

Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday



**HOSANNA! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD.**

APRIL 13TH, 2025 AT 10:00AM

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL WAKEFIELD 5 BRYANT STREET WAKEFIELD MA

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 celebrate that you are *beloved by God*. 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 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.

The options for receiving wine include the chalice or intinction (dipping cup, a separate cup). 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. 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!

A Note about Children

We *love* all our children. Most Sundays, we have childcare for the littlest ones alongside our Kids’ Club in their special place off the Parish Hall. We encourage your children to gather with their peers there, guided by our team of leaders. Once a month, usually the first Sunday, our children join us in the sanctuary to lead us as ushers and readers and assist Rev. Brett at the altar during Communion.

All children are welcome in the sanctuary! We ask that their big people help to teach them that this is a sacred space for quiet play and quiet voices. This helps ensure we honor those who need to worship in quiet.

*The people gather in the Parish Hall for the distribution of the palms,
The Liturgy of the Palms and the Procession.*

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CHORAL ANTIPHON: *Pueri Hebraeorum*

The children of the Hebrews, bearing palms and olive branches,

Went out to meet the Lord, crying and saying,

“Hosanna in the highest.”

Lift up your head, O gates; lift them high,

O everlasting doors, and the king of glory shall come in.

“Who is he, the King of glory?”

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

THE PALM GOSPEL: LUKE 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching

the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments on their way.

(Here the people raise their palm branches.)

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #154 *All glory, laud, and honor* (Repeat verses as necessary)

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

REFLECTION

THE REV. BRETT R. JOHNSON

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 50:4-9A

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens~ wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16

The Psalm will be sung by the choir.

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; * my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; * when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. * I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM II

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People are encouraged to add their own petitions during the period of Silence

Please stand or kneel as able

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Julia our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Merciful God, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the following churches of the Charles River Deanery: All Saints Parish, Brookline; Church of Our Saviour, Brookline; St. Paul's Church, Brookline; Boston University Chaplain, Boston; and The Church Home Society. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; merciful God, our hearts cry out to you for all those in the path of political violence, both here and across the globe. We pray especially for those in fierce war zones and for those on all sides experiencing conflict. Intercede, we pray and show us a path toward peace for all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake. Today we pray for *PFLAG*, our Coffee Hour recipient this month.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially Allison, Phoebe Babb, Kristin Baird, Bob, Bruna, Heather Cameron, Cathie Cardelucci, Lydia Cedrone, Mary Collins, Ann Daily, Dave, John DeNatale, Diego, Peggy Downs, Jonathan English, Steve Eramo, David Fieldhouse, Peter Foley, Claudette Forss, Connor Gallagher, Kristen Goddard, Louise Haldeman, Lester Hartman, Karen Dodd Howard, Devon Hoyt, Jeffrey, Pete Jeffrey, Jack Jephson, Jerry, Jordan, Debra Katt-Lloyd, John & Theresa Kelly, Ken Leach, Fred MacArthur, Kevin MacKenzie, Keith & Joanne Manville, Mark Martino, Suzanne McAllister, Don McCarter, Melissa, Becky Miller, Marguerite Mullaney, Sara Murphy, T.A.N, Steve Newman, Jim O'Reilly, Emma Parese, Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Tony R., Rebecca, Kirk Ronaldson, Cheryl Santarelli, Trudy, Bill & Jan Walsh, Kelly Wood.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the departed. We especially pray for Patricia Bartz, mother of Audra Bartz; parishioner Jim Murphy, husband of Sara Murphy; Kathleen Thompson, Mary Muir's cousin's wife and Rowena Vater, Great Aunt of Lisa Ventura.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The community shares a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY SOLO: *One Fine Hour*

William Cutter
Gail Abbey, Mezzo-soprano

*A lowly beast am I; my worth is not one piece of gold.
I tread the byways of this life and humbly do what I am told.
But I can boast one fateful day. It happened long, long time ago.
No other beast as much can say, nor sweeter pride can know.
Upon my back a bore a king, for one sweet hour exalted sweet.
Hosannas round my head did ring, and flowers fell about my feet.
I do not scorn my low estate; of glory I have had enow,
for since that hour of blessed fate, I've walked with starlight on my brow.*

DOXOLOGY #143 vs.5 *The glory of these forty days* (all singing)

* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold
5 Name a - dored, from æge to æge, the on - ly Lord.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS #S-124 *Holy, holy, holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven 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.

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Please stand or kneel as able

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen**

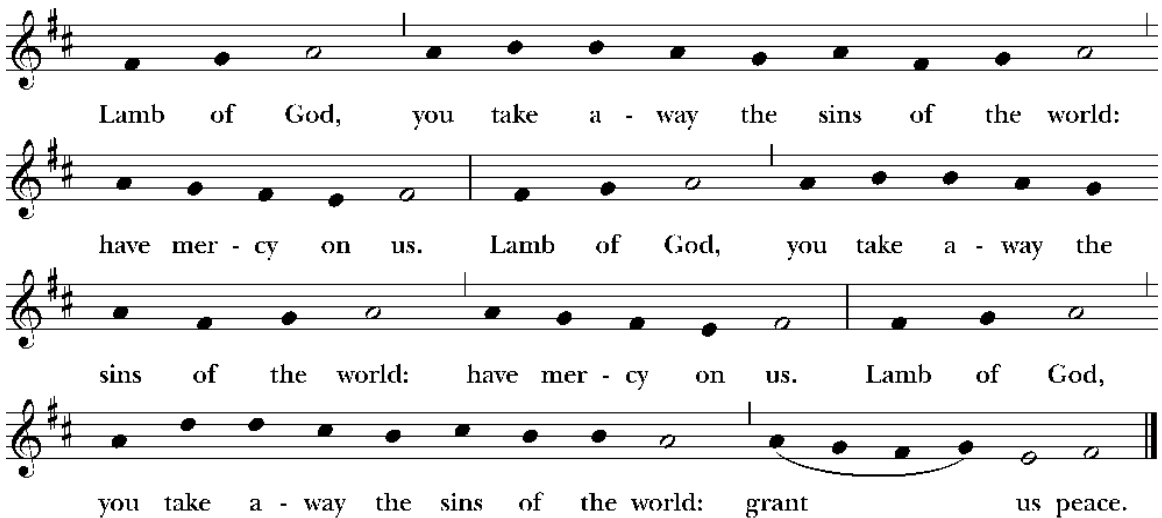
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI #S-161 *Lamb of God*



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

COMMUNION

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

Prayers for healing are also offered.

Choir members will receive communion first.

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM *God so loved the World*

John Stainer (1840-1901)

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son,
that whoso believeth 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.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal 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

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you, and those you love, this day and always. Amen.

Congregation please be seated

The congregation will read the lines for the Disciples, Soldiers, and Assembly.

THE PASSION GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 22:39-23:49

NARRATOR: When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

JESUS: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

JESUS: "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

NARRATOR: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

NARRATOR: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS: "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

NARRATOR: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

JESUS: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

NARRATOR: And he said to him,

PETER: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: "No, not a thing."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: "Lord, look, here are two swords."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "It is enough."

NARRATOR: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and

prayed,

JESUS: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

NARRATOR: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JESUS: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

DISCIPLES: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "No more of this!"

NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

SERVANT 1: "This man also was with him."

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "Woman, I do not know him."

NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

ACCUSER 1: "You also are one of them."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I am not!"

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

ACCUSER 2: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

SOLDIERS: **"Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"**

NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

ASSEMBLY: **"If you are the Messiah, tell us."**

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

NARRATOR: All of them asked,

ASSEMBLY: "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "You say that I am."

NARRATOR: Then they said,

ASSEMBLY: "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

ASSEMBLY: "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

ASSEMBLY: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The

chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

PILATE: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

ASSEMBLY: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

NARRATOR: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

ASSEMBLY: "Crucify, crucify him!"

NARRATOR: A third time he said to them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

NARRATOR: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them

were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

(At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able.)

ALL STAND

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

JESUS: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

ASSEMBLY: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

SOLDIERS: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

CRIMINAL 1: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

NARRATOR: Then he said,

CRIMINAL 2: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: "Certainly this man was innocent."

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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*After the reading of the Passion Gospel, please exit the church in silence.
You are also welcome to sit in silent prayer.*

**Please join us after the service for coffee hour in the parish hall
hosted by Laurel Martino and Alison Shaw.**

This month's coffee hour recipient is PFLAG.

PFLAG unites parents, families, friends, and allies with the LGBTQ+ community to work together to create a world where LGBTQ+ people find support and affirmation in every facet of life: **Loving Families, Safe Schools, and Inclusive Communities.**

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Lector:	Kim Collins
Litanist:	Elizabeth Downs
Eucharistic Minister:	Amy Walsh
Crucifer:	Tess Nash-MacIsaac
Usher:	Eddie Parsons
Altar Guild:	Denise Mallen, Nicole Russo and Amy Walsh
Vestry Greeter:	Kim Collins
Streaming Coordinators:	Gary Wilkins & Dave McSweeney
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen

PASSION GOSPEL READERS:

Narrator:	Dawn Jackson
Jesus:	Laurel Martino
Peter:	Dave McSweeney
Disciples:	Congregation
Servant 1:	Kim Collins
Accuser 1:	Amy Walsh
Soldiers:	Congregation
Pilate:	Luca Cantone
Accuser 2:	Elizabeth Downs
Criminal 1:	Amy Walsh
Criminal 2:	Kim Collins
Centurion:	Elizabeth Downs

*The Palms are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the faithful witness of this parish.*

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

We are collecting donations for Easter flowers to grace our altar and church. If you would like to remember a loved one or offer a thanksgiving or celebration of someone special, please email the names to the church office (eeew@verizon.net) or send the names along with your donation to the church **by Monday, April 14th** to ensure they are included in the Easter Service leaflets. Donations in any amount can be made through Vanco by clicking on the "2025 Easter Flower Offering tile" or by cash or check (note Easter flowers on the memo line) mailed to the church or put in the Sunday offering plate. Easter flower envelopes were mailed out and are available in the Narthex. After the services, these flowers will be delivered to parishioners on our pastoral care list. Please email the church office or call 781-245-1374 with any questions.

HEALING PRAYER

Mary Muir will be available again today as a healing prayer resource at a prayer station to the left of the main altar after both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services and during communion at the 10:00 a.m. service.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

The Lenten book study *How We Learn to be Brave* continues Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in-person in the choir room at the church or on Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out on Monday. All are welcome to join even if haven't finished reading through Chapter 7.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK.

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The Wakefield Food Pantry most needed items for the month of April are: SpaghettiOs and canned fruit.

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



HOLY WEDNESDAY

The church will be open from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for self-guided meditation with our new Labyrinth located in the Parish Hall and Stations of the Cross featuring the artwork of Janet McKenzie and located in the hallway next to the sanctuary.

AGAPE SUPPER, MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE & GARDEN OF REPOSE

We will once again be holding an Agape Supper before the Maundy Thursday Service on April 17th at 6 pm. This will be a simple supper of soup, bread, cheese, crackers, and fruit. Please let Lisa in the church office know if you can bring something for the supper or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Joining us will be parishioners from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lynnfield and Trinity Episcopal Church in Melrose.

Our service after the supper is both in person and livestreamed on YouTube and will include the Stripping of the Altar and the beautiful Garden of Repose created by Kathryn Adams and Margaret Gilligan. Our guest preacher that evening will be The Rev. Isaac Martinez from Trinity, Melrose.

GOOD FRIDAY

There will be a Contemplative Seven Last Words of Christ Prayer Service noon that is both in person and livestreamed on YouTube. After the service, the church sanctuary will be open and the Garden of Repose still set up until 4:00 p.m. for quiet, informal prayer and meditation.

At 7:00 p.m., we join our siblings at St. Paul's Church at 127 Summer St., Lynnfield, for a traditional Tenebrae Service featuring their choir.

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

On Saturday, April 19th, Emmanuel will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter at 7:00 p.m., along with parishioners from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lynnfield and Trinity Episcopal Church in Melrose. The Easter Vigil liturgy is rich in symbolism and includes a candlelit procession, psalms, storytelling from scripture, the renewal of baptismal vows, and the first Eucharist of Easter! The Rev. Robert Bacon from St. Paul's and The Rev. Isaac Martinez from Trinity will be co-officiating and preaching at this service with me.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter morning services will be at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 20th. Both services include joyous hymns and an inspiring sermon. Children are invited to participate in the Flowering of the Cross during the liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. service, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and festive Coffee Hour.

SAVE THE DATE! TRIBUTE CONCERT IN MEMORY OF MIKE SALVATORE SUNDAY, MAY 4, AT 4:00 P.M.

A combined chorus of Magnificat Boston and Emmanuel's current and former choir members will join together to celebrate and honor Mike Salvatore's dedicated service to the diocese of Massachusetts and its churches, including more than 20 years as a parishioner and Director of Music at Emmanuel.

Emmanuel will host a festive reception after the concert.

More details to come.



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Drop Off Dates:

Sunday(s) March 30,
April 6 & 13.

Drop-off Location:

Emmanuel Narthex
5 Bryant Street, Wakefield MA

PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2025

Sunday, April 13	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Palm Sunday
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Palm Sunday
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
Monday, April 14	7:00 PM	Lenten Book Study – Zoom <i>How We Learn To Be Brave</i>
Tuesday, April 15	4:30 PM	Horizon House
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 16	10:00 AM	Brightview Service
	1:00 PM	Executive Committee
	2:00 PM	Wardens Meeting
	4:00 PM	Canterbury Executive Committee
	5:00 PM	Church open for self-guided labyrinth and Stations of the Cross
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Thursday, April 17	6:00 PM	Agape Supper
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 18	12 Noon	Good Friday Service
	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service at St. Paul's Lynnfield
Saturday, April 19	7:00 PM	Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 20	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I – Easter Sunday
	9:00 AM	Potluck Loaves & Fishes Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Easter Sunday
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

APRIL 2025

PALM SUNDAY April 13

Blessing of Palms and Reading of The Passion

In person 8:00 a.m.

In person and via YouTube 10:00 a.m.

HOLY WEDNESDAY April 16

Evening Prayer via Zoom 6:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 17

Agape Supper 6:00 p.m.

Worship in person and via YouTube 7:00 p.m.

*Stripping of the Altar, Garden of
Repose and Foot-Washing*

GOOD FRIDAY April 18

Contemplative Prayer Service 12:00 Noon

In person and via YouTube

Quiet, informal prayer from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Church, Lynnfield

HOLY SATURDAY April 19

Great Vigil of Easter 7:00 p.m.

In person and via YouTube

Easter Sunday

April 20

Rite I Worship with Hymns 8:00 a.m.

Rite II Festival Choral Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

In person and via YouTube

Children's Easter Egg Hunt following

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE REV. BRETT R. JOHNSON, RECTOR
LUCA CANTONE, ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR



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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