

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany,



January 18, 2026
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.

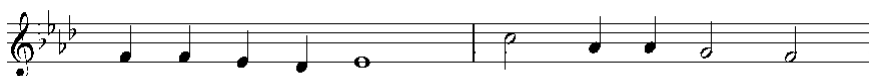
As we prepare our hearts for worship, we kindly ask that you please silence your cell phones. Thank you.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #541 vss. 1, 3, 4 & 5 *Come, labor on*



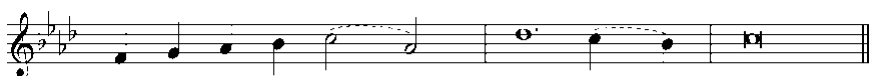
1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e - my	is	
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A -	way	with	gloom - y
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
3	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share—		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1	waves	the	gold - en	grain?	And	to	each	ser - vant
2	snatch	the	seed	a - way;	while	we	in	sleep our
3	may	do	ser - vice	here:	by	feeb - lest	a - gents	
4	Gos - pel	glad - ness	bear:		re - deem	the	time;	its
5	o'er	our	path - way	lie,	and	a	glad	sound comes



1	does	the	Mas - ter	say,	"Go	work	to	day."
2	du - ty	have	for - got,	he	slum - bered	not.		
3	may	our	God	ful - fill	his	right - eous	will.	
4	hours	too	swift - ly	fly.	The	night	draws	nigh.
5	with	the	set - ting	sun,——	"Ser - vants,	well	done."	

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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 - might - y 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



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, Jr., may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
 The Lord called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
 He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
 he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
 And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
 But I said, "I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
 yet surely my cause is with the Lord,

and my reward with my God.”

And now the Lord says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
 and my God has become my strength~
he says,
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the Lord,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 40:1-12

The Psalm will be sung by the congregation and choir.

ANTIPHON



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ANTIPHON (Choir once, then all sing)

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

ANTIPHON (all)

- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

ANTIPHON (all)

- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.

*11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.*

*12 You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.*

ANTIPHON (all)

SECOND LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind~ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you~ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS #106 vss. 1 & 3

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws —

1. stand, — I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; —
 2. near, — When my life is — al - most — gone; —
 3. near, — And the day is — past and — gone; —

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, — Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on, —
 2. fall, — Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on, —
 3. hand, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on.

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GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 1:29-42

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON KAREN AALTO

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 - *Planning for Rites and Rituals*

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

As we live into the light revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, reflected by his servant Martin and all the saints, we lift up our prayers to you, O God, saying "Lord, have mercy."

Gracious God, who calls us to work for unity, help us to heal divisions in this your holy family, that the witness of the Church may be united and that your kingdom may be known upon earth.
Lord, have mercy.

We pray for the whole people of God. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Julia our bishop, for our parish clergy and lay leaders. We ask for your love and wisdom to guide our vestry as they meet this week, let us pray to the Lord. Draw us even deeper into your mission and love. Give us the courage to confront the racism and white supremacy woven into our own church communities.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for our land and people that we may become worthy of your gracious favor. We pray for the President and for the Governor. Deliver us in this society from greed of gain, from race and class prejudice and ill-will, from all causes of discontent and strife.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, give us the will to labor for harmony and cooperation among the nations of the world. Put away from us all prejudice and all selfish ambition. Teach us to recognize the gifts of your grace in all who call upon you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Dear Lord, our Father, you have made of one blood all peoples of the earth and called all of them your children. Bless all immigrants, refugees, and exiles, and especially those who have come to this country. May their arrival be a blessing to the nation.

Lord, have mercy.

Look with pity, merciful God, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for all who suffer in body or mind or spirit. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Kristin Baird, Geoff Blackett, Bob, Debbie Bourne, Evelyn Bourne, Donna Boudreau, Peter Brown, Cathie Cardelucci, Lydia Cedrone, John and Richard DeNatale, Peggy Downs, David Fieldhouse, Connor Gallagher, Mary

Gasson, Kristen Goddard, Louise Haldeman, Heidi, Karen Dodd Howard, JD, Jack Jephson, Ted Jobe, Ginny Johnson, Jordan, Tim Kelsey, Larry, Ken Leach,, Kevin MacKenzie, Mark Martino, Don McCarter, Sara Murphy, Neil, Steve Newman, Judith Oder, Jim O'Reilly, Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Dustin Pollard, Mo Pollman, Susan Quinn, Rebecca, Jude Ruzicka, Alison Shaw, Timothy Springer, Trudy, Vanessa, Amy Walsh, Bill & Jan, Kelly, and Alan Wright.

Lord, have mercy.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We especially are thankful for the blessing of Rev. Brett Johnson and Dave McSweeney in whose loving honor the altar flowers are given today. We also pray for The Community Dining Room, our coffee hour recipient this month.

Lord, have mercy.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and blessing of all those we love, but see no longer. We pray for all who have died. We pray for those who have died serving the cause of justice, those who have given their all to end oppression, discrimination, and hatred. We especially remember Bruce Manning in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given today.

Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for our own needs and for those of others, silently or aloud.

Silence.

Celebrant: Lord our God, see how oppression and violence are our sad inheritance, one generation to the next. We look for you where the lowly are raised up, where the mighty are brought down. We find you there in your servants and we give you thanks this day for your preacher and witness, Martin Luther King Jr. Fill us with your spirit; where our human community is divided by racism, torn by repression, saddened by fear and ignorance, may we give ourselves to your work of healing. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **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

THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

Harold Darke

Words by Charles Wesley

Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near,
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till Thou inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

DOXOLOGY (all singing)

Old 100th

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Eucharistic Prayer B

Expansive Language

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.

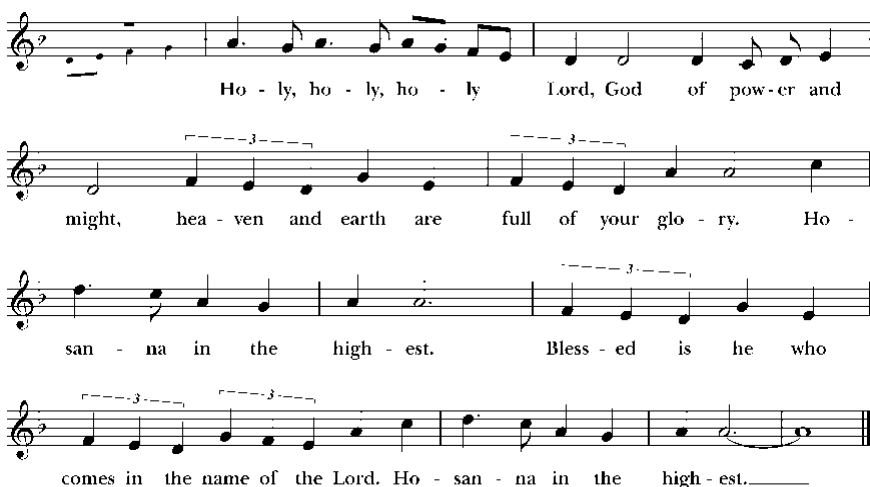
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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



The musical score for Sanctus #S129 is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "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." The music features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket. The final note of the fourth staff is a whole note, followed by a double bar line.

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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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil,

and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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. 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

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

People: 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 *God of mercy, God of grace*

Jerry F. Davidson

God of mercy, God of grace,
Show the brightness of thy face;
Shine upon us, Savior, shine,
Fill thy Church with light divine;
And thy saving health extend,
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let thy people praise thee, Lord,
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Savior King;
Let all be below, above,
One in joy, and light, and love.

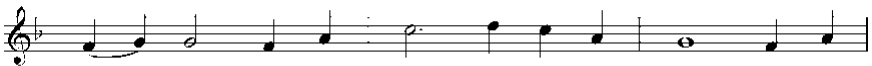
COMMUNION HYMN #549 *Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult*



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sa - vior,



1 life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
2 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
3 vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol that would
4 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
5 make us hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -



1 sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;" say - ing,
2 kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake. leav - ing
3 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more." say - ing,
4 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these." "Chris - tian,
5 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all, serve and

Final Ending

1 "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
 2 all for his dear sake.
 3 "Chris - tian, love me more."
 4 love me more than these."
 5 love thee best of all.

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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.

BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; 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 LEVAS #1 vss. 1 & 3 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Please see the note *From the Organ Bench* on page 26




1. Lift ev'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav'n
 2. Sto-ny the road we trod, Bit-ter the chast-ning
 3. God of our wea-ry years, God of our si-lent

1. ring, Ring with the har-mo-nies of lib-er-ty
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un-born had
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re-joic-ing rise High as the list-ning
 2. died; Yet with a stead-y beat, Have not our wear-y
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in-to the




1. skies. Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea. _____
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed? _____
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



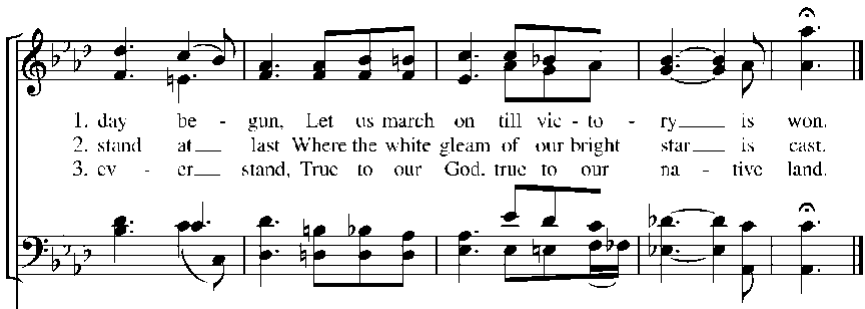
1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 2. We have come o - ver a - way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 3. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met thee;



1. Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 2. We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -



1. brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. get thee, Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for -



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DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

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**Please join us after the service for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
hosted by Andrea and Dave Sullilvan**

*This month's coffee hour recipient is the
Community Dining Room - St. Luke's-San Lucas
Episcopal Church, Chelsea*

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 after each service and during communion at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Cover art is by Karen Keough.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant: The Rev. Brett R. Johnson

Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Seminarian Intern:	Karen Aalto
Lector:	Laurel Martino
Litanist:	Elizabeth Downs
Eucharistic Ministers:	Paul LaSpina & Nicole Russo De Souza
Usher:	Eddie Parsons
Altar Guild:	Jen Miles and Nicole Russo De Souza
Vestry Greeter:	Nikki Nash-MacIsaac
Streaming Coordinator:	Dave McSweeney
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



The flowers decorating our altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Bruce Manning by Diane Manning and are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the anniversary of their meeting by The Rev. Brett R. Johnson and Dave McSweeney.

SAVE THE DATE!
THE 146 ANNUAL MEETING OF
EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH WILL TAKE
PLACE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH
AFTER ONE 10:00 AM SERVICE

A CASUAL BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AND THE
MEETING WILL START AT APPROXIMATELY 11:45 AM.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the casual breakfast before our Annual Meeting on Sunday. We would greatly appreciate your generosity in donating time to help with setup and cleanup, as well as contributions of food and drinks. A SignUpGenius link was included in this week's Epistle, or you may speak with either of us directly. As always, you never let us down, and we thank you in advance for your support. Andrea Sullivan & Amy Walsh

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938), later a leader of the NAACP, wrote "Lift Every Voice and Sing" in 1900, and his brother Rosamund set it to music several years later; its first performance was

at a segregated Jacksonville school, to mark Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

By 1919 the NAACP had adopted it as a "Negro National Anthem," and during the Civil Rights Movement it gained increasing prominence as an anthem of liberation. In our Church, it has lent its name to two supplements to our Hymnal.

An organ teacher of mine once spoke of the overwhelm of hearing "Lift Every Voice" sung for the first time in a Black church, having played it over the years to tepid reception in her own parishes. While they may not be familiar among our congregation, let us yet sing Johnson's words with vigor, as we remember Martin Luther King, Jr., and work and pray for justice in this country and around the world.

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, Rev. Brett will have a short introductory meeting and informal conversation on Sunday, February 15th 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!*

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The Wakefield Food Pantry most needed item for the month of January is cereal.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you like to remember or celebrate your loved ones with flowers on the altar? Flowers can be placed in memory of those who have passed away or in honor of, in celebration of, or in thanksgiving for those who bring joy to our lives. We currently have openings for February 15 and 22. Donations for altar flowers in any amount are welcome. Please contact Lisa in the office if you would like to donate.

PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2026

Sunday, January 18	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
Monday, January 19	6:00 PM	Grief Support Group
Tuesday, January 20	4:45 PM	Horizon House
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, January 21	11:00 AM	Brightview Service
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thursday, January 22	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Saturday, January 17	1:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, January 25	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	11:45 AM	Annual Meeting

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

Kids Korner

Important Dates
 Sunday January 18th: No Kids Club (MLK Jr. Weekend)
 Sunday February 1: Intergenerational service

Announcements:
 Thank you for all your support at our last intergenerational service! It takes a village to help with behind the scenes preparations, coordination and execution and we appreciate all who have helped and/or have simply smiled as we have the kids present in the church ☺. Here's looking forward to our next concert!





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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 Rector: The Rev. Brett R. Johnson (he/him) 978-206-1788
 Seminarian Intern: Karen Aalto (she/her) kpaalto00@gmail.com
 Organist and Music Director: Luca Cantone 332-209-8432
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 Co-Warden: Beth Martin (she/her) 781-308-3474

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