

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 23, 2026
9:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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

We are thrilled you are here! We welcome every person without exception in the name of Jesus Christ. You ***belong*** here and are an essential part of our family. You are ***beloved*** by God. We strive to "love God and love our neighbor," affirming that God created us for relationship and all creation ***flourishing***. We pray you are drawn to healing and joy.

If this is your first time, or first time back in a while, please fill out the visitors' card in the pew or Narthex. Introduce yourself to Rev. Brett and our Greeters — we are a friendly family!

A Note about Communion *You (all!) are welcome.* God invites you to be fed. All are welcome at the altar rail. Wine options include the chalice, intinction (a separate cup), or a non-alcohol alternative — simply let the clergy know. If you prefer not to receive, come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. *Our Altar Bread is Gluten Free.* If you cannot come forward, let an usher know and we will come to you.

A Note about Children We *love* all our children. During the Summer, childcare is available most Sundays in their special place off the Parish Hall. Once a month, children join us in the sanctuary as ushers, readers, and altar assistants. All children are welcome in the sanctuary — we ask that their grown-ups help them use quiet voices and quiet play, honoring those who need stillness to worship.

Assistive Listening Devices Four lightweight receivers are available at the back of the sanctuary. Pick one up, insert the earbud, and adjust the volume as needed — devices are charged and ready each week. Helpful for hearing differences or simply for clearer sound. See an usher with any questions.

We acknowledge that Emmanuel sits on the traditional land of the Algonquian-speaking Pawtucket tribe, whose caretaker's past, present, and future we honor with gratitude. As guests who have too often benefited at their expense, we commit to becoming better stewards and working toward a more just future.

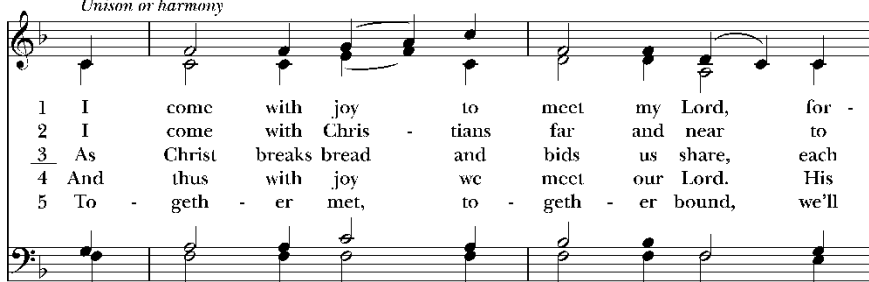
*As we prepare our hearts for worship, we kindly ask that you please
silence your cell phones. Thank you.*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #304 vss.1-4

I come with joy to meet my Lord

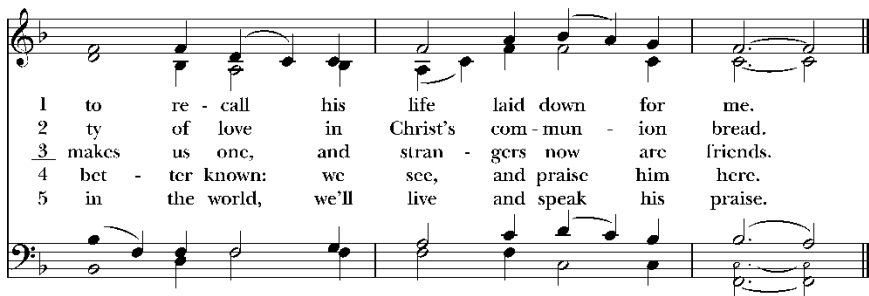
Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

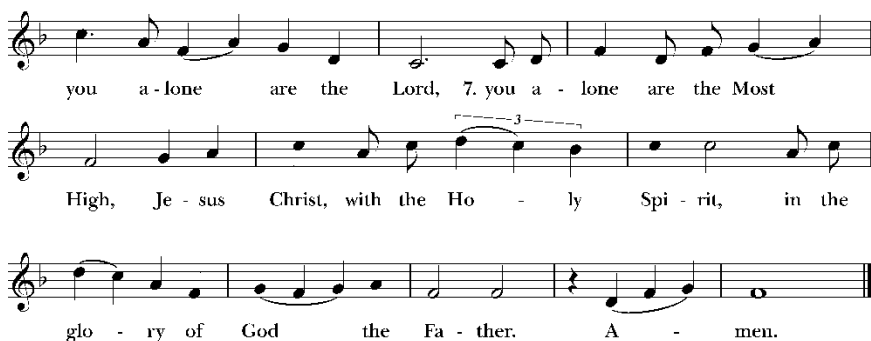
People: Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen

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 scat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,

and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple**
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND LESSON ROMANS 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God~ what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #707 *Take my life, and let it be*

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 16:13-20

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

*The Prayers of the People were written by the people of Emmanuel
for the people of Emmanuel.*

O God to whom we belong — we give you thanks for the body of Christ, your Church universal and local. We praise you for the grace revealed in Jesus Christ: freely given, endlessly forgiving, stronger than sin and death.

We pray for your Church throughout the world. Strengthen all who lead and serve — and especially our Presiding Bishop Sean, and our own bishops Julia, Ian, and Mary — that all may faithfully bear witness to your boundless mercy. Give vision and courage to the leaders of Emmanuel: our rector, staff, vestry, committee chairs, and all those who gladly offer themselves in service to fulfill our mission.

Guide us, O God — through worship, prayer, and the study of your Word — to walk the way of Jesus with generous hearts and joyful lives. Amen.

O God of all people and nations — you are the source of our conscience and the ground of all true authority. We yearn for your justice and peace to repair our broken world.

We pray for the leaders of our country and all who hold power in public life. Give them wisdom, humility, and compassion. Move them toward servant leadership, resisting the temptations of greed, power, expediency and fear, and working always for the flourishing of all.

When we are tempted toward cynicism, anger, or despair, give us strength to see your work in the world — and courage to join it. Amen.

O God, Creator of Eden — you placed us in your garden and called us to tend it. Forgive us for the ways we have failed to care for your creation and for all that you have entrusted to us, whether through neglect, indifference, or intention. Intercede we pray for all those affected by the terrible fires throughout the world and by the massive earthquakes in Columbia.

We pray for the healing of your creation. We pray for all who are crushed by systems of power and greed — for immigrants journeying in hope and uncertainty, for those living with food and housing insecurity, for our LGBTQ+ siblings facing hostility and harm, and for all experiencing the weight of mental illness and loneliness.

Protect those who are most vulnerable, O God. Open our eyes to their suffering, our hands to their need, and our hearts to your call. Amen.

O God who sends us out — help us here in Wakefield and at Emmanuel to see you in our neighbors, and to love all of your creation bravely and simply.

We pray for all who live, work, learn, and serve among us. Bless our neighborhoods, our schools, our local leaders, our small businesses, and all the places where community is built and broken and rebuilt again. Strengthen the bonds that unite us across difference, and help us seek the common good with generosity and respect. We also pray for the Wakefield Food Pantry, our Lemonade and Fellowship recipient this month.

Deepen our love for you and for this place, O God — that your kingdom of flourishing may take root right here among us. Amen.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. The altar flowers are given today in gratitude to God for the blessing of thirty-three wonderful years in their home and for the wonderful neighbors who have enriched the lives of Julie & Dutchy Bernardin.

O God who suffered and conquered death — we ask a special measure of your grace and healing on all who are in pain today. Be near to those who carry burdens of illness, grief, loneliness, anxiety, or fear. We pray especially for those on our Parish Prayer List.

May they know themselves held in love — wrapped in the assurance that nothing, nothing, can separate them from your grace.

Surround them with your steadfast love, O God. Uphold them with your strength. And make us instruments of your healing in the world. Amen.

O God of light and life — we commend to your mercy all who have died. We remember especially those known and beloved to us

(names may be spoken or held in silence). Grant them rest, light perpetual, and the joy of your presence. We especially remember Karen Dodd Howard, dear friend of Karen Keough for whom we have been praying and who passed away last week.

May we who are still on the way be strengthened by their witness, sustained by your grace, held in your hope, and reunited at last in your love.

We pray this all in the powerful Name of the Triune God. Amen.

CONFESSION - *Enriching Our Worship*

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Silence may be kept

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

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

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

OFFERTORY HYMN #348

Lord, we have come at your own invitation



1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion,
3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,
4 So, in the world where each du - ty as - signed us

cho - sen by you, to be coun - ted as friends:
ev - er to cher - ish the gifts you pro - vide;
vows are re - newed, and our cour - age re - stored:
gives us the chance to cre - ate or des - troy,

yours is the strength that sus - tains our vo - ca - tion,
teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing
help us to make those de - ci - sions that bind us,

ours a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
led by your Spi - rit, de - fend - er and guide.
all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.
Lord, to your - self, in o - be - dience and joy.

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Please stand as you are able

***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.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer G

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Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: His spirit is with us.

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 thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

SANCTUS WLP #859 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel.

How wonderful the work of your hand, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
 you embraced a people as your own.
 When they turned away and rebelled
 Your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Savior, born of Mary,
 to be the living bread,

in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus come in glory.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendor

for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and 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. 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.

The people stand or kneel.

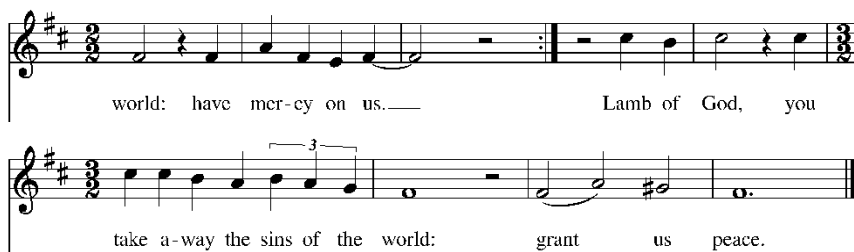
BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS WLP #871

The musical score is for a hymn titled "AGNUS WLP #871". It is written for a voice part (soprano or alto) and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/8. The melody begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment starts with a whole note chord of G4, B4, and D5, followed by a half note chord of G4, B4, and D5, and a quarter note chord of G4, B4, and D5. The lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the" are written below the voice part. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, notes, and accidentals, as well as dynamic markings like "p" (piano) and "f" (forte). There are also triplets indicated by a "3" over a group of notes.



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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.

Our altar bread is gluten free.

Prayers for healing are also offered.

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM *For the bread which thou hast broken* William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)

*For the bread which thou hast broken,
for the wine which thou hast poured,
For the words which thou hast spoken,
Now we give thee thanks, O Lord.*

*By this pledge that thou dost love us,
By the gift of peace restored,
By thy call to heaven above us,
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.*

*In thy service, Lord, defend us,
In our hearts keep watch and ward,
In the world where thou dost send us,
Let thy kingdom come, O Lord.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

My friends, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are on this journey with us.

So be swift to love and hasten to be kind, and always, always offer hospitality and belonging to the stranger.

And the blessing of the God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you and those you love now and always.

Amen

CLOSING HYMN #379 *God is Love, let heaven adore him*



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re-joice; let cre-a-tion sing be-fore him
one em-brace: with un-fail-ing grasp God holds us,
hu-man life, God's e-ter-nal lov-ing-kind-ness

and ex-alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
ev-ery child of ev-ery race. And when hu-man hearts are
guides us through our earth-ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da-tion, God who spread the heaven a-bove, God who breathes through
break-ing un-der sor-row's i-ron rod, then we find that
nev-er o'er us fi-nal tri-umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre-a-tion: God is Love, e-ter-nal Love.
scil'-same ach-ing deep with-in the heart of God.
Love for ev-er o'er the u-ni-verse must reign.

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please join us after the service for Lemonade and Fellowship in the Parish Hall hosted by Nikki Nash-MacIsaac.

This month's coffee hour recipient is the Wakefield Food Pantry.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Lector:	Chris Healy
Litanist:	Colleen Moran
Eucharistic Minister:	Tim Moran and Paul LaSpina
Usher:	Chris Chen
Altar Guild:	Dawn Jackson, Jen Miles and Cynthia Peach
Vestry Greeter:	Nikki Nash-MacIsaac
Streaming Coordinator:	Jen Miles
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



The flowers adorning our altar are given to the Glory of God and in gratitude for thirty-three wonderful years in our home, and for the kind and thoughtful neighbors who have made our neighborhood such a special community from Julie and Dutchy Bernardin.

HEALING PRAYER OFFERED TODAY

The Prayer Team is available as a healing prayer resource at a prayer station to the left of the main altar during communion and after the service.

Cover art by Karen Keough.

EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Darryl Abbey, Andrew, Donna Boudreau, Debbie and Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John DeNatale, Donna, Peggy Downs, Eric, Erica, Kristen Goddard, Michelle Hager, CJ, Ginny Johnson, Jonathan, Ken Leach, Linda, Kevin MacKenzie, Mark Martino, Sara Murphy, Muriel Peters, Mo Pollman, Rebecca, Carolyn and Jeff Robinson, Keith Santarelli, Kristin Schomer, Trudy, Amy Walsh, Charlie Wisner, Kelly Wood, and Alan Wright.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ALTAR FLOWERS

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

GOING DEEPER
this summer
— SUMMER FORMATION AT EMMANUEL —

Summer is an invitation to keep growing.

As we gather for one Sunday service at 9:00 a.m., we are offering several simple opportunities to continue exploring faith, scripture, and spiritual life in community.

Join us after worship for thoughtful conversation, shared learning, and meaningful connection as we begin preparing for this fall's formation theme:

— **GOING DEEPER: *The Art of Seeing*** —

 AUGUST 9 <i>For Such a Time as This</i> PART 3 Facilitator: Kim Collins	 AUGUST 16 <i>Summer Psalms for Emmanuel</i> PSALM 67 Facilitator: Dave Sullivan	 AUGUST 30 <i>For Such a Time as This</i> PART 4 & CONCLUSION Facilitator: Rev. Brett Johnson
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 FOLLOWING THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE No registration required.	 EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH <i>All are welcome.</i>	 COME FOR ONE SUNDAY OR EVERY ONE.
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PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2026

Sunday, August 23	8:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	10:00 AM	Lemonade & Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Adult Formation Team
Tuesday, August 25	7:00 PM	Canterbury Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 26	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Saturday, August 22	10:00 AM	What is the Cross- Boston, Newburyport and Taunton
	12 NOON	Wakefield Porchfest
	1:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, August 30	8:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	10:00 AM	Lemonade & Fellowship
	10:45 AM	Summer Book Study: <i>For Such a Time as This</i>

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



EMAIL SCAMS

We continue to hear from parishioners who are receiving emails that appear to be from Rev. Brett or other members of the vestry or church staff. These messages often ask for donations, gift cards, personal information, or parish directory details.

Please remember: We will **NEVER** ask for financial assistance, gift cards, or sensitive information this way. If you are ever unsure whether a message is legitimate, please contact the church office directly to verify it before responding. Thank you for helping keep our parish community safe from scams.



From 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m. Emmanuel will be hosting bands in our courtyard for the 3rd Annual Wakefield Porchfest.

The schedule for performances at Emmanuel are:

- 12:30pm - 1:30pm **The Gnostic Gospels**
- 1:45pm - 2:45pm **Kim Terilli**
- 3:00pm - 4:30pm **Alby Jones**

We are looking for some volunteers to assist at the event or donate some items.

Please talk to Jen Miles or Nikki Nash-MacIsaac if you can help!

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The most needed item for the month of August is Boxed Pasta.

EMMANUEL LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Please help keep our pantry stocked. Items needed are: boxed pasta, mac & cheese, rice, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, cereal, oatmeal, ramen noodles, pancake mix, muffin or biscuit mix, crackers, protein or granola bars, taco kits, boxed desserts, etc.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING
OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER!**

Sunday, September 13th – Welcome Sunday!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Welcome Back Choir

Parish Photo

Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 20th

Return to two services at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Kids' Club Begins

Sunday, September 27th

Sundae Sunday

Ministry Fair during Coffee Hour (more info to come)

Sunday, October 4th

12:30 p.m.- Blessing of the Animals

Thursday, October 8th

Soul Suppers Return

Sunday, October 4th

Indigenous Peoples' Weekend, ONE service at 9:00 a.m.



BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Would you like to have a *Book of Common Prayer* at home? Thanks to the handiwork of parishioner, Dave Sullivan, we have some older BCP books available for the asking. If interested, please let Lisa in the office know - eecw@verizon.net or 781-526-9777.



From the team at The St. Paul Center for Theology and Prayer

Saturday August 29th 2026,
in Newburyport, Boston and
Taunton -

please join us to consider

'What is the Cross?'

See the flyer in the Narthex.

WOW! LOOK AT THAT!

"If we believe that our unity comes from looking together into a mystery and occasionally nudging one another and saying, "[Wow!]

Look at that!" it can help us to feel how the unity we enjoy

(Brett: with radical diversity!)

is not primarily about institutional uniformity...

the unity is found in the common direction we are looking."

Rowan Williams,

Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another



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.

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