



**WELCOME TO
EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

PENTECOST 13

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Readings

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

Hymns (Blue Hymnal)

Processional: #372 "Praise to the Living God"

Sequence: #484 "Praise the Lord Through Every Nation"

Communion: #512 "Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove", #577 "God is Love, and Where True Love is", #581 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Recessional: #594 "God of Grace and God Of Glory"

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

[As you enter the church this morning please take an opportunity to prepare your heart through prayer.]

The Word of God

Hymn #372 *is sung*

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

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

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

People and Celebrant: 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.**

Holy God, Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

[The people sit.]

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Reader: A Reading from Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

[At 8:00 between the Bible lessons we recite the Psalm in unison. At 10:00 The Psalm is sung to the tune below.]



Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 Domine, probasti

¹ Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

- ² You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- ⁴ You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- ¹² For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹³ I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- ¹⁴ My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁵ Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- ¹⁶ How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁷ If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Second Lesson

Reader: A Reading from Philemon.

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for

Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

At 10:00 Hymn #484 is sung.

The Gospel

[Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:]

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Luke 14:1, 25-33

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Sermon

[We respond to the sermon by standing and proclaiming our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. This statement of faith has been a part of the church since 325AD.]

The 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.

The Prayers of the People: Form IV

[We now move into a time where we remember not only our own needs but the needs of others and the blessings that God has bestowed upon us. We do this because we have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit to not only focus on our needs, but on the needs of others as well, and we believe that our prayers are effective through this same Spirit (see James 5:15-16).]

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer*

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

[When we have encountered Jesus Christ face to face, we deeply understand his holiness and our brokenness. Confession is a natural outpouring of our love for God and is essential for a healthy relationship.]

The Deacon or Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

[Silence may be kept.]

Minister and People together:

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.

Priest: Almighty 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

[In the Confession of Sin we are reconciled with God and that relationship is made right. The Peace is designed to flow out of that forgiven state and is to be a time in which we are reconciled to one another before we move into Communion (see Matthew 5:23-24).]

[All stand]

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

People: *And also with you.*

[Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Announcements and celebration of birthdays and anniversaries follows.]

The Holy Communion

During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

[The Offertory is a time in which we remember all that the Lord has done for us and we respond by giving back to Him some of that blessing. We are called to give of our Time, Talents, and Treasure. The Offertory is a time to give a tangible gift to God

from our Treasure. The most important thing is to give with joy, not out of compulsion.]

[All stand]

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken Music: Old 100th

The Hymnal 1982 #380

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

[The people remain standing.]

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

[At 8:00 these words are spoken:]

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.*

[At 10:00 these words are sung:]

Celebrant and People:

The musical score is written on five staves of music in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The second line: "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third line: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth line: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fifth line: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.".

[The people kneel or stand as able.]

Celebrant: Holy 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.

[This section closely follows the account of the Last Supper and quotes the words of Jesus from the Bible. At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.]

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,

People and Celebrant:

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 Breaking of the Bread

*[The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then
may be sung or said]*

[At 8:00 a.m.]

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

[At 10:00 (sung):]

Cantor Congregation

Al- - - le - lu - i - a, Al - - le - lu - i - a Al - - - -

le - lu - ia

Cantor Congregation

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, Therefore let us keep the feast .
All repeat Alleluias

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Kneel at the altar rail and hold your hands and bread will be put in them, please assist the ministers as they seek to give you wine. If you are not a baptized Christian, or if you do not wish to receive Communion today, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. To receive a blessing simply cross your arms across your chest. If you would like to be baptized, please speak to the Celebrant after church.]

[During the ministration the following hymns may be sung: #512, #577, #581]

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and Remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn #594 is sung

The Dismissal

Deacon/Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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