

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

8:00am & 10:30am



*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.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Prelude

Trumpet Tune on 'Maccabaeus'

*June Nixon*

*Wayne Hatwich, organist*

### Processional Hymn

*O sons and daughters, let us sing*

**Hymn #206**

*(sung to the rhythmic version #203)*

*(stand as you are able)*

### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. (†) Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

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: *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.*

# Gloria

## Gloria

Con moto ♩ = 128

*f*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on

6  
earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - migh - ty God, and Fath - er, we

11  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - - - ry.

16  
*mf*  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

21  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

26  
*mp*  
right hand of the Fath - er: re - ceive our prayer.

31  
*f*  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

36  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

41  
*ff*  
glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - men, A - men.

## Collect for The Second Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**A**lmighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### New Testament

#### A Reading from Acts

*Acts 4:32-35*

**N**ow the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

#### The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*



### Psalm 133

1 Oh, how good and / pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live to-/ gether in unity!

2 It is like fine oil up-/on the head \*  
that runs / down upon the beard,

3 Upon the / beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the / collar of his robe.

4 It is like the / dew of Hermon \*  
that falls up-/ on the hills of Zion.

+ 5 For there the Lord has or-/ dained the blessing: \*  
\_\_\_ / life for evermore.

## New Testament

### A Reading from First John

*I John 1:1-2:2*

**W**e declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

#### **The Word of the Lord.**

*People: Thanks be to God.*

#### **Gradual Hymn**

*We walk by Faith*

**Hymn #209**

## The Gospel

### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*John 20:19-31*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**W**hen it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll & Walker

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature and a fermata over the first measure, followed by a double bar line and a '2' above the staff. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The second staff starts with a '7' above the first measure, followed by a double bar line and a 9/8 time signature. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The piece concludes with a final double bar line.

### Message

Steven KinCannon, Seminarian

### Nicene Creed

Confirmation class

*We believe in one God, Creator of all things, compassionate, all knowing, powerful, and pretty chill, who looks over the whole world, controls everything, and loves unconditionally.*

*We believe in Jesus, the son of God, who is a "pretty cool dude." He spreads love and joy, ministers to the sick, the friendless, the needy, and the forgotten. He saved people from impending doom, and forgives all of our sins.*

*We believe in the Holy Ghost, God's middle man, who is part of God, who comes down from Heaven to speak God's word.*

*We believe that God created all things, both good and bad.*

*We believe that Jesus was nailed to the cross for our sins, and that when raised from the dead, Jesus "dipped from earth."*

*We believe that salvation is the forgiveness of our sins and Jesus taking the wheel.*

*We believe that the church is a pretty chill place to worship and a holy place.*

*We believe that sins are things that God doesn't like, and that Jesus forgives our sins by letting them go and by loving us.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for 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 all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Paula our own Bishop;  
*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, especially Byron, Amber, Patrick, Larry, Roger, Julie, Emily, Lisa, Peter, Crystal, Melinda, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, World Central Kitchen, and Taiwan;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Beverlee;  
*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, for those of others, and for those celebrating birthdays, especially Julia Zimmerman (04/07), Megan Reece (04/07), Flute Saenz (04/09), and Louis Matjasko (04/12).

For those serving in the military, especially Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Harry.

*Celebrant adds a suitable collect*

## **The Peace**

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

People: *And also with you.*





## Sanctus (8:00am spoken)

*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.*

(10:30am sung)

**Sanctus and Benedictus**

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G minor, 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of Moderato (♩ = 84). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes dynamic markings such as *mp*, *mf*, *f*, and *rall.* and includes measure numbers 5, 9, and 14.

(kneeling or seated)

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. When ever 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: 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:

### **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem** (8:00am spoken)

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

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

**Fraction Anthem** (10:30am sung)

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*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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

**Communion Hymn**

*How oft, O Lord*

Hymn #242

**Postcommunion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

***E**ternal 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 (†)**

*(standing)*

**Recessional Hymn**

*That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

Hymn #193

**Dismissal**

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

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**Postlude**

Presto Finale in F  
*from Organ Concerto No. 5*

*G. F. Handel*

Today's Easter flowers are given to the Glory of God  
from Jeanette Benson in loving memory of Roger Benson

**Please take an Easter flower home  
with you today, if you so choose.**

*Adult forum each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.*

*Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.*

*Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.*

*Emmanuel's Women's Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft,  
followed by a brown bag lunch. Come join us, we'd love to have you.*

## Note about the cover

Giovanni Francesco Barbieri was called Guercino in reference to his pronounced squint. His earlier pictures typically combine the chiaroscuro (light-dark) effects of Caravaggio with a charm and softness not usually found in followers of this artist.

The New Testament recounts how, after his crucifixion, Christ rose from the dead and appeared to his apostles. One of them, Thomas, was absent and refused to believe Christ's resurrection without witnessing it himself. This painting shows their encounter, when Christ instructed Thomas to touch the wounds he had suffered on the Cross.

The action takes place in semi-darkness before a wall, its plaster crumbling at the top to reveal the brickwork beneath. Fingers outstretched, Thomas tentatively reaches towards Christ, clutching his other hand to his chest; we can sense his nervousness. Two men lean in behind him, craning their necks to see, while Saint Peter looks on over Christ's shoulder. Guercino has built a powerful sense of anticipation and tension through the picture's tight crop and dramatic lighting. The figures, transfixed by Christ, watch and wait to see what will happen.

Cropped at three-quarter length, the figures crowd the space, bringing us closer to the action and focusing our attention on the interaction between the protagonists. Guercino has chosen to illustrate the most dramatic moment in the story, and the one which evokes the most powerful emotional response: Thomas coming into physical contact with Christ. Time is suspended at the crucial moment just before Thomas's realisation; it is as if we – and the onlookers – are holding our breath.

Christ, his right arm drawn back to reveal his wound, looks benevolently at Thomas. In his left hand he holds a wooden standard with a white flag, a symbol of his resurrection. The strong vertical of the pole divides the image in half. On one side we are presented with the steadfast, knowing Christ; on the other, in a hunched pose and with his face cast in shadow, we see doubting Thomas. The illuminated Christ acts as a beacon within the dark composition and the use of light is symbolic: Thomas, who hasn't yet 'seen the light', is about to experience a revelation.

This picture's sense of drama, lighting and naturalism owe much to Caravaggio, whose influence was widely felt in the early seventeenth century. Painted in 1621, this work was made by Guercino just prior to his move to Rome in May of that year. [www.nationalgallery.org.uk](http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk)

## Announcements

**Nametags:** If you would like a nametag made, please contact the church office via email at [churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org](mailto:churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org) or via phone at 815-964-5514.

**Book Club:** Join us Tuesday, April 9th at 1pm in the Janet James Room April's choice is "The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois" by Honorée Fanonne Jeffers. Ailey is reared in the north in the City but spends summers in the small Georgia town of Chicassetta, where her mother's family has lived since their ancestors arrived from Africa in bondage. From an early age, Ailey fights a battle for belonging that's made all the more difficult by a hovering trauma, as well as the whispers of women—her mother, Belle, her sister, Lydia, and a maternal line reaching back two centuries—that urge Ailey to succeed in their stead.

**Grief Group:** meets next on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Entry at parking lot entrance. All are invited to come.

**Save the Date:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024 Emmanuel Celebrates its 175th Anniversary with Confirmation at 6pm. The Rt. Rev Paula Clark, Presiding. Reception to follow in the Undercroft.

**On April 14th, during Coffee Hour,** Kenney Jones from Live for Lali will distribute and demonstrate how to use Narcan. Plan on attending this important informational event.

**Last year, a group of knitters at Talcott Free Library embarked on a project.** We, along with friends and neighbors, knitted Chemo Hats for cancer patients at the three Rockford hospitals. We collected 63 hats! This year, we're doing it again. The hats must be soft, acrylic or cotton and washable for both men and women. We hope to collect all the donations by Memorial Day, May 27th. Just drop them off at the Talcott Free Library in Rockton. Thanks in advance for any donations you can make.

**Rockford Area Pride:** Emmanuel is marching in Rockford's Annual Pride Parade on Saturday June 1. If you are interested in participating contact Todd Burton: [todd.r.burton@gmail.com](mailto:todd.r.burton@gmail.com). Show your Pride by ordering a Pride T-shirt at: <https://www.rockfordareapride.org/product-page/unisex-eco-friendly-cotton-t-shirt>

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## Assisting in the Liturgy.

8:00 a.m.      Lector: Maria Mendia

10:30 a.m.    Crucifer/Server: Stacey LaRosa  
1st Reading: Theresa Sinks  
2nd Reading: Dennis Horton  
Prayers of the People: Mary Dammann  
Altar Guild: Peggy Fry  
Ushers: Phil & Andrew James

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