

Holy Eucharist

Proper 15

August 16, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Order for Celebrating Holy Eucharist



Emmanuel Episcopal Church
of Orcas Island

We are a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community, striving, through worship and prayer, study and formation, compassion and service, and fellowship and community, to follow the life and teaching of Jesus the Christ. We welcome you as an image of God and invite you to join us as we grow more and more into God's likeness. We welcome you wherever you are in this spiritual journey; whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered; regardless of your age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, economic condition, or physical or mental abilities. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation, and so do we!

We remember, honor, and pray for the Indigenous people of the world, especially all the Coast Salish people of this region. We acknowledge and pray for the Lummi People (*Lhaq'temish*), whose ancestral land we now occupy, and for their enduring relationship with this land since time immemorial. This was their home, and it was taken from them. We give God thanks for their witness to a life connected to and respectful of this land. May we learn from them with humility, always remembering that Mother Earth does not belong to us; that we belong to her; and that we are all relatives. Help us repent of our past sins, learn from them, and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.

~ **MINISTERS FOR THE SERVICE** ~

Presider ~ Fr. Berto Gándara Perea

Preacher ~ Fr. John Ng'Oma

Lector 1 ~ Mary Poletti

Lector 2 ~ Antoinette Botsford

Usher ~ Vicki Clancy

Eucharistic Minister ~ Kira Raven

Healing Minister ~ Betsy Nelson

Altar Guild ~ Sue Askevold

Flower Guild ~ Vicki Clancy

A donation has been made to the Flower Fund by the Eberle family in memory of Karen Eberle.

FIRST TIME AT EMMANUEL?

We are glad you have joined us today. After the service, please join us for Coffee Hour for fellowship and to meet our clergy. If you would like to book a meeting with our priest, use his scheduler at <https://bit.ly/frbert0> or scan this QR code:



Our Sunday service is the Holy Eucharist, also known as the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, or the Mass. The service follows a steady rhythm of standing, sitting, kneeling, and spoken or sung responses; it's like learning the steps of a new dance. Worship unfolds at two tables: the Word and Holy Communion.

Table of the Word: Scripture readings and a sermon, followed by prayers and the peace. Before the peace, you're welcome (not required) to share your name and where you're from. An offering plate will be passed; if you are able and willing, your financial support is greatly appreciated. In any case, please pass it along. Simply touching it can be a gesture of offering yourself to God. You may also give here <https://bit.ly/Emmanuel-donations> or scan this QR code:



Table of Holy Communion: The priest consecrates bread and wine as the Body and Blood of Christ. All who thirst for God and strive to grow in love are welcome to receive. If you'd rather not receive, you may cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a blessing for you. Need Communion brought to your seat? Just tell an usher. A **Healing Minister** is available near the Communion rail if you would like prayers for yourself or on behalf of someone dear to you. In keeping with ancient tradition, the Healing Minister will also offer the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

- **Receiving the Bread**, the Body of Christ: Come to the rail (right to left), hands open, one palm atop the other. Gluten-free available on request. You may respond to the Minister: "Amen."
- **Receiving the Wine**, the Blood of Christ: To drink from the chalice, eat the bread first, then the minister will bring the cup to you. You may also keep the bread in your hand and dip it in the chalice when it comes to you. To decline, cross your hands over your chest. You may respond: "Amen."

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

Christ be with me, (you/us)
Christ before me, (you/us)
Christ to the right of me, (you/us)
Christ behind me, (you/us)
Christ to the left of me, (you/us)
Christ above me, (you/us)
Christ below me, (you/us)
Christ within me, (you/us)

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Please be seated

Presider Deeply descend into I AM.
Deeply. descend into One.

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 **God of the foreigner and outcast, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of Christ so to love the world that your name may be known throughout the earth. Amen.**

We chant

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

FIRST READING

Lector 1 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

[56:1, 6-8 NRSV^{ue}]

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Lector 1 **A Retelling of Psalm 67**

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.*

The Beloved is gracious to us, a loving Presence within us;
The Radiant One shines in us.

O, that Love's Way would be lived throughout the earth,
Love's abiding power embraced by all the nations.

May the people ever rejoice in You singing songs of appreciation for all that
You, O Beloved, freely give to us.

Let the nations listen and heed;
we are all called to live with integrity and justice.

For you, O Blessed Counselor,
will guide every nation on earth as the leaders and
people open their hearts and respond.

Abandoning ourselves into the Heart of Love,
we need not worry or fret;

For Love's grace abides wherever we are.

In Love let us make our home.

SECOND READING

Lector 2 A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

[11:1-2a, 29-32 NRSVue]

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please stand and chant together

**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 GOSPEL READING

Presider The Holy Gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ according to Matthew

[15:21-28 NRSVue]

People **Glory to you, LORD Christ**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Gospel of the LORD.

People **Praise to you, LORD Christ.**

We chant "The Veil"...

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 Almighty and gracious God, shepherd of your holy Church, expand the walls of your sanctuary to be a true house of prayer for all peoples. We pray for our parish clergy, and we especially welcome Fr. John Ng'Oma's presence in our pulpit today, sharing gratitude for his time with us on Orcas.

Christe, eleison. Have mercy, O Christ.

Sovereign and righteous God, rule in the hearts of those who govern the nations of the earth. Move the leaders of our nation and communities to maintain justice, do what is right, and lead with integrity so that all nations may know Love's way.

Christe, eleison. Have mercy, O Christ.

Creator of Love, whose Spirit brooded over the deep waters of creation, look upon our broken world and bring peace to places torn by violence, poverty, and division. Draw near to a world divided by borders and prejudice, and fulfill your promise to gather the outcasts, foreigners, and strangers into your peace, breaking down every wall that separates your human family.

Christe, eleison. Have mercy, O Christ.

Gracious God and Loving Counselor, we pray for our glorious island community and parish home. Purify the intentions of our hearts and words, that our parish may always be a safe haven of belonging, a refuge of grace, and living truth.

Christe, eleison. Have mercy, O Christ.

Merciful God, shadow and refuge of the hurting, draw near to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and to those who cry out from the margins. Hold in your tender care all fragile lives, those waiting in darkness for your light. May they know you at your altar and within the fullness of your grace. We now pray for those on our Parish Prayer List... **Bill & Jane... Heather... Jan... Cheryl... Ian... Dick... Renee... Nick... Sara... David... Pam... Laura**

and Dart... Skipper... Cynthia & Bruce... Wes & Carol... Diane... Chris... Lynn... Margaret... Maria... Ali... Debbie... Carol... Julia... John... Lalo...Morgan...Lynn... Mandy & Lara...Luanne... Christina...Joyce...Sally...John...Sparks... and those we name now either silently or aloud...*[pause to state silently or aloud]*. We also keep in mind those for whom no one prays, may they be comforted by your Holy Spirit. **Christe, eleison. Have mercy, O Christ.**

Eternal God, trusting in your wide and irrevocable mercy that holds all souls, we remember before you all those who have died in the peace of Christ, trusting them to your eternal keeping. We give thanks for all your saints who have embodied your compassion throughout the ages.

Christe, eleison. Have mercy, O Christ.

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 Jan Cleveland (8/16), Christina Orchid (8/16), Sarah Pence (8/17), Carl Lewis (8/19), and Karl Hoagland (8/21) 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 Noel & Mary Ellen Nesser (8/17) 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us**

through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the announcements and welcome of visitors.

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)*

Please stand, as you are able, when the offering plate is brought forward and we sing

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 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.**



cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

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.

Sanctus WLP 785: Santo, Santo, Santo

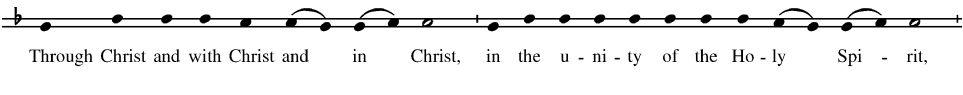


San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

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 And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Then the Presider says.

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

INVITATION FOR COMMUNION

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand as you are able.

All Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Presider God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

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

The energy of love surrounds you.
The energy of love moves through you.
Guiding your way in all you do and say.
Yes, the energy of love surrounds you.

The energy of love surrounds us.

The energy of love moves through us.
 Guiding our way in all we do and say.
 Yes, the energy of love surrounds us.

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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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, Dick Thompson, Renee Hill, Nick Redfield, Sara Gerakaris, David Liebenberg, Pam Tinsley, Laura and Sherwood Botsford, and James Lawrence Botsford, Cynthia & Bruce Hubert, Wes & Carol Burger, Diane Gillespie, Chris, Lynn Jenssen, Margaret Black, Maria Bullock, Ali Walker, Debbie Durand, Carol Wright, Julia de Peyster, John Olson, Lalo Gándara, Morgan Persons, Lynn Dziekan, Mandy & Lara Sirdah, Luanne Fose, Christina Orchid, Joyce Osland, Sally O'Brien, John Ermantraut, and Deborah Sparks.

Calendar for This Week:

Sun	Aug 16	8&10 am	Eucharist	Church
Sun	Aug 16	11:30 am	Peace Vigil	Main St.
Tue	Aug 18	5:30 pm	Scripture Study	Retreat Room
Tue	Aug 18	6:30-8 pm	Orcas-tra	Church
Tue	Aug 18	11:30 am	Immigration Talk: 1 America	Parish Hall
Wed	Aug 19	12-2 pm	Peace Meditation- Letter Writing	Meditation- Room
Wed	Aug 19	12 pm	Music at Emmanuel	Church/BH
			Grace McCune & Anna Mueller	
Thu	Aug 20	12:15 pm	Lectio Divina	Benson Hall
Thu	Aug 20	1:00 pm	Book Club	Benson Hall
Fri	Aug 21	12:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Church
Fri	Aug 21	1 pm	Devotional Chanting	Retreat Room

Calendar for Next Week:

Sun	Aug 23	8&10 am	Eucharist	Church
Sun	Aug 23	11:30 am	Peace Vigil	Main St.
Tue	Aug 25	5:30 pm	Scripture Study	Retreat Room
Tue	Aug 25	6:30-8 pm	Orcas-tra	Church
Tue	Aug 25	11:30 am	Immigration Talk: 1 America	Parish Hall

Wed	Aug 26	12-2 pm	Peace Meditation- Letter Writing	Meditation- Room
Wed	Aug 26	12 pm	Music at Emmanuel Lee & Scott Rome	Church/BH
Wed	Aug 26	5:30 pm	Sophia Circle	Church
Thu	Aug 27	12:15 pm	Lectio Divina	Benson Hall
Thu	Aug 27	1:00 pm	Book Club	Benson Hall
Thu	Aug 27	5 pm	Dinner Kitchen	Parish Hall
Fri	Aug 28	12:15 pm	Centering Prayer	Church
Fri	Aug 28	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 Chant: Text and music Ruth Cunningham.
- Opening and Collect Prayer from the *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*.
- Final hymn, Energy of Love, by Heather Houston <https://heatherhoustonmusic.com/song/energy-of-love-heather-houston/>

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Music at Emmanuel 2026

7/1 Orcatrazz: *Swingin' & Rockin'*

Featuring the great swing band dance music of the early years

7/8 Turtleback Brass: *From Medieval to Modern*

Some new ones and some old favorites

7/15 The Irthlingz Duo: *Harmony, Humor & Healing*

Sharon Abreu & Michael Hurvitz celebrate the earth in song

7/22 Clint McCune: *Songs to Come Alive To*

Known for his electric stage presence and rousing lyrics

7/29 Orcas Kanikapila: *The Joy of the Ukulele*

Emerging out of a very fun class at the Senior Center

8/5 Martin Lund: *Jazz multi-instrumentalist*

A master improviser, Martin typically invites surprise guest performers

8/12 Jeffry Steele: *Polyphony of the Ancestors*

Early 16th-century vocal and plucked-string music adapted to 8-string guitar

8/19 Grace McCune & Anna Mueller: *Music for the Heart*

Known for their stellar Orcas Center musical theater performances

8/26 Lee & Scott Rome: *Songs for Inner Peace*

Original music influenced by jazz, folk, and funk centered on universal connectedness

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