

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts
The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



August 17, 2025
9:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Wakefield, MA ***Belong, Be Loved, Flourish!***

We are thrilled that you are here to worship with us today! Indeed, we welcome every person without exception in the name of Jesus Christ. You ***belong*** here and are an essential part of our family. We here at Emmanuel believe that God is present in each person and celebrate that you are ***beloved*** by God. In our community life, we strive to “love God and love our neighbor,” affirming that God created us for a relationship that leads to all creation ***flourishing***. We pray you are drawn to healing and joy with God by being here today.

If this is your first time with us or your first time back in a while, please fill out the visitor’s card in the pew or the Narthex (the entrance hall). We are a friendly family, so please introduce yourself to everyone, especially our rector, Reverend Brett.

A Note about Communion

The most important thing to know is that *you are welcome*. God invites you to be fed. All are welcome at the altar rail. Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward, and we will come to you.

In our tradition, we believe that taking communion in one kind – taking the bread – bestows the full benefit of the sacrament. Therefore, you may choose not to take the wine. Here at Emmanuel, we practice the Common Cup; no intinction (dipping) as it is a higher risk activity than drinking from the chalice. If you would not like to receive, we encourage you to come forward, cross your arms across your chest, and allow the clergy to bless you. We offer consecrated gluten-free wafers and a non-alcohol alternative; simply let the clergy know.

Remember: this is God’s table and you are welcome to meet God here!

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Emmanuel sits on the traditional land of the Algonquian-speaking Pawtucket tribe. We are grateful to these caretakers of the land and waters: the elders who lived before, the Indigenous people today, and the generations to come. We are guests on this land and have used it and its people for our betterment, often at their expense. We commit to doing our part to become better stewards of this land, understanding the impact of present and past exploitation, and working toward a more just and equitable future.

*The text of the liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer
beginning on page 323.*

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #421 *All glory be to God on high*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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WELCOME

THE SALUTATION

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

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA #S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - mighty 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 scat - 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.

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THE WORD OF GOD

COLLECT OF THE DAY (*from: churchofengland.org*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD.

Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back~ those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 82

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 **"How long will you judge unjustly, ***
and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 **Rescue the weak and the poor; ***
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, ***
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince."

**8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets~ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented~ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

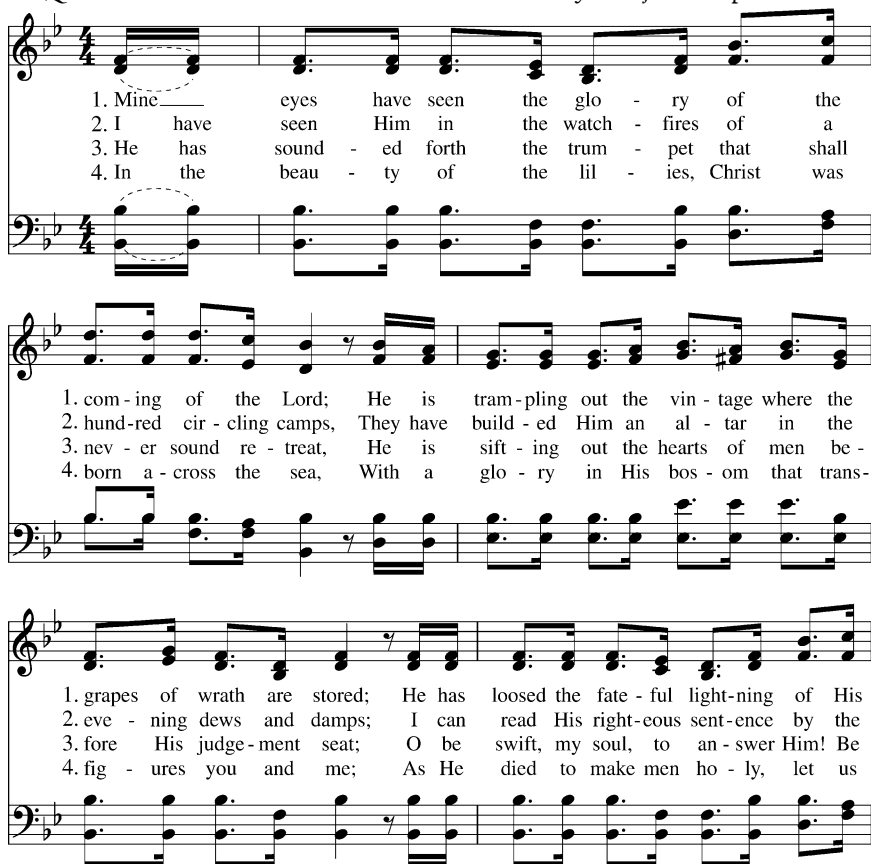
Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of

our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #226 vs. 1&3 *Battle Hymn of the Republic*



1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the
 2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a
 3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall
 4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was

1. com - ing of the Lord; He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the
 2. hund - red cir - cling camps, They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the
 3. nev - er sound re - treat, He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be -
 4. born a - cross the sea, With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans -

1. grapes of wrath are stored; He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His
 2. eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His right - eous sent - ence by the
 3. fore His judge - ment seat; O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! Be
 4. fig - ures you and me; As He died to make men ho - ly, let us

1. ter - ri - ble swift sword, His truth is march - ing on.
 2. dim and flar - ing lamps, His day is march - ing on.
 3. ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.
 4. live to make all free, While God is march - ing on.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -

lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

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GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 12:49-56

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it
 were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be

baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON THE REV. BRETT R. JOHNSON

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form 1

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At the Parish Prayer List of names, the congregation is invited to repeat each name after the Litanist in solidarity with those who have asked us for prayer.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. We ask for your love and wisdom to guide our vestry as they meet this week, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Merciful God, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the following churches of the churches of the Churches of the Mystic Valley Deanery: Church of the Good Shepherd, Reading; St. John's

Church, Saugus; Emmanuel Church, Wakefield; The Third Order, Society of St. Francis and Congregations: Parish Historians, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the ongoing nightmare of war and famine in Sudan, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for those on our parish prayer list including: Darryl Abbey, Kristin Baird, Annie Barr, Bob, Bruna, Cathie Cardelucci, Lydia Cedrone, Ann Daily, John and Richard DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Evelyn Bourne Fell, David Fieldhouse, Connor Gallagher, Kristen Goddard, Louise Haldeman, Lester Hartman, Heidi, Karen Dodd Howard, Devon Hoyt, Jeffrey, Jack Jephson, Ted Jobe, Jordan, Meghan Jordan, Mike & Tim Kelsey, Ken Leach, Linda, Fred MacArthur, Kevin MacKenzie, Keith & Joanne Manville, Mark Martino, Daniel Matthews, Suzanne McAllister, Don McCarter, Sara Murphy, T.A.N, Neil, Steve Newman, Jim O'Reilly, Emma Parese, Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Dustin Pollard, Susan Quinn, Rebecca, Cheryl Santarelli, Trudy, Bill & Jan Walsh, and Kelly Wood, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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. We are thankful for the blessing of Emmanuel's parishioners in whose loving honor the altar flowers are given today, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us each use the gifts you have blessed us with, carrying the spirit of Jesus into our daily life. Lead us into the joy of service where we sense the need. Today we pray for Horizon House, our Lemonade on the Lawn recipient this month, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. We especially remember Debbie Cook McKenna and Carol Parsons in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given today.

Lord, have mercy.

We also ask for ourselves that you strengthen our resolve to counter the sins of racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, anti-immigrant, anti-LGBTQ+, and misogyny, eliminate the proliferation of assault weapons, and address the crises of loneliness and mental illness in our nation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

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. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we

have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

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Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." *John 3:16-17.*

THE PEACE page 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The community shares a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Walk in Love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 730

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

DOXOLOGY (all singing)

Old 100th

***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***

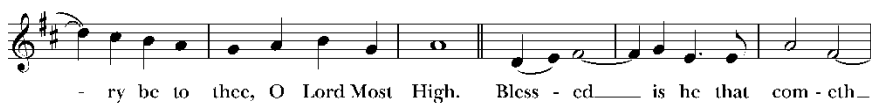
Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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SANCTUS #S114



Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

AGNUS DEI #S163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

COMMUNION

All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a blessing.

Prayers for healing are also offered.

*Please stay seated until you are invited forward by the usher,
beginning from the back of the church.*

COMMUNION HYMN #645 *The King of love my shepherd is*



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal* 1982.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

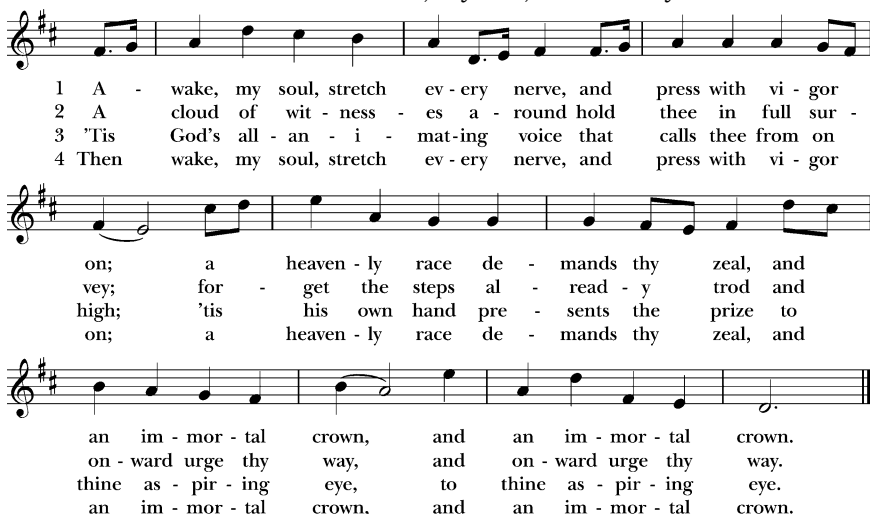
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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #546 *Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve*



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor

on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and

an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.
thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751). Music: *Siroë*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. *Melodia Sacra*, 1815.

WE GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Old Hundredth"* Fred Bock (1939-1998)

Please join us after the service for Lemonade on the Lawn
hosted by Kim Collins.

This month's coffee hour recipient is Horizon House.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director:	Luca Cantone
Lector:	Aimee Forsythe
Litanist:	Melissa Malone
LEM:	Paul LaSpina
Altar Guild:	Jen Miles & Nicole Russo
Usher:	Chris Chen
Vestry Greeter:	Kim Collins
Streaming Coordinator:	Peter McCann
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YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



The flowers decorating our altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his daughter, Debbie Cook McKenna by Wallie Cook and in loving memory of Carol Parsons.

HEALING PRAYER OFFERED TODAY

Mary Muir will be available today (and every Sunday through the summer) as a healing prayer resource at a prayer station to the left of the main altar during communion and after the service. The healing prayer minister offers compassionate prayer support by offering a short intercessory prayer on your behalf. Since early Christianity, healing prayer's purpose is a practical way to bring these concerns and challenges to God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?

Thanks to Michael Claya for suggesting this week's Sequence Hymn: *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* and Pat Brandl for suggesting this week's Communion Hymn: *The King of love my shepherd* is. What's your favorite hymn? Please let Luca or Rev. Brett know.

EXPANDING OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. (Gandhi)

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Eph. 6:18)

I am grateful to Mary Muir for offering her ministry of intercessory prayer during our services, and invite you to discern whether you are called to join her. Through training, we aim to expand the Prayer Ministry into teams that offer mutual support, individual transformation, and a countercultural response to the challenges of our world.

As we learned from Jesus teaching his disciples how to pray, prayer is a full-contact event. With awe and humility, we come to encounter the Holy One.

Do you pray for Emmanuel? Your family and friends?

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. (Col. 4:2)

For us to flourish, we must drench everything we do in prayer. *(If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. James 1:5).*

Intercession is not magical thinking. From its Latin roots (*intercedere*), when we come alongside someone in prayer, we are “standing between” or “standing in the midst” of their need and the throne of Grace and Mercy. We truly are “companioning” them. Initially, one member of the team will offer the prayer while the other stands by in support.

Will you consider joining this ministry? With compassion and confidentiality, can you offer yourself in a ministry of sacred presence? Please get in touch with Rev. Brett or Mary Muir!



Sunday, September 7th

**10:00 a.m. Rite II service
Blessing of the Backpacks
Parish Group Photo
Welcome Back Brunch**

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ALTAR FLOWERS

Each week beautiful flowers grace our altar. Donations in any amount towards altar flowers are always welcome to help defray expenses to the church's flower budget. If you would like to remember or celebrate your loved ones with flowers on the altar, please contact the church office eecw@verizon.net. There are openings for all of September.

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The Wakefield Food Pantry most needed item for the month of August is canned vegetables.

PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025

Sunday, August 17	8:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	10:00 AM	Lemonade on the Lawn
	10:30 AM	Kids' Club Meeting
Tuesday, August 19	4:00 PM	Canterbury Executive Comm.
Wednesday, August 20	10:00 PM	Brightview Service
	12 Noon	Executive Committee
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thursday, August 21	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Sunday, August 24	8:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	10:00 AM	Lemonade on the Lawn

*If you would like to give to the ministries
of Emmanuel Episcopal Church,
please use this QR code.*



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What is that word he keeps saying? What does *Basileia* mean?

Jesus' stated purpose is clear: "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God" (Lk. 4:43). The word translated as "kingdom" (*basileia*) is far richer and more meaningful for us as followers of Jesus. I want you to know that Jesus longs for us to strive for this truth now, even as it will not be ultimately fulfilled until the end of the age! *Basileia* is the "establishment of complete salvific communion between humanity and God, among human beings, within human persons, and between humanity and the rest of creation." Or, more simply, "full communion, full flourishing!"

What does that word he keeps saying mean?

BASILEIA

/ba-si-LEI-a/ • βασιλεία

The **establishment of complete salvific communion** between humanity and God, among human beings, within human persons, and between humanity and the rest of creation.

"Full communion, full flourishing!"



Humanity
& God



Among
People



Within
Ourselves



With
Creation

Jesus' Mission:

"I must proclaim the good news of the **kingdom of God**" (Luke 4:43)

This *Basileia* is something Jesus longs for us to strive for **now**, even as it will not be ultimately fulfilled until the end of the age.



OUR MISSION:

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community dedicated to spiritual growth through worship and education for adults and children.



OUR VISION:

Emmanuel embodies Christ's light in service to all. Here, through God's love and grace, all are accepted, purpose is found, and together we flourish.



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Please be advised that our services are live streamed on our YouTube channel. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Emmanuel sits on the traditional land of the Alquonuian-speaking Pawtucket tribe. We are grateful to these caretakers of the land and waters: the elders who lived before, the Indigenous people today, and the generations to come. We are guests on this land and have used it and its people for our betterment, often at their expense. We commit to doing our part to become better stewards of this land, understanding the impact of present and past exploitation, and working toward a more just and equitable future.

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