Emmanuel Episcopal Church Wakefield, Massachusetts

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 21, 2024 10:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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

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 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #518 vs. 1,2&4





Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.





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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord *People*: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

The Psalm will be read in its entirety by the congregation.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
 you have anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 3:16-24

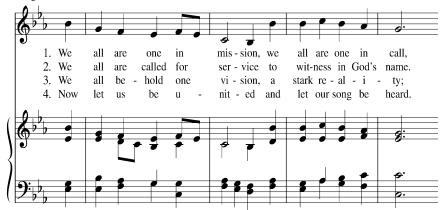
We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord *People*: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN WLP #778 vs. 1&4 We all are one in mission





Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955). Music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).

GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 10:11-18

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord 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 - Adapted from BCP Form 3

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.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church; That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you. We ask for your love and wisdom to guide our Vestry as they meet this week.

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments. Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously upon your church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this diocese, and those who offer themselves as nominees, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries through Jesus Christ our Lord. Savior, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

Savior, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

A Prayer adapted from the Archbishop of Jerusalem: Hosam Naoum O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths. We pray, too, for our friends at Temple Emmanuel in Wakefield as well as the members of the Malden Islamic Center. Compassionate God, guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father. Savior, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. We pray especially for: Allison, Amy, Bill, Bruna, Lydia Cedrone, Jarvis Cribb, Bishop Michael Curry, Ann Daily, David, Anthony Steven DeCrosta, John DeNatale, Dorothy, David & Marilyn Fieldhouse, Joan Finn, Linda Forcellese, Claudette Forss, Connor Gallagher, Lester Hartman, Jane, Jeanne, Jeffrey, Jerry, Joan, John, Debra Katt-Lloyd, Charlie Kelley, Ken Leach, Linda Leavis, Josh Lunger, Kevin MacKenzie, Mark Martino, Jen Miles, Jim & Sara Murphy, T.A.N, The Neumann Family, Katya Papatla, Pat & Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Mo Pollman, Joe Talty, Bill & Jan Walsh, Vicki Wegweiser and Kelly Wood.

Silence

Savior, in your mercy.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest. Today we pray for Janet Billow, mother of Aimee Forsythe and Rob Neumann, dear friend of Chrissie Hoag who passed away this week.

Silence

Savior, in your mercy.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Savior, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant 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

Christ is already here making peace among us.

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM My Shepherd will supply my need Arr. Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk thru the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay; A word of Thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows;
Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be mine abode,
And all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest
(While others go and come),
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.

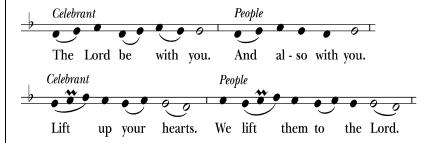
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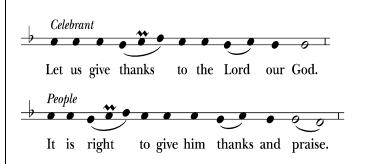
Tune #400

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EOW Eucharistic Prayer 2

#S120 Lift up your hearts

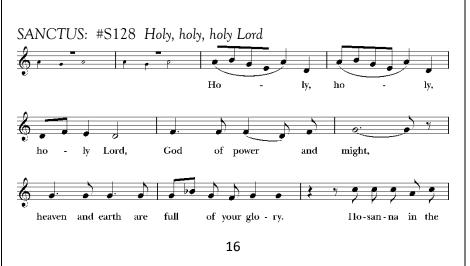


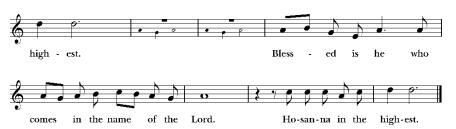


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Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:





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The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

S142 The Great Amen



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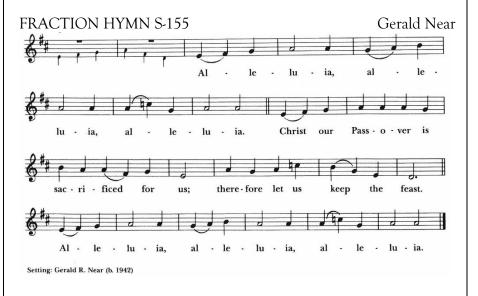
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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. 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. AMEN.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share in People

the one bread.



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 HYMN #304 I come with joy to meet my Lord



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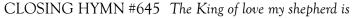
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

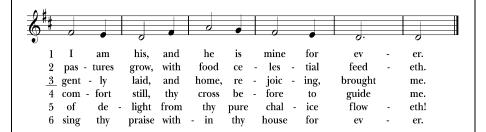
God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**







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

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the

resurrection of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Jesu, Joy of man's desiring

J S Bach (1685-1750)

Please join as after the service for the Town Hall and coffee hour in the Parish Hall hosted by Rev. Brett, Dave McSweeney, Andrea Sullivan & Amy Walsh.

This month's coffee hour recipient is PFLAG

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant: The Rev. Brett R. Johnson

Guest Minister of Music: Suzanne McAllister

Lector: Kim Collins
Litanist: Andrea Sullivan
Eucharistic Minister: Amy Walsh

Altar Guild: Debra Plummer & Lisa Ventura

Usher: David Sullivan
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HEALING PRAYER TODAY

Mary Muir will be available today as a healing prayer resource at a prayer station to the left of the main altar at 9:00 a.m. and during Communion at the 10:00 a.m. service.

The process is simple. Mary, a Healing Prayer Minister, will ask what you wish to pray for and if you would like to receive a blessing using Holy Oil. Typically, you will be asked if it would be permissible to place hands on your head or shoulder during prayer. After a moment of focused listening and centering silence, the Healing Prayer Minister will offer a brief personalized private prayer for your intention. It is understood that healing is through the power of the Holy Spirit and all prayers are confidential.

Note: If an individual has a special need on any other Sunday, they may request a private prayer when the Healing Prayer Minister is available.

If you think you may interested in being a part of this greatly needed Prayer Ministry or want to explore the possibility of volunteering to establish a Healing Prayer Team, please contact either Rev. Brett, Lisa in the office or Mary Muir, Healing Prayer Minister at mmuirwellness@gmail.com.

"INSPIRED" BOOK GROUP

Chrissie Hoag & Janlyn Murphy kicked off the *Inspired* Book Group this week. If you missed the first meeting, you are welcome to join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 24th, at 12:00 Noon on Zoom. We will be discussing Chapters 5 & 6 of *Inspired: Slaying Giants*, *Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. An email with the Zoom link will be sent out on Tuesday. If you have any questions, please contact the church office (eecw@verizon.net). We hope you will join us!

DINNER AND THE BIBLE April 24th and May 16th

We are excited to continue our four-part Dinner and the Bible series, *Who is God?*, on Wednesday, April 24th. The series is led by Neil Adams. Families are welcome and childcare will be provided by Maeve Haldeman. We will gather for fellowship over dinner from 6:00 – 6:45 PM moving into Bible Study until 7:30 PM.

We are looking for someone to coordinate dinner for our meeting on Wednesday, April 24th. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate and can be as simple as ordering pizza. You will be reimbursed for the meal. Please let the *church office* know if you can help.

If you are not able to make it in person, you can join the Bible Study on Zoom. Even if you missed the first session, you are welcome to join us!

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The Wakefield Food Pantry most needed items for the month of April are brand name cereal and jarred spaghetti sauce.

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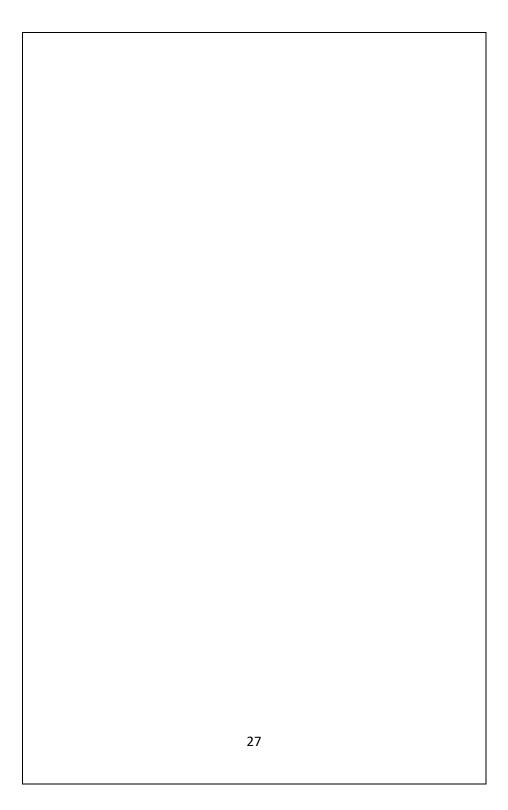
PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2024

Sunday, April 21	8:00 AM 8:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Choir Rehearsal Coffee Hour-Town Hall Kids Club Holy Eucharist, Rite II Coffee Hour - Town Hall
Monday, April 22	11:30 AM	Brightview Service
Tuesday, April 23	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Wednesday, April 14	12 NOON 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Inspired Book Study on Zoom Evening Prayer Dinner & The Bible
Thursday, April 25 th	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Friday, April 26 th	6:00 PM	Paint & Sip Night
Sunday, April 28 th	8:00 AM 8:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:45 AM 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Choir Rehearsal Coffee Hour Nursery Care Church School Holy Eucharist, Rite II Coffee Hour

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