

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

The First Sunday after the Epiphany,
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ



January 12, 2025
10:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #448 vs. 1,2,5&6

O love, how deep, how broad, how high



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever!

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.

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 seat - 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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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH: 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth-
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; ***
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND LESSON: ACTS 8:14-17

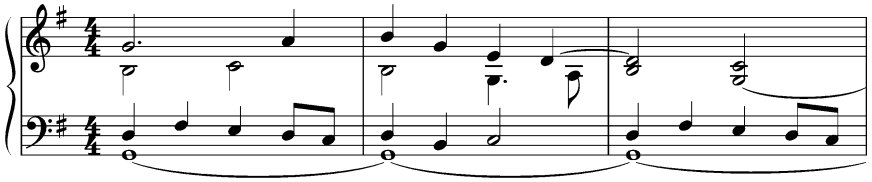
When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

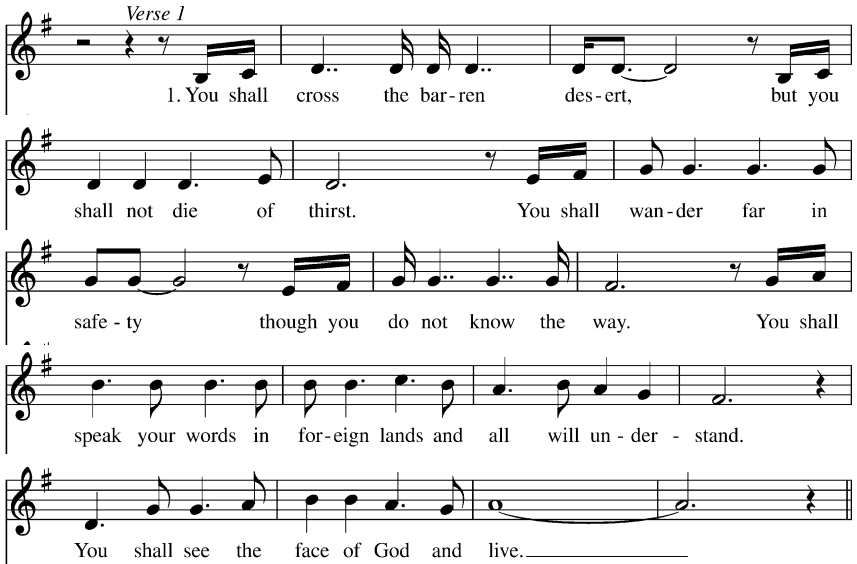
SEQUENCE HYMN WLP # 811 vs. 1&3

You shall cross the barren desert



Piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time. The right hand features a melody of quarter and eighth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of quarter notes.

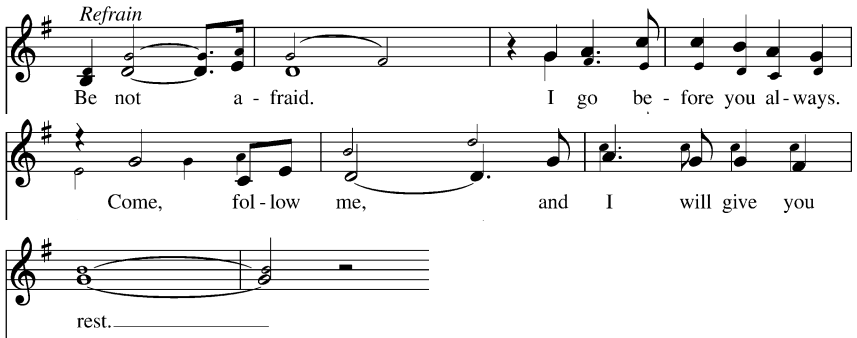
Verse 1



Vocal line for Verse 1 in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you
shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in
safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall
speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-stand.
You shall see the face of God and live. _____

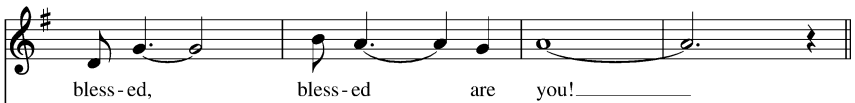
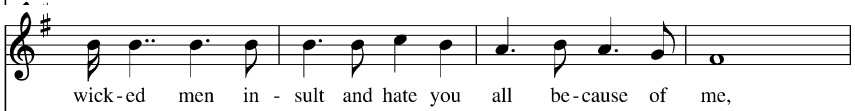
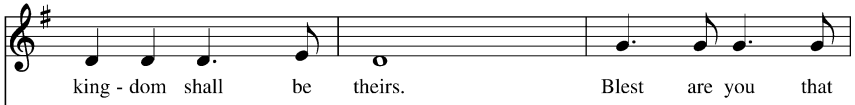
Refrain



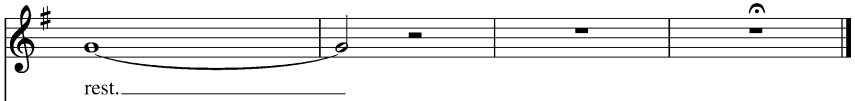
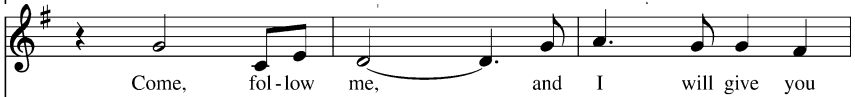
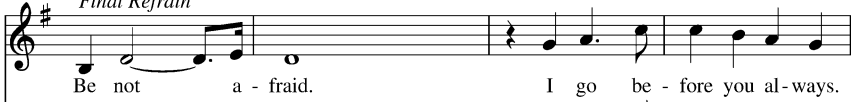
Vocal line for the Refrain in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.
Come, fol - low me, and I will give you
rest. _____

Verse 3



Final Refrain



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GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but

one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

THE REV. MANNY FARIA

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the
prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed

upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form III

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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.

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;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons. Merciful God, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the following churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery: St. John & St. James Church, Roxbury (Boston); Ecclesia Ministries and common cathedral, Boston; Hospitality Homes; The Diocesan Staff; and The Massachusetts Council of Churches.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; merciful God, our hearts cry out to you, Lord, 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.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake. Today we pray for the Wakefield Veterans Relief Fund, our Coffee Hour recipient this month.

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. We especially prayer for those on our parish prayer list: Allison, Phoebe Babb, Kristin Baird, Berry, Bruna, Heather Cameron, Cathie Cardelucci, Lydia Cedrone, Ann Daily, Dave, John DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Peggy Elkins, Jonathan English, David Fieldhouse, Claudette Forss, Connor Gallagher, Kristen Goddard, Louise Haldeman, Lester Hartman, Karen Dodd Howard, Harvey Jacobvitz, Jeffrey, Jerry, John, Ginny Johnson, Jordan, Debra Katt-Lloyd, John & Theresa Kelly, Kevin MacKenzie, Keith & Joanne Manville, Mark Martino, Nancy McAllister, Melissa, Becky Miller, Sebastian Miller and Family, Marcia Muir, Jim & Sara Murphy, T.A.N, Steve Newman, Becca Oberg, Jim O'Reilly, Emma Parese, Pat & Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Cecilia Powers, Kirk Ronaldson, Cheryl Santarelli, Linda Shapiro, Carol Slaughter, Bill & Jan Walsh, Jane Wilkins and Kelly Wood.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest. Today we especially remember Richard Wernick, father of Dawn Jackson, who passed away in December.

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

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION - *Enriching Our Worship*

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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Celebrant: 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

Through Christ, let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

OFFERTORY HYMN #121 *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
 2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
 sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
 free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
 that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

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DOXOLOGY (all singing)

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***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: 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.**

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS #S129

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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The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under

your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

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

AGNUS #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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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 *Ave Verum Corpus* Sir Edward Elgar

*Ave, verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum,
in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a sweet foretaste
in the trial of death!*

*O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

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.

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May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #296 *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows. _____



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life. _____
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____

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and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____

Final Ending



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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10 10 10 with Alleluia

DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE *Plein jeu*

François Couperin (1668-1733)

**Please join us after the service for Coffee Hour in the
Parish Hall hosted by Mary Muir.**

This month's coffee hour recipient is the Wakefield Veterans Relief Fund.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Celebrant: | The Rev. Manny Faria |
| Organist & Music Director | Luca Cantone |
| Lector: | Colleen Moran |
| Litanist: | Amy Walsh |
| Eucharistic Minister: | Amy Walsh |
| Usher: | Eric Dannenberg |
| Altar Guild: | Denise Mallen, Nicole Russo and Amy Walsh |
| Streaming Coordinator: | Gail Matthews-DeNatale |
| YouTube Editor: | Kim Collins |
| YouTube Scheduler: | Denise Mallen |



This Sunday we happily welcome back The Rev. Manny Faria as our celebrant at both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services while Rev. Brett is away. Please make sure you take a moment to say hello.

THANK YOU to everyone who stayed after the service last week and lent a hand to “take down Christmas” around the church!
Your time and help are greatly appreciated!

JANUARY IS NAMETAG MONTH

We have new parishioners and will also have a supply priest while Brett is away so, please wear your nametag! If you need a nametag, there is a Nametag request sheet on the table in the Narthex you can add your name to.

PASTORAL NEEDS

While Rev. Brett is away we have two clergy friends of the parish for any pastoral care needs, the Revs. Bob Davidson and Isaac Martinez. If you have any needs, please get in touch with Lisa in office (781-526-9777) lventura@emmanuelwakefield.org in the office or our wardens@emmanuelwakefield.org, Kim Collins (339-224-8455) and Gail Matthews-DeNatale (781-956-5883).

SAVE THE DATE!

THE 145 ANNUAL MEETING OF EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND DETAILS WILL BE SENT OUT SOON.

For all those responsible for writing a committee report for The Annual Report for 2024, we ask that you please submit your report at the latest **by Saturday, January 18th** to:
eecw@verizon.net and wallaceandrewd@comcast.net.

Please attach your report as a Word document in your email.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN EPISCOPALIAN?

Are you curious about the beliefs, history, worship, and practices of the Episcopal Church? Have you been feeling the call of God to become a member of the Episcopal Church? Are you interested in The Episcopal Church or learning more about confirmation (youth) and reception (adults). Periodically, we have a series of short classes for those who are curious. Before we begin classes at the end of February, Rev. Brett will have a short introductory meeting and informal conversation on February 9th after the 10:00 a.m. service for you to discern if you'd like to join. Please let Rev. Brett or Lisa know if you are interested. Remember, all are not just welcome; all are *wanted and belong!*

PARISH SCHEDULE
WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2025

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| Sunday, January 12 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite I |
| | 9:00 AM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:45 AM | Nursery Care |
| | 9:45 AM | Kids' Club |
| | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II |
| | 11:00 AM | Coffee Hour |
| Tuesday, January 14 | 7:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| Wednesday, January 8 | 6:00 PM | Evening Prayer |
| | 7:00 PM | Finance Committee |
| Sunday, January 19 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite I |
| | 9:00 AM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:45 AM | Nursery Care |
| | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II |
| | 11:00 AM | Coffee Hour |

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The Wakefield Food Pantry most needed items for the month of January are jarred pasta sauce, cereal and tuna fish.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We currently have openings for altar flowers on January 26th and February 16th and 23rd. Donations for altar flowers in any amount are welcome. If you are interested or have questions, please call Lisa Ventura at 781-526-9777.

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



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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.



Bishop Diocesan: The Rt. Rev. Julia Whitworth

Rector: The Rev. Brett R. Johnson 978-206-1788

Organist and

Music Director Luca Cantone 332-209-8432

Co-Warden: Kim Collins 339-224-8455

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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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