

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**November 19, 2023**

8:00am & 10:30am



*Peaceable Kingdom-Edward Hicks*

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

*We also ask you to silence your phones.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Prelude

We Gather Together

*Wilbur Held*

*Trish Rooney, Organist*

### Processional Hymn

*Come, labor on*

Hymn #541

*(stand as you are able)*

### Opening Acclamation

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

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

### 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: *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.*

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.

*(standing)*

## **Collect for The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**B**lessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

### **Old Testament**

#### **A Reading from the Book of Judges**

*Judges 4:1-7*

**T**he Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*



## Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift / up my eyes, \*  
to you en-/throned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand / of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid / to the hand of her mistress,
- +3 So our eyes look to the / LORD our God, \*  
until / he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O / LORD have mercy, \*  
for we have had / more than e-nough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the / indo-lent rich, \*  
and of the de-/rision of the proud.

## Epistle

### A Reading from First Thessalonians

*I Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## Gradual Hymn

*Rise up, ye saints of God!*

**Hymn #551**

*(stand as you are able)*

## **The Gospel**

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

*Matthew 25:14-30*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Douglas Rogers, Deacon

## 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.*

*(stand)*

## **The Prayers of the People**

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: *That we all may be one.*

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Paula our Bishop and Michael our Presiding Bishop;

People: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joseph our President and JB our Governor;

People: *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Jan, Byron, Amber, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Rockford, Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine;

People: *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Helen;

People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader: We rejoice with those who are celebrating birthdays especially, Tammy *Lewis (11/20)* and Danny *Degner (11/25)*;

People: *That they may be blessed in the coming year.*

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We pray for those who have served in the military and for those who are presently serving, especially Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Josh.

Celebrant: **O** Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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.*

## The Peace and Announcements

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

People: *And also with you.*

## Offertory Anthem

O How Amiable

R. Vaughan Williams

*O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.*

*The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.  
O prosper thou our handiwork, O prosper thou our handiwork.  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

*(8:00am spoken)*

## Offertory Response

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord.

People: *And of thine own have we given thee.*

*(10:30am sung)*

## Offertory Response

Hymn #428

vs. 6

*So let us glorify and bless the God we bow before,  
The Father, Holy Spirit, Son, and praise him evermore.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*(standing)*

## 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 God 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.

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 *(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)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

*(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. 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: 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.*

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.

## Agnus Dei (8:00am spoken)

*Celebrant and People:*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.*

*(10:30am sung)*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

## Communion Hymn

*We gather together*

Hymn #433

## 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

*Now thank we all our God*

Hymn #397

## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude

Intermezzo on “Nun danket alle Gott”

*John S. Dixon*

## Fall Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum-Undercroft

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Children's Wing

10:30 a.m. Sung Holy Eucharist

10:45 a.m. Coffee Hour-Undercroft

## Note about the cover

Between 1820 and 1849, during the last thirty years of his life, the Quaker sign painter-turned-preacher Edward Hicks created more than one hundred versions of this subject, an allegory of spiritual and earthly harmony based on Isaiah 11:6-9. William Penn enacts his treaty with the commonwealth's native inhabitants in a composition appropriated from Benjamin West's painting of the scene. While originally produced as visual sermons for Hick's family and friends, the painting's technical simplicity and deep-felt message of unity have charmed generations of viewers of all ages since the painter's rediscovery during the early twentieth century.

# Announcements

The office will be closed Thursday 11/23 and Friday 11/24 for Thanksgiving  
Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday  
from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**Book Club will meet via zoom December 12 at 7 p.m.** December's book is "The War that Saved My Life" by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. An exceptionally moving story of triumph against all odds set during World War II.

**The Book Club for the coming months: January-** No meeting. **February-** Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver. A reimagining of "David Copperfield" as a tale set in Southern Appalachia brings humanity and humor to a region and people who have long endured exploitation and condescension.

**Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.** Bible Study Group is using NT Wright's video series "Themes in the Gospel of John."

**Calling all crafters:** We are asking those of you who knit, crochet, weave, work with fleece, etc., to consider making a commitment to create an extra scarf or two this fall to donate to the Jubilee Center. Please drop your donations off by November 30th.

**Building on the success of the Bears/Packers food collection:** a basket is in the narthex for an ongoing food collection. Please drop off canned or dry food to benefit the Rock River Valley Pantry.

**Once again, we are asking for donations to purchase gift cards for the Jubilee members.** If you would like to donate, please label your donation "Jubilee Gift Cards." The cards will be given to members at their annual Christmas party.

**In this time of global conflict, we pray for our military.** If you would like someone's name added to the Prayer List, please email the office by Thursday.

**Dining Out Group:** A pleasant relaxing lunch was enjoyed recently at Jerry's Cafe at Brynwood Sq. Due to Thanksgiving, the Dining Out Group will gather for lunch a week later on November 30, 11:30 at Lydia's at the corner of Rural and Guilford. Please join us and give Mary a call for your reservation 815-654-8995.

**Stewardship 2024:** letters and pledge cards have gone out in the mail. Please return your pledge card by December 17th.

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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: Phil James**  
**2nd Reading: Phil James**  
**Prayers of the People: Mark Baldwin**  
**Altar Guild: Mary Johnson**  
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