

**Sunday May 17, 2026**

**ASCENSION**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:**

**Rev. Rev. Jeanette Lewis**

**Server: Debbie Dawe**

**Lay Reader – Ruth Brown**

**Reader: Dan van der Wolf**

**Organist: Cindy Kim**

**Welcome** Rev. Jeanette

**Quiet Prayer**

Go and make disciples of all  
nations, says the Lord;  
I am with you always,  
to the close of the age.

Matthew 28:19,20

**The Greeting**

*Leader:*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed.  
Alleluia!**

**Opening Hymn #367**

**Crown Him with Many**

**Crowns** t. Diademata

1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem  
drowns

all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing

of him who died for thee,

and hail him as thy matchless

king

through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified;  
no angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends  
their burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!

for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

## Opening Prayers

*Leader.*

God of our days and years, we  
set this time apart for you.  
Form us in the likeness of  
Christ so that our lives may  
glorify you.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God, to whom all  
hearts are open, all desires  
known, and from whom no  
secrets are hidden: 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 Collect

**Almighty God, your Son  
Jesus Christ ascended to the  
throne of heaven that he  
might rule over all things as  
Lord.**

**Keep the Church in the unity  
of the Spirit and in the bond  
of his peace and bring the  
whole of creation to worship  
at his feet, who is alive and  
reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. Amen**

**Acts 1:1-11** *Dan*

*NLT*

### ***The Promise of the Holy Spirit***

1 In my first book I told you,  
Theophilus, about everything  
Jesus began to do and teach  
<sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up  
to heaven after giving his  
chosen apostles further  
instructions through the Holy  
Spirit. <sup>3</sup> During the forty days  
after he suffered and died, he  
appeared to the apostles from  
time to time, and he proved to  
them in many ways that he was  
actually alive. And he talked to  
them about the Kingdom of  
God.

<sup>4</sup> Once when he was eating with  
them, he commanded them,  
“Do not leave Jerusalem until  
the Father sends you the gift he  
promised, as I told you before.

<sup>5</sup> John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

### **The Ascension of Jesus**

<sup>6</sup> So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

<sup>7</sup> He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. <sup>10</sup> As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. <sup>11</sup> “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he

will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

This is the word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 47**     *Lay Reader*

*NLT*

1 Come, everyone! Clap your hands!

**Shout to God with joyful praise!**

2 For the Lord Most High is awesome.

**He is the great King of all the earth.**

3 He subdues the nations before us,

**putting our enemies beneath our feet.**

4 He chose the Promised Land as our inheritance,

**the proud possession of Jacob’s descendants, whom he loves.**

5 God has ascended with a mighty shout.

**The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring.**

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
**sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

7 For God is the King over all the earth.  
**Praise him with a psalm.**

8 God reigns above the nations,  
**sitting on his holy throne.**

9 The rulers of the world have gathered together  
**with the people of the God of Abraham.**

For all the kings of the earth belong to God.  
**He is highly honored everywhere.**

**Ephesians 1:15-23** *Dan*

*NLT*

***Paul's Prayer for Spiritual Wisdom***

<sup>15</sup> Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly,

<sup>17</sup> asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. <sup>18</sup> I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

<sup>19</sup> I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power <sup>20</sup> that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. <sup>21</sup> Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.

<sup>22</sup> God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.

<sup>23</sup> And the church is his body;

it is made full and complete by  
Christ, who fills all things  
everywhere with himself.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**



## **The Gloria**

**Glory, 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,  
we praise you for your glory,**

**Lord, 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,  
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. Amen.**

## **The Gospel**

*Celebrant.*

Jesus Christ is risen from the  
dead.

**Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of  
death.

**Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into  
dancing.

**Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you**

*Celebrant.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to

**Luke 24:44-53** *NLT*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup> Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

<sup>46</sup> And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. <sup>47</sup> It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of all these things.

<sup>49</sup> “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

### ***The Ascension***

<sup>50</sup> Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them.

<sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up

to heaven. <sup>52</sup> So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy.<sup>53</sup> And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

**Message      Jeanette Lewis**

### **The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the  
power of the Holy Spirit and  
born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose  
again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
Parish Prayers**

*These we encourage you to  
pray for in your own prayer  
through the week.*

Pray for the Sue Merry and the  
Msi family – Justice, Beatrice,  
Vusi, Heather, and Kenny

*Pray for all who serve and all  
who lead, including;*

Wardens: Isabelle, Hugh,  
John, Femi and Stuart  
Pastor, Chris  
Parish Secretary, Jessie  
Bookkeeper, Maggie  
Organist, Cindy

Pray for God’s wisdom and  
direction for Emmanuel’s  
participation in God’s mission to  
the world.

**Pray for Healing**

Please join us in praying  
throughout the week for God’s  
saving power.

Mon	<b>Sue M.</b>	<b>Glenn D.</b>
Tues	<b>Nima</b>	<b>Bev M.</b>
Wed	Doreen T.	Mark B.
Thurs	Beatrice & Justice	Sahand
Fri	Terry M.	Sheila C.
Sat	Isabelle G.	Margaret B.

**Prayer is important to us!**

To contact the Prayer Chain,  
please call Elaine Pallister at  
905-508-7740 before 6 pm.

**All information is confidential**

In joy and hope let us pray to  
the source of all life, saying,  
**“Hear us, Lord of glory!”**

That our risen Saviour may fill  
us with the joy of his holy and  
life-giving resurrection,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted  
churches may find fresh  
strength in the Easter gospel,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility  
to be subject to one another in  
Christian love,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those  
who lack food, work, or shelter,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and  
famine may cease through all  
the earth,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of  
his presence to the sick, the  
weak, and the dying, that they  
may be comforted and  
strengthened,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the  
Holy Spirit upon his people, that  
we may bear faithful witness to  
his resurrection,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Confession & Absolution**

*Lay Reader*

Christ our Passover lamb  
has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by  
putting away all malice and  
evil and confessing our sins  
with a sincere and true heart.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, we confess that we  
have sinned in thought,  
word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with  
our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our  
neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what  
we have been, help us to  
amend what we are, and  
direct what we shall be; that  
we may do justly, love  
mercy, and walk humbly  
with you, our God. Amen.**

**Absolution** *Jeanette*

May the God of love and  
power forgive *you* and free  
*you* from your sins, heal and  
strengthen *you* by his Spirit,  
and raise *you* to new life in  
Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the risen and ascended Christ be always with you

**and also with you. Alleluia.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with these words:*

**Christ is risen.**



**Offertory Hymn #397  
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus.**

t. Hyfrydol

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful  
Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by His blood.

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions  
how.

Though the cloud from sight  
received Him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget His  
promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our  
stay.

Alleluia! Here the sinful  
flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, hear our  
plea  
where the songs of all the  
sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Source of all joy, receive our  
sacrifice of praise and  
thanksgiving. Keep us in the  
love of Christ and bring us to  
the vision of his glory; through  
the same Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen**

### **Commissioning of new server:**

Souzan Salajegheh

## **Doxology**

***Praise God from whom all  
blessings flow***

***Praise God all creatures  
here below***

***Praise God above,  
ye heavenly host***

***Praise Father, Son and  
Holy Ghost. Amen***

## **Eucharistic Prayer 2**

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 our thanks  
and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God, through your  
beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our  
Saviour and Redeemer. He is  
your living Word, through whom  
you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary

and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you, the God  
and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he  
stretched out his hands in  
suffering, to bring release to  
those who place their hope in  
you; and so he won for you a  
holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and  
sorrows, and to give up his life  
on the cross, that he might  
shatter the chains of evil and  
death and banish the darkness  
of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us  
into the light of your presence.  
Now with all creation we raise  
our voices to proclaim the glory  
of your name.

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

**in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their

faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **Music for Contemplation During Communion**

### **Prayer After Communion**

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord. **Amen**

**Glory to God,  
whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more than  
we can ask our imagine.  
Glory to God from generation  
to generation, in the church  
and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Don't forget the Food Bank !**

Henry is happy to deliver your donations.



Emmanuel Church is supported by freewill offerings.

We do not pass the collection plate; there are envelopes in the pews and entrance area to be used for this purpose.

There is an offering box for these envelopes near the entrance on the south side.

These donations are used to pay the expenses of maintaining the church buildings and paying our utility bills, staff and Diocese Allotment.

### **Blessing**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting  
from the grave has won a  
glorious victory, give you joy as  
you share the Easter faith.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled  
the disciples with the life of the  
risen Lord, empower you and  
fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God  
almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among  
you and remain with you  
always.

**Amen. Alleluia!**

**Closing Hymn #590**  
**The Head That Once Was**  
**Crowned with Thorns**

t. St Magnus #387

1 The head that once was  
crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty Victor's brow.

2 The highest place that

heav'n affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings and Lord of  
lords,  
and heav'n's eternal Light:

3 The joy of all who dwell  
above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love,  
and grants his name to know.

4 To them the cross,  
with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is giv'n;  
their name an everlasting  
name,  
their joy the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with the Lord  
below,  
they reign with him above;  
their profit and their joy to know  
the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life  
and health,  
though shame and death to  
him;  
his people's hope,  
his people's wealth,  
their everlasting

**Dismissal** *Lay Reader:*

With the risen life of Christ  
within you, go in the peace of  
Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All:**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **Servants**

**May 17, 2026**

**Ascension - Holy Eucharist**

Warden: John

Holy Table: Jennifer

Server: Debbie/Souzan

Lay Reader: Ruth

Reader: Dan

A. V. Hugh

Welcomer: Hugh

Fellowship: Elaine and John

**May 31, 2026**

**Trinity**

**Holy Eucharist**

Warden: Dave

Holy Table: Daniel

Server: Adedemiji

Lay Reader: Gbemi

Reader: Adetomiwa

A. V. Hugh

Welcomer: Hugh

Fellowship: Souzan

**May 24, 2026**

**Pentecost**

**Morning Prayer**

Warden: Hugh

Lay Reader: Elaine

Reader: Dave

A. V. Hugh Hugh

Welcomer: Joan

Fellowship: Dan

**June 7, 2026**

**Pentecost 2**

**Morning Prayer**

Warden: Isabelle

Lay Reader: Gbemi

Reader: Debbie

A.V. Hugh

Welcomer: Hugh

Fellowship: Ruth



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