

GLORY TO GOD FOREVER

Before the world was made, before you spoke it to be; You were the King of kings
And now you're reigning still, enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out, we join them as we sing

Chorus:

Glory to God; Glory to God
Glory to God forever

Creator God, you gave me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name, all my days, all my days
So let my whole life be a blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King

Bridge:

Take my life and let it be all for you and for your glory
Take my life and let it be yours
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Take my life and let it be yours

Steve Fee | Vicky Beeching

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We gather in response to God's gracious invitation, not because worship earns favor with him.

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Leader: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

People: Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Leader: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul.

~Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22, NIV

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he hath done
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the lifegate that all may go in

Chorus:

Praise ye the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear his voice, let the earth his voice
Praise ye the Lord, praise ye the Lord
Let the people rejoice, let the people rejoice

Great things he has taught us
Great things he has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

Bridge:

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory great things he hath done
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And give him the glory great things he hath done

Fanny Crosby and Shane Everett

PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet thy tribute bring
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven; Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him; Praise him, praise him
Praise the everlasting King

Praise him for his grace and favor; To our fathers in distress
Praise him still the same forever; Slow to chide, and swift to bless
Praise him, praise him; Praise him, praise him
Glorious in his faithfulness

Frail as summer's flower we flourish; Blows the wind and it is gone
But while mortals rise and perish; God endures unchanging on
Praise him, praise Him; Praise him, praise Him
Praise the high eternal One

Father like he tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows
In his hands he gently bears us; Rescues us from all our foes
Praise him, praise him; Praise him, praise him
Widely as his mercy goes

Angels help us to adore him; Ye behold him face to face
Sun and moon, bow down before him; Dwellers all in time and space
Praise him, praise him; Praise him, praise him
Praise with us the God of grace

Christopher Miner and Henry Francis Lyte

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

MERCY OFFERING PRESENTATION - PROJECT BELONG

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

The public reading of the Scriptures reminds us of the truth that can only be found in God's Word.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ~Romans 8:14-19

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, quiet our hearts that we may know and hear you today. Where our hearts are hard, soften them; where they are broken, bind them up; where we are anxious, give us peace; where we doubt, give us trust. For you alone are the One who is making all things new, even us today. Amen.

SERMON

The sermon is a time to hear God's Word explained and applied. Sermons at Emmanuel encourage us to depend on the finished work of Christ rather than self-reliance or self-justification.

WE BELIEVE: THE FATHER ALMIGHTY

REV. SCOTT SEATON

Father, long before creation thou hadst chosen us in love
 And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above
 Still it keeps us, still it keeps us, firmly fixed in Christ alone

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is ever the same
 His compassion and his covenant, through all ages will remain
 God's own children, God's own children, must forever praise his name

Chorus:

And the world will sing his love; Yes, the world will sing his love
 And we'll all join hands, every woman, every man
 To sing his love; To sing his love

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day
 Mercy free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way
 God so loved us, God so loved us, that his only Son he gave

Loving Father now before thee, we will ever praise thy love
 And our songs will sound unceasing, 'til we reach our home above
 Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb
 Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb

Francis Johnson | Andrew Osenga

CONFESSION OF SIN

Since we are forgiven in Christ, confession is an honest word of grace and not an exercise in shame.

When we have afflicted others, whether by our own power or by our silent support of systems that oppress, enslave, and crush, break us, Lord. When we have perplexed others and purposely confused them for our own gain or driven them to despair, break us, Lord. When we have persecuted others, casting them out of our community, leaving them forsaken and alone, break us, Lord. When we have struck down others, casting stones on their dreams and hopes until they are destroyed, break us, Lord. Then broken, we carry in our bodies the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our bodies; make us, Lord. With the power that belongs only to you, make us into your treasure; make us, Lord. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We are the work of your hands; make us, Lord. Do not be exceedingly angry and do not remember our iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people. Make us, Lord, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are forgiven in Christ! Using the words of Scripture reinforce that our assurance is based on God's declaration and promises.

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." ~Romans 8:1

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be your name; In the land that is plentiful
 Where your streams of abundance flow; Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name; When I'm found in the desert place
 Though I walk through the wilderness; Blessed be your name

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in Lord; Still I will say

Chorus:

Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be your name
 Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be your glorious name

Blessed be your name; When the sun's shining down on me
 When the world's all as it should be; Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name; On the road marked with suffering
 Though there's pain in the offering; Blessed be your name

Bridge:

You give and take away; You give and take away
 My heart will choose to say; Lord blessed be your name

Beth Redman | Matt Redman

Keeping Connected

If you're new to Emmanuel, we'd like to stay in touch, so please fill out a Keeping Connected card through our church app (instructions on downloading the app can be found below). Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

Opportunities to Serve Those in Need

1) We are putting together bags of groceries for Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA). These will be distributed to clients who are immigrants seeking asylum -- most do not qualify for public assistance and are in tenuous employment situations. Sign up (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094BA8AD2CA1FF2-rila1>) for a non-perishable item and drop them off on Mel Chang's front steps between May 15-17.

2) Arlington Bridge Builders (ABB) has created a Pandemic Response Team. Help by donating tax-deductible funds which will help supply their pantry and also help pay rent, utilities, etc to vetted needy families. Visit our website and click "give".

Race Discussion - May 4th

Join us on May 4th at 8:00pm for a discussion on race and faith particularly focused on issues that have arisen during the COVID-19 pandemic. A Zoom link will be sent out the day of the event.

Sunday Worship Live Streams

We will continue to live stream our services at 10:30am until it is safe to meet in large gatherings and GMU reopens. Monitor your email and our website for further updates. We also encourage you to "subscribe" to Emmanuel's YouTube channel. Having a certain number of subscribers will provide us the option to add a direct link on our website.

Daily Facebook Live Devotional at Noon

Every day at 12:00, a staff member will give a short devotional to spiritually encourage us for that day. Join us live at www.facebook.com/groups/emmanuelarlington/ or listen to the recording later.

Hang Out with the Pastors

Every Friday at 11:00, a pastor will host a Zoom hang out with the children of Emmanuel. It's a great time to ask spiritual questions or just to virtually catch up with friends. A Zoom link will be sent out to our Children's Ministry families.

Children's Ministry Resources

Children's Church lessons are available on the Emmanuel app, and Children's Church preschool videos are available on Emmanuel's youtube channel. In addition, weekly children's virtual discussion will be held on Sunday afternoons. Please email Angela or Lisa for more information or to be added to our email list.

Weekly Game Night

Join us on Fridays at 7pm for a virtual game night with your Emmanuel family! Watch for a weekly email with the Zoom link.

Virtual Prayer Meeting

Join us every Wednesday night at 8:30 pm as we unite together in prayer for our community and congregation. Watch for a weekly email with the Zoom link.

Prayer

If you would like prayer, especially during these unsettling times, then submit a prayer request through our app. Click "Prayer" at the bottom of the home page.

Offering

We highly encourage everyone to give online through our website (click "Give" on the upper right corner) or our app (click "Give" on the bottom of the homepage). If this is not possible, then please mail checks to our office (1408 N Fillmore St. #16, Arlington, VA 22201).

Emmanuel's App is a great way to connect with the church, volunteer for ministries, support the church financially and access resources for spiritual growth. Download the app by searching "Emmanuel Presbyterian Church" on the iTunes store, Amazon Appstore, or Google Play, or by aiming your smartphone's camera at the QR code.

