

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Traumerei from Scenes of Childhood

R. Schumann

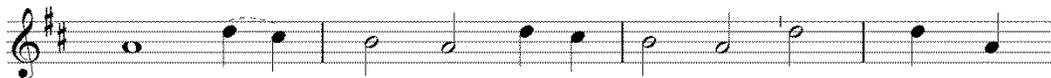
HYMN 400

All creatures of our God and King, vs. 1 and 2

Lasst uns erfreuen



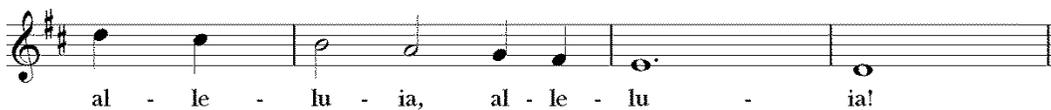
- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O___ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

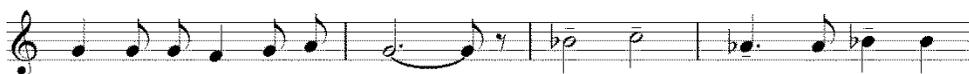
COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

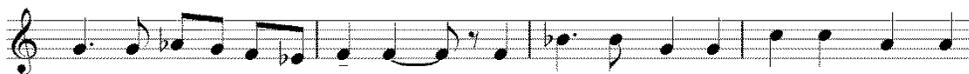
GLORIA (S278)



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lector: *The Word of the Lord*

Response: *Thanks be to God*

PSALM 119:33-40 *Legem pone*

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector: *The Word of the Lord*

Response: *Thanks be to God*

SEQUENCE HYMN 336

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Werde munter

1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -
 *2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and
 *3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic

more to be; and though leav - ing now thine
 Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry
 voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy

al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.
 veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.
 hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - thems raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy
 Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as
 Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has
 through our prayer; grant us light to see and
 ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.
 know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.
 ev - er - peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Before the Gospel: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

After the Gospel: Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

The Rev. Della Wager Wells

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

Father, we pray for our Emmanuel community and for all in your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Bishop, Nicholas; our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, remembering Ellie; Walker; Connie; Heidi; Mandy; Evelyn; Donald; Mike; Lorine and Harry;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to Dennis Carr, who died on September 1, 2020, and all of the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest says

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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

COMMISSIONING OF LAY MINISTERS FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

The Examination

Celebrant Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission *these persons* in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which *they are* called.

The celebrant addresses the sponsors.

Celebrant Are *these persons* you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of *their* duties, to exercise *their* ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

Sponsor **I believe *they are* and I present to you Debbie Venancio, Dave Monroe, Valerie Martin and Vickie Hicks as participants in the Congregational Leadership Initiative Team.**

The celebrant addresses the candidate(s).

Celebrant You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidate **I will.**

Celebrant Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidate **I will.**

The Commissioning

The celebrant address the congregation.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Together **There are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit, and there are varieties of service, but the same LORD; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in everyone.**

Celebrant Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
People **Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O Lord, to serve your church on the Congregational Leadership Initiative Team and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that, seeking your glory and the salvation of souls, they may minister your Word with steadfast devotion, and by the constancy of their faith and the innocency of their lives may adorn in all things the doctrine of Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you Debbie, Dave, Valerie and Vickie as members of the CLI team.

THE PEACE

Please greet one another in peace by waving from your spot.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

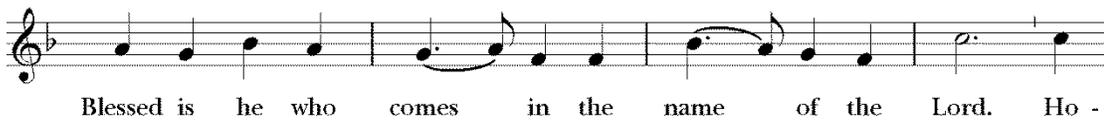
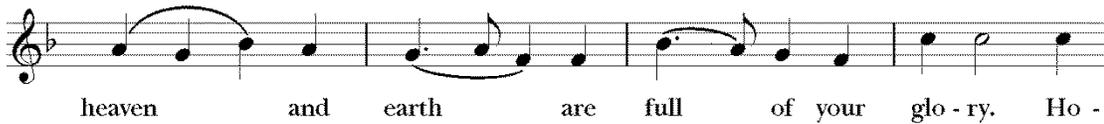
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS



The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

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Refrain

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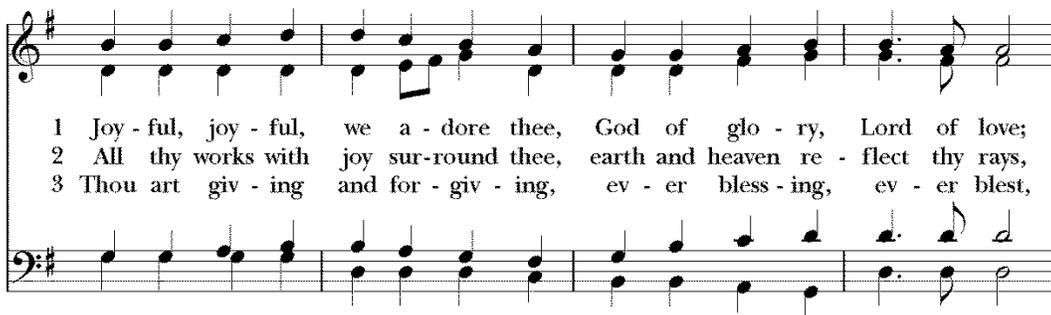
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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

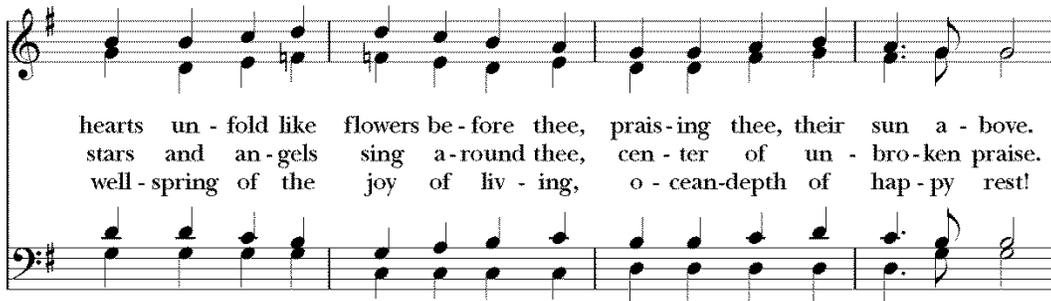
*Please remain seated while Della+ comes to you.
 If you do not wish to receive the host, please cross your arms over your chest.
 If you wish to receive the host, please hold your hands up in front of you,
 and Della+ will place the host in your hands, avoiding contact.
 After she has moved on to the next communicant,
 you may lower your mask to consume the host.*

Celebrant and People

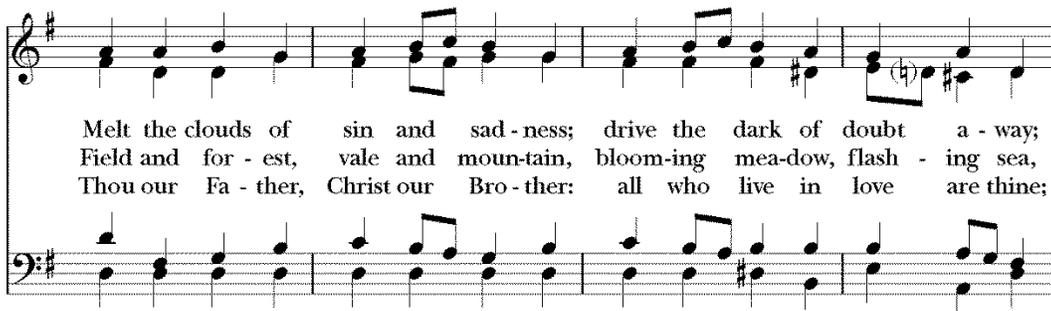
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.



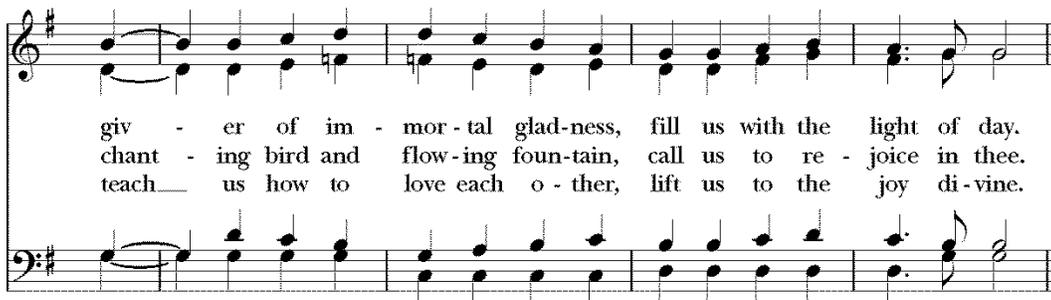
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

FAMILY MEETING

POSTLUDE

Courante from French Suite No. 5

J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday we will celebrate “No Contact” Holy Communion” at our 9:00am in-person service, weather permitting. The RPG has worked hard to get ready for in-person services, including signage, check in procedures, and socially distanced spacing. One entrance to the parking lot will be blocked off by cone so that traffic is directed one way. Please *bring a folding chair, wear your mask, and stay 6 feet from other people* who did not arrive in your car. A greeter will meet you at your car and direct you to the marked socially distant spots on the sidewalk to enter the main church gate (not the office gate). You will have a quick temperature check and health screening, and the greeter will have extra masks if you forgot yours.

At the time of the eucharist, Della+ will sanitize her hands before celebrating. The wafers (other than the small priest’s host) will stay completely covered during the Eucharistic prayers and consecration. Following the consecration, Della+ will lower her mask, consume the priest’s host, and sanitize her hands again before moving from parishioner to parishioner to distribute the host to each person who wishes to receive communion. Della+ will take care not to touch the communicant, and there is accidental contact, she will sanitize her hands before continuing. Remember our doctrine of concomitance in the Episcopal Church. Wine will not be distributed, but we believe that the fullness of communion is available by receiving the bread alone.

The acolyte will provide hand sanitizer to each communicant as Della+ approaches with communion, and each worshiper receiving communion will wait until Della+ has moved to the next communicant before lifting his/her mask to place the wafer in his/her mouth, and replace the mask immediately.

Remember that we will wear masks and maintain social distance at all church meetings that are held in person (not on Zoom), whether they are held indoors or outdoors, or at the church or another location.

Thank you to our readers this morning: Jere Wells (Old Testament); Liz McCarthy (Epistle); and Posy Jackson (Prayers of the People).

Do you have a garden with fresh vegetables and fruit? Alyson Novick from the MLK Center said in a letter of thanks to us for our donations of lettuce from our hydroponic garden, “fresh veggies are more than healthy food... they’re hallmarks of dignity and the worth of each person who receives this bounty.” If you would like to share your produce, donations are being received in a basket at the entrance to the office, and we will take them to the MLK Center, or you may drop them off at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center yourself, Monday-Friday from 8:30am-5:00pm. They are at 20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd, Newport. Go to the entrance on Edward Street and ring the bell.

We know that some of us have conflicts on some Sundays, are not ready to come to in person worship yet, or may need or want to worship online from time to time. We will do our best to stream our in person service on Facebook Live each week at 9:00 am, if you would like to join us that way, and will also continue online worship at 10:00 am — both on the Emmanuel web site and the Emmanuel Facebook page. The in-person service will be live, and there is always the potential for technical glitches, but the recorded service will be available both on the Emmanuel web site and the Emmanuel Facebook page if there is any issue with the streamed service.

HERE IS A VIDEO that will show you what to expect when you arrive at church: https://youtu.be/E4IOfRpec_o. **Technology:** WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE OUR ONLINE WORSHIP. Each Sunday, we will post the week’s in person worship service at 10:00 am both on the Emmanuel web site (https://emmanuelnewport.org/worship/virtual_emmanuel/) and on Facebook. If you are a regular user of Facebook,

please “like” and “follow” Emmanuel Church, Newport’s page. This will give you notifications of Events, Watch Parties, or Video Premier. If you are not a regular user of Facebook and you want to watch through Facebook, you can click on the Facebook link on Emmanuel’s webpage: (<https://emmanuelnewport.org>). This link will take you to Emmanuel Church Newport’s Facebook page, where you can click on “Posts” in the left-hand column. The Watch Party will be the top post. You can click on the video to make it larger. When you go to Emmanuel’s pages, you will see a menu on the left, where you can click on Video, which will have a red ‘live’ tag for a Video Premier. You are encouraged to comment during the service and talk with each other, so please enter your comments, or click on the emoticons during the service.

In addition to our regular August vestry meeting, we had several special called vestry meetings this month.

With sadness and regret, we met to suspend Emmanuel Day School’s operations as a result of rapidly diminishing enrollment due to COVID. We give our heartfelt thanks to the director and the teachers — Carissa Perkowski, Kate Frantz, Terri Traeger, and Sarah Evans for their years of dedicated, loving care to make EDS the amazing preschool it has been for many years.

The Vestry also voted to go ahead with a comprehensive assessment of the church’s heating and ventilation system in order to develop an efficient staged approach to our heating and energy needs. The Stewardship Campaign is taking shape this year, and the vestry helped to shape the exciting plans that make the campaign unique. In the ongoing search for funding, the group discussed ways to maximize returns from the parking lot. A Spiritual Gifts Inventory was distributed to the Vestry to help members better define ways they may be of service. We also have prepared for and discussed the Congregational Leadership Initiative (CLI) program. Our team is Della+, Deb Venancio, Dave Monroe, Val Martin, and Vickie Hicks, and we begin our three-day intensive training workshop on Tuesday of this week. Finally, the vestry voted in its special meeting held August 24, 2020 to call Della+ as the 19th Rector of Emmanuel Church, Newport, and Della+ answered that it is her enormous honor and privilege to serve.

The Church office is OPEN! We are excited to be getting back together. The office will be open Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30-12:00. If you are coming to the office, you will have a temperature check and health screening (cough or respiratory symptoms, muscle aches, travel to other states, etc.) and will enter your name and other details on the contact tracing log on the large table in the reception area of the office. A contact-free digital thermometer, hand sanitizer, and sanitizing wipes are on the table. When entering the office, please WEAR A MASK, and sanitize your hands upon entry. Annie will guide you in the health screening.

Please let us know any announcements or prayer requests you have for the congregation! Call Annie Sherman, Parish Administrator, at 401-847-0675, or email her at admin@emmanuelnewport.org by Monday each week.

Did you know that, especially in these COVID-19 times when many of us are worshipping remotely, you may still *pay your pledge* in all the same ways? There are easy ways to do this! **First**, you can mail in a check, **or** use your bank’s online bill pay option (you send a check through your bank online), **or** go to our website - www.emmanuelnewport.org - and click on “Donate” to make a secure on-line payment through VANCO using your checking or savings account to pay your pledge. At present we do not use credit cards. It is because of your generosity Emmanuel continues to be with you and with our neighbors through our remote Morning Prayer service on Sundays, as well as at a Bible Study, and Coffee Hour fellowship. Join us live every Sunday at 10am on our Facebook page <https://facebook.com/emmanuelnewport> and click on Video.

From August 27, 2020 Diocesan Update:

Time magazine [published an article](#) on the evidence for COVID19 transmission by aerosol and the importance of responding to this new information. The author, Jose-Luis Jimenez is a Professor of Chemistry and a Fellow of the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences at the University of Colorado-Boulder and a Fellow of the American Association for Aerosol Research and the American Geophysical Union. Jimenez compares aerosolized virus to cigarette or vaping smoke – the closer you are to the source and the longer you are exposed to it, the more likely you are to inhale large amounts of it. Also, “in a poorly ventilated room, the smoke will accumulate, and people in the room may end up inhaling a lot of smoke over time. Talking, and especially singing and shouting increase aerosol exhalation by factors of 10 and 50, respectively. Indeed, we are finding that outbreaks often occur when people gather in crowded,

insufficiently ventilated indoor spaces, such as singing at karaoke parties, cheering at clubs, having conversations in bars, and exercising in gyms. Superspreading events, where one person infects many, occur almost exclusively in indoor locations and are driving the pandemic...Contact tracing shows that, when it comes to COVID-19, being outdoors is 20 times safer than being indoors, which argues that aerosol transmission is much more important than droplets; outdoors, there's plenty of air in which aerosols can become diluted; not so indoors."

The House of Bishops met recently with Dr. Anthony Fauci, and Bishop Knisely discussed some of the information that emerged from the meeting in the clergy town hall on Thursday, August 20. One point the bishop made is that science is now demonstrating that the virus is aerosolized by speech and breath, and can remain in the air for hours, rather than being carried by larger droplets that fall to the ground in minutes. We have also learned that 2/3 of the people who have COVID — that's 66% — are asymptomatic. Further, testing is notoriously slow, so that many who have COVID have recovered or are hospitalized by the time the test results are available. ***Masks make a huge difference, and social distancing is really important.*** Also, we are safer outdoors than indoors. Governor Raimondo has shared the statistic that we are 19x more likely to share the virus inside than outside. ***As a result of the positive effect of wearing a mask, the Bishop has updated the guidance in the diocesan Journeying by Stages document to require universal wearing of masks by those leading worship, including when preaching and celebrating.*** The exception is when the clergy or lay leader is recording or streaming a service where only their family and a limited circle of those with whom they regularly interact are present.

Dr. Fauci reiterated in the meeting that "outdoors is always better than indoors, indoors with windows open is always better than closed, and that moisture and heat are better than cold and dry" to discourage spread of the virus. He stated that there has been no documentation of outdoor super spreader events. This information is especially important to note as fall and winter approach and churches consider whether to move services inside and use heat or if it would be better to offer online worship only. Dr. Fauci clarified that when experts say, 'crowds,' it means people congregating close together. Large groups outdoors and spaced out properly is safer than small groups gathering in close quarters. Singing is worse than speaking for spreading the virus. Singing sends out more particles according to test done by scientists, so try not to sing. Face shields allow aerosolized particles to emerge underneath, therefore a mask is preferable.

The mask you choose is important! New data regarding masks is reported in [The Washington Post](#), which cited a study on the effectiveness of 14 differing kinds of masks. The study found that "some easily accessible cotton cloth masks are about as effective as standard surgical masks, while popular alternatives such as neck gaiters made of thin, stretchy material may be worse than not wearing a mask at all." The neck gaiters are comfortable but "don't restrict air, is the reason why they're not doing much of a job helping people." Some masks are more of a detriment than a good, including bandanas and knitted masks. Finally, masks with a relief valve do not protect others from the air you exhale.

From the September 3, 2020 Diocesan Update:

There's been good news over the past couple of days about the availability of a vaccine to treat COVID-19. The news has, as you would expect, been politicized, but still...

USA Today had an excellent [round up](#) Thursday morning. In the article there are the following bits:

- The vaccine might be available earlier than expected, according to Dr. Fauci. It's possible, depending on the clinical trials that the vaccine might be ready to distribute by this December, perhaps earlier.
- There are federal bans being announced that will ban evictions until December, matching other state actions enacted to protect renters who have lost income due to the pandemic.

The earlier than expected availability of a vaccine should be framed as both a blessing and as a reminder that safety guidelines in place are temporary, but still critical and important. We can expect things to start to get back to normal, but we have to continue to be vigilant in the short term.

That said, there are repeated calls for people to be careful this Labor Day weekend. Over Memorial Day weekend and the July holidays, there was a measurable increase in cases. With schools reopening and plans being made for the fall (which depend on a low rate of positive tests) it is important to remind our communities to be observant and careful over the long weekend.

Today's Covid-19 statistics from the RI Dept. Of Health; 68 people hospitalized, 7 people in intensive care, 4 on ventilators, 4 new fatalities. However, according to today's article in the [ProJo](#), the test positivity rate was below 1% yesterday. That's an important milestone.

From Religion News Service – [Schools may not open to students this fall, but churches might – for remote learning](#). Churches are looking for ways of reaching out to their communities offering their space and wifi to families struggling with remote learning.

Finally, The Census count process may be coming to an early end this year. The Episcopal Church has [called for all](#) Episcopalians to participate in the counting process. There are tools and resources here that could be shared: https://episcopalchurch.org/files/ogr_2020_census_toolkit.pdf

Raymond's ZOOM concerts are Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 3pm at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85408440033?pwd=KzZPQ1hTd05yOXZqN0huSWRHVU50dz09>
Meeting ID: 854 0844 0033 Password: 44006

Covenant for Regathering

I promise, to the best of my ability with God's help, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Rhode Island for participation in church as we regather during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In faithfulness to the Baptismal Covenant (BCP p. 304-305), I will strive to:

Love my neighbor as myself, by...

- Wearing a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship by an assigned speaking part, and following public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting.
- Only attending worship if I am non-symptomatic for the COVID-19 virus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another person also attending.
- Abstaining from attending worship if I am concerned that doing so would be too great a risk due to my own health status.

Respect the dignity of every human being, by...

- Making no physical contact while at church with people beyond the members of my own household.
- Maintaining a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation.
- Respecting any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, and disinfecting to ensure the safety and comfort level of others.

Seek and serve Christ in all people by...

- Supporting the decisions of my diocesan and congregational leaders.
- Staying connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, mail, or other means.

This is our expectation for all those who wish to worship with us in person. By participating in our worship, you assume responsibility for following the above, and acknowledge the risks of participation in an in-person gathering.

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