

Emmanuel

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2020

10:30 am



Welcoming, Serving, Celebrating

412 N. Church Street, Rockford, IL

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Welcome to Emmanuel

Worship

Due to COVID-19 the following safeguards are in place for Holy Communion:

Presiders should not speak over uncovered 'consumables'. In practice, this means that while the president can speak the words of the Eucharistic Prayer over bread and wine that he or she alone will consume, bread that will be consumed by other communicants must remain covered until being distributed.

When the president takes the bread and wine before the Eucharistic Prayer, it is recommended that this takes place in silence. If words are said when the bread and wine are taken into the hand, only the elements that the president will receive are taken (the other elements being covered). At the fraction (breaking of the bread), only the consecrated bread that the president will receive is broken. At the invitation to communion, if the consecrated bread and wine are shown to the people, only the piece of consecrated bread or wafer that the president will receive is shown while speaking the words of invitation. At the giving of Communion, the president receives Communion in both kinds. The words of distribution "The body of Christ" are spoken to the congregation, and all who intend to receive say, 'Amen'. At the distribution, Holy Communion is administered in silence. The consecrated wafer is dropped into the hands of communicants.

At present, Communion should be administered in one kind only with no sharing of the common cup. The president alone should always take the wine,

consuming all that has been consecrated; other communicants should receive the bread only, in the hand this is still considered 'complete communion'.

In order to avoid touching the altar rail and to maintain physical distancing, communicants should not come to kneel at the altar rail, but instead form a line maintaining six feet distance to receive the bread, from the priest.

Hugging and hand shaking are not allowed at The Peace. Please greet one another with a friendly wave or bow.

Restrooms

The ladies restroom is unisex. Those who use the restroom are to disinfect it after using.

Pledges:

The offering plate is located inside the Sanctuary. Mail your pledge or donate on line.

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*As we gather before the service begins,
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.*

Please silence your cell phones

Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located as you exit the church.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude:

“Fugue in F Minor”

- Burney

(stand as you are able)

Processional Hymn:

“Rejoice, ye pure in heart!”

Hymn #557

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

7 Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King. (Refrain)

Refrain: Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks,
and sing.

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: **A**lmighty 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.**

The Gloria in Excelsis

People: **G**lory 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: **L**ord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WE LISTEN AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

(seated)

The First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

(Isaiah 25:1-9)

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

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.

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.

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 Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

(Philippians 4:1-9)

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

(Matthew 22:1-14)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

(seated)

Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

(stand as you are able)

Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People:

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

Celebrant: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”.

Leader: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For The Most Rev. Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop, for The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For those in positions of public trust especially, Donald our President and Tom our Mayor that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For all who live and work in this community especially Shelter Care Ministries and Jeremiah Development, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For this congregation (*for those who are present, and for those who are absent*), that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, especially those celebrating birthdays; **Collin Beck (10/11)**; **Mary Kaull (10/17)**; **Nancy Smith (10/17)** and those celebrating anniversaries, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; especially victims of the wildfires and hurricane Ellen, James, Jayson, Maryanne, Nick, Rich, Sam, and for our families,

friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For all who have died, especially David in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

People: Lord, have mercy

Celebrant: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Silence

Celebrant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(you may kneel or be seated)

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.

Celebrant: **A**lmighty 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.**

Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory:

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

- *Johannes Matthias Michel*

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will invite people forward by pew.

If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms.

(stand as you are able)

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: **I**t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus

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.

(kneeling or standing)

Celebrant: **H**oly 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.

Celebrant: **W**e 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:

Celebrant and People:

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.**

For When You Cannot Attend Worship:

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 you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And 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 the life to come. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Meditation:

“Homage to Messiaen”

- *Biery*

“Ellers”

- *Lovelace*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

Blessing

(stand as you are able)

Recessional Hymn: “Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise”

Hymn #345

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| 1 Savior, again to thy dear name we raise with one
accord our parting hymn of praise; guard thou
the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, that in
this house have called upon thy Name. | 3 Grant us thy peace, throughout our earthly life;
peace to thy Church from error and from strife;
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above. |
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Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude:

“Voluntary in G”

- *Heron*

Announcements

The church remains closed for worship during mitigation. The office is open.

Zoom Meeting Invitation: Virtual Happy Hour, Thursday, October 15, 5 - 6:30 pm

Grief Group: Will be meeting on Wednesday, October 14 at 6 pm in the Janet James Room

Aspire Presents: Join us on **Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 P.M.** for the second program in the series of “Not Your Ordinary Saints.” The program will be available via Zoom (no masks or social distancing required). This is the second of the series that will highlight Hildegard and will be presented by Barrie Gibby. Go to EmmanuelRockford.org or follow our Facebook page for future dates and details.

Calling all Crafters: We are asking that those of you who knit, crochet, weave, work with fleece, etc., consider making a commitment to create an extra scarf or two this fall to donate to our cause. We would like to make These scarves available to Jubilee Center clients on Sunday, December 6. Donations should be completed by the Monday after Thanksgiving; November 30.

Episcopal Charities Legacy Gala: Greetings! With the crazy year we’ve experienced, the Episcopal Charities Legacy Gala has been moved to a virtual event. The one thing that hasn’t changed about our event is its purpose: to support the agencies we work for and care about. During these stressful times, where need has grown, Episcopal Charities has funded much-needed grants to 17 ministry partners in the Diocese, providing essential food, shelter, mental health counseling, education, and job training to those most in need. Please join in growing the good in our community, especially in these difficult times, and consider supporting Episcopal Charities once again. This year’s honoree is **Bryan C. Cressey**, financial donor for Shelter Care Ministries’ Cressy House. October 16, 2020, <http://episcopalcharities.org/legacy-gala-2020>

Early voting at Emmanuel: Monday, October 19 – Monday, November 2.

Voting hours will be from 8:30a - 7:00p - Monday thru Friday.

Saturday and Sunday, October 24, 25, 31, and November 1 from 9:00a – 5:00p.

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Timothy Borden Sexton
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Jennifer Smith, Kathryn Torrence, Jacob Hardesty, Stacey
LaRosa, Susan Schmitz, Peter Gottlick, Mathew Oakes.

Assisting In The Liturgy

10:30 a.m. **Crucifer:** Tyler Hillman
 Old Testament: Cheryl Rogers
 New Testament: Mark Baldwin
 Prayers of the People: Deacon Doug Rogers

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