

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25TH 9:15AM



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
LA GRANGE, IL

Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today. We believe ALL people are welcome to join and participate in worship. So whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have instituted several changes to our normal service routine in order to ensure that everyone can worship safely. We require that you wear a mask or other face covering at all times. Please stay at least 6 feet away from other household groups before and after the service, and 10 feet away during the liturgy. We also ask that you sanitize your hands as you enter.

During the service, there are several times when it is appropriate (but not required) to make the sign of the cross. For those wishing to do so, the symbol + indicates the appropriate places. We hope these notes will help you participate, or feel free to relax and let the congregation carry you in worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Variations on *This Joyful Eastertide* by Austin C. Lovelace

Please stand, as able.

OPENING SENTENCES

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

to be read responsively

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated for the sermon.

THE SERMON DEACON BILL RIMKUS

After the sermon there is a brief moment of silence for reflection.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand, as able.

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

Leader Lead your church into the way of love. Teach us to hear and follow your voice and your vision for the world.

Tender Shepherd, **call us each by name and lead us home.**

Guide those around the world who make decisions that impact the lives of individuals and nations.

Tender Shepherd, **precede us all in the ways of justice and peace.**

Lighten the burden of those suffering loss, illness, and anxiety, those whom we know and love and those who are unknown to us.

Tender Shepherd, **comfort them and shower them with your healing grace.**

We pray for those who have died. Carry those who have finished their earthly journey into the next life and gently place them in God's eternal embrace.

Tender Shepherd, **call us each by name and lead us home.**

Deacon: God of mercy. You have redeemed us and bestowed the Spirit upon us, giving us a new birth. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life within us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Please stand, as able.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of welcome and God's love. Please remember in this time of social distancing to avoid physical contact. A smile, wave, nod, or bow must suffice.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, as able, for the Offertory and Great Thanksgiving.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need by Lani Smith

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER D

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you,
Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever
Amen.

As our savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, then the following is said.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is God's Table and not our own. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Due to the pandemic, only bread is being distributed. We consider receiving in one kind to be a full Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to receiving. If you do not wish to receive the bread, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate to the priest that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Pastorale on a Celtic Alleluia by Richard Proulx

A PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS)

Let us pray.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (FOR THOSE ATTENDING IN PERSON)

Please stand or kneel, as able.

Let us pray.

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.

+THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Carillon du Longport by Louis Vierne



Emmanuel's Weekly Worship Schedule

Tuesday	7:30 am – Contemplative Prayer (online)
Thursday	7:30 am – Contemplative Prayer (online)
Thursday	8:00 pm – Compline (online)
Sunday	9:15 am – Holy Eucharist Rite II

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God

If you wish to make an offering and celebrate a loved one, with a dedication here, then please use the 2021 chart in the church hallway to sign up for as many Sundays as you wish.

Rector – The Rev. David Jackson

Deacon – The Rev. William Rimkus

Organist and Choir Master – George Tarasuk

Altar Guild Director - Kathy Lampert

Lector – Cliff Egel

With thanks this week to our Guest organist, Joseph Burgio

Wardens & Vestry

Marc O'Brien, Sr. Warden

Andrew Beyer, Jr. Warden

Mary Borge, Diane Clark-Coutre, Andy Dolliff, Dorren Gertsen-Briand

Cliff Egel, Kathy Lampert, Matt Longo, Terry O'Neill, Leslie Stahulak

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