As the earth quakes, as floods strike without warning, your Presence is within us,

As the mountains tremble and volcanoes spew forth ash, your Presence is within us.

As rain falls in abundance on desert floors, restore the lands that they might flourish, that the flocks may roam and graze on fertile fields.

In your Mercy, O Beloved, You provide for the needy, for those in peril, You are with us always.

Sing to the Beloved, O nations of the earth; sing praises to the One who is Love.

To the One who gathers the nations together, to the Beloved, whose voice is heard in the Silence.

Ascribe wisdom to the Indwelling Presence who invites us to understanding, and calls us to live in peace.

Majestic is Love in our hearts, the Beloved, Heart of our heart, who gives strength and wisdom to the People. Blessed by the Beloved!

SECOND READING

Lector 2: A reading from the first letter of Peter [4:12-14; 5:6-11 NRSV^{ue}]

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

The musical score for Alleluia 7 is written in 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system begins with a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -". The second system begins with a treble clef and a bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "lu - - - ia! (Al - le - lu - ia!)". The score includes performance markings such as "1.", "2.", and "D.C." (Da Capo).

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)
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Spirit of the ascended Christ, may we remember that we are meant to be one in love, despite our differences. Help us to be cognizant of that in everything we do.

Strengthen us to do your works on earth.

Spirit of the ascended Christ, we pray for strength and boldness in these times of upheaval and turmoil in our country and in our world. May we each find a way to make a positive difference.

Strengthen us to do your works on earth.

Spirit of the ascended Christ, we feel blessed to have leaders with integrity as our leaders. We are grateful for our beloved priests, Berto and Hugh, as well as our Bishops Sarah, Sean, Phillip, and Mariann. May they continue to be bold as they lead us.

Strengthen us all to do your works on earth.

Spirit of the ascended Christ, we grieve with our Orcas community for the loss of David and Ella. For their families and friends and for everyone who has lost someone dear, we pray for comfort and peace.

Strengthen us to reach out to those who sorrow.

Spirit of the ascended Christ, we pray for those who are in need of physical and mental healing, of safety and protection, of food and shelter.

Strengthen us to reach out to those in need.

Spirit of the ascended Christ. We pray for those in our hearts who are known only to us...(name them silently or aloud)... as well as those on our parish prayer list... **Bill & Jane... Heather... Jan... Cheryl... Ian... James...**

Dick... Renee... John... Nick... Sara... David... The Rev. Pam Tinsley... Laura and Dart... Skipper... Cynthia & Bruce... Wes & Carol... Helen... Diane... Chris... Lynn... Margaret... Sam... Maria... Ali... Debbie... Carol... Julia... Angie and Jeff... John... Ida Rae... Lalo...Morgan...Lynn...

Strengthen us all to do your works on earth.

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 servant José Gándara (5/21) as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his 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. *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-er, 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.

FINAL CHANT

The energy of love surrounds me



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



al - le - lu - ia.



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

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

DISMISSAL

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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, Morgan Persons, and Lynn Dziedan.

Calendar for This Week:

Sun	May 17	8&10 am	Eucharist	Church
Sun	May 17	11:30 am	Peace Vigil	Main St.
Wed	May 20	12-2 pm	Peace Meditation-Letter Writing	Church/BH
Wed	May 20	5 pm	Sophia Circle	Church
Wed	May 20	5:30 pm	Vestry Meeting	Parish Hall
Thu	May 21	12:15 pm	Lectio Divina	Benson Hall
Thu	May 21	1:00 pm	Book Club	Benson Hal
Thu	May 21	5:30 pm	Spiritual Development Group	Parish Hall
Fri	May 22	12:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Church
Fri	May 22	1 pm	Devotional Chanting	Retreat Room
Sat	May 23	1:30 pm	Sustainability Class	Benson Hall

Calendar for Next Week:

Sun	May 24	8&10 am	Eucharist	Church
Sun	May 24	9 am	Choir Practice	Parish Hall
Sun	May 24	11:30 am	Peace Vigil	Main St.
Wed	May 27	12-2 pm	Peace Meditation-Letter Writing	Church/BH
Thu	May 28	12:15 pm	Lectio Divina	Benson Hall
Thu	May 28	1:00 pm	Book Club	Benson Hal
Thu	May 28	5:00 pm	Dinner Kitchen	Parish Hall
Fri	May 29	12:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Church
Fri	May 29	1 pm	Devotional Chanting	Retreat Room

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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- Opening Hymn: "Illuminate." Farmer/O'Brien (Notan). Used with permission.

- Collect Prayer from the *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*.
- *Holy, holy, holy* Words: based on Isaiah 6:3, English paraphrase Berto Polman, 1985. Music: Merengue, Spanish; harm. AnnaMae Meyer Bush, 1985 © CRC Publications.
- The Retelling of the Lord's Prayer by Jim Cotter in *Praying the Dark Hours*. 34.
- Fraction Anthem by Jim Cotter in *Love Re-membered*. 47.
- Easter Blessing from Chris Polhill in Ruth Burgess, *Fire and Bread Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday* (Wild Goose Publications, 2006). 78.
- Mother's Day Prayer: Women's Uncommon Prayer, p. 364.

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