



# EMMANUEL CHURCH

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

*We share our home, building a vibrant, loving community.*

Ash Wednesday



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

February 14, 2024

6:00 P.M.

THE PRELUDE

*Meditation on Tallis' Canon*

Richard Purvis

*The people stand as they are able for*

THE PROCESSION

COLLECT OF THE DAY, *prayed aloud by all, as is our custom*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

**Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

*The people are seated for the readings*

THE FIRST READING

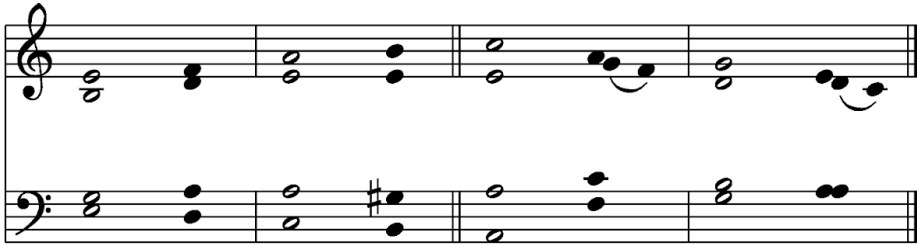
Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

- *Isaiah 58:1-12*

PSALM 103:8-14, *please remain seated and sing with the choir*



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- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and **mercy**, \*  
slow to anger and of great **kindness**.
- 9 He will not always **accuse us**, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for **ever**.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our **sins**, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our **wickedness**.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the **earth**, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who **fear him**.
- 12 As far as the east is from the **west**, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from **us**.
- 13 As a father cares for his **children**, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who **fear him**.
- ¶14 For he himself knows whereof we are **made**; \*  
he remembers that we are but **dust**.

## SECOND READING

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. -2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

*The people stand as they are able*

AT THE SEQUENCE, Hymn 148

*Creator of the earth and skies*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." -Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Della Wager Wells

*After the Sermon, all stand, and the Priest invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent. This will include the imposition of ashes, which the Priest will explain.*

*Following the imposition of ashes all stand and say*

**PSALM 51**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,  
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice;  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

## LITANY OF PENITENCE

*Standing or kneeling as you are able and prefer*

*Priest* Most holy and merciful Father:

*People* **We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*Priest* We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Priest* We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Priest* We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord..**

*Priest* Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord..**

*Priest* Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord..**

*Priest* Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord..**

*Priest* Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord..**

*Priest* Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Priest* For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Priest* For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Priest* Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

*People* **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

*Priest* Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,  
*People* **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

*Priest* By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,  
*People* **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

THE PEACE

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

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AT THE OFFERTORY, *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*For the presentation of gifts the people stand and sing* Tune: Tallis Canon



**Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest* 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. ... who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, S124, *sung by all*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The Priest continues* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself,  
*concluding* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Priest and People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Priest continues* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, ... *concluding...*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.**

*Priest* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

FRACTION ANTHEM, *Lamb of God*, S161, *sung by all*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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AT COMMUNION

*Ave verum corpus*

Edward Elgar

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *prayed aloud together, standing, kneeling or sitting as you prefer*

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.

HYMN 488

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

POSTLUDE

Prelude in E Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Andy Ross, Paige Williams, *readers*     Valerie Martin, Dave Monroe, *ushers*

### *Our Lenten Journey*

#### *Daily Meditations*

Emmanuel Parishioners are encouraged to participate in writing meditations on the daily lectionary readings during Lent. Each day, beginning on Thursday, February 16, Constant Contact will send out the daily scripture reading from the Revised Common Lectionary along with a brief (approx. 200 words) meditation/reflection on the day's Gospel, written by an Emmanuel parishioner. Parishioners who wish to contribute such a meditation should contact Jere Wells at [jerewells1@gmail.com](mailto:jerewells1@gmail.com).

#### *Different Pathways on Our Lenten Journey*: Wednesday Nights at Emmanuel, February 21 - March 27

As we enter into the season of Lent, we reflect on Jesus's time in the wilderness, following his solitary path of fasting, prayer, and reflection. The Church encourages us as followers of Christ to undertake our own spiritual journey during this time. Beyond the liturgy of Ash Wednesday, what are the various forms and practices that can shape and give meaning to this experience? The Emmanuel Worship Committee invites you to join in *Different Pathways on Our Lenten Journey*, a series of Wednesday evenings of supper and discussion that will explore the variety of traditions and practices that have helped Christians make the most of Lent.

Beginning Wednesday, February 21, 6:00-7:00 p.m., and running through Wednesday, March 27, each evening of *Different Pathways on our Lenten Journey* will offer a simple supper of hearty winter soup and home-made bread, followed by a program facilitated by one of the following Emmanuel parishioners: Susan Barnes, Randy Elkins, Phil Schmidt, Ellen Vadney, and Jere Wells. Topics range from the arts in Lent to the psychology of temptation. The weekly topic will be announced in Constant Contact, with a link for attendees to RSVP. The price of admission is a can of soup that can be part of Emmanuel's weekly support of the food ministries at the MLK, Jr. Community Center.