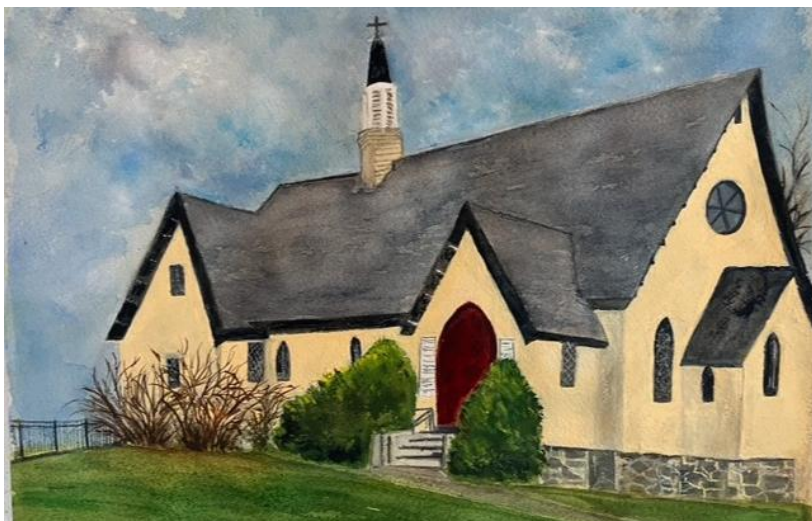


Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts
The Seventh Sunday of Easter



May 17, 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 visitors’ card in the pew or the Narthex (the entrance hall). We are a friendly family, so please introduce yourself to everyone, especially Rev. Brett and the Greeter at the door.

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, intinction (dipping cup, a separate cup), and the non-alcohol alternative; simply let the clergy know. 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. Our Altar Bread is Gluten Free.

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, like today, 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 #195 *Jesus lives! thy terrors now*

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er,
2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to
3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his
4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the

death, ap - pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know
Je - sus liv - ing, purc in heart may we a - bide,
love shall sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell
world is giv - en: may we go where he has gone,

thou, O grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!
glo - ry to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
tear us from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
rest and reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA # S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav - en - 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 -

ccive 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.

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON ACTS 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when

the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

The Psalm will be sung by the choir and congregation.

ANTIPHON

Sing to God, O king - doms of the earth; sing - prais - es to - the Lord.

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ANTIPHON (Choir once, then all sing)

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the
presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

ANTIPHON (all)

- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into
freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

ANTIPHON (all)

- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 **The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 **Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the
poor.**

ANTIPHON (all)

- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

ANTIPHON (all)

SECOND LESSON 1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

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



1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:
the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.



A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,
Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to-gether that all may know Christ's love.
so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.
free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.
our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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

GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 17:1-11

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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 Form III

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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.

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. Merciful God, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the following churches of the Concord River Deanery: St. John's Chapel, Groton School, Groton; St. Michael's Church, Holliston; St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton; and St. Luke's Church, Hudson.
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. We also ask for ourselves that you strengthen our resolve to counter the sins of racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and misogyny, as well as thoughts and actions against members of immigrant and LGBTQ+ communities, eliminate the proliferation of assault weapons, and provide healing and support for those experiencing loneliness and mental health challenges in our nation.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: John Aalto, Donna Boudreau, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John and Richard DeNatale, Peggy Downs, David Fieldhouse, Connor Gallagher, Mary Gasson, Peggy Givans, Kristen Goddard, Michelle Hager, Louise Haldeman, Heidi, Karen Dodd Howard, CJ, Jack Jephson, Ted Jobe, Ginny Johnson, Tim Kelsey, Kevin, Ken Leach, Kevin MacKenzie, Diane Manning, Keith Manville, Mark Martino, Don McCarter, Jen, McMaster, Sara Murphy, Neil, Gayle Gammon Nelson, Steve Newman, Judith Oder, Jim O'Reilly, Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Dustin Pollard, JP Quinn, Tim, Tony R. Rebecca, Tommi-Lee Stella, Trudy, Amy Walsh, Bill & Jan, Vicky Wegweiser, Kelly, and Alan Wright.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

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.

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 heartfelt gratitude to the Emmanuel family for the outpouring of prayer, love, and support during his recent surgery and recovery by Rev. Brett.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Today we also pray for PFLAG, our coffee hour recipient this month.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSIOIN - *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.

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 ANTHEM *For the beauty of the Earth* John Rutter
b. 1945

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:*

Refrain:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise*

For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:

Refrain

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

Refrain

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:

Refrain

DOXOLOGY

Tune #400

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 #S128 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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 quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final 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 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,

Celebrant and People

**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. 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

FRACTION HYMN #S-171

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,

for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Music: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

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.

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 MOTET. O rex gloriae - Luca Marenzio (1553-1599)

*O rex Gloriae, Domine virtutum,
qui triumphator hodie super omnes coelos ascendisti,
ne derelinquas nos orphanos,
sed mitte promissum Patris in nos Spiritum Veritatis. Alleluia.*

O King of glory, Lord of all goodness,
who ascended to heaven on this day triumphant over all,
do not leave us as orphans,
but send us the Father's promise, the spirit of truth. Alleluia.

COMMUNION HYMN #617 *Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round*

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Ru - ler of the cease - less round
 2 We would be one in ha - tred of all wrong,
 3 Oh, clothe us with thy heaven - ly ar - mor, Lord,

of cir - cling plan - ets sing - ing on their way,
 one in the love of all things sweet and fair,
 thy trust - y shield, thy word of love di - vine;

guide of the na - tions from the night pro - found
 one with the joy that break - eth in - to song,
 our in - spi - ra - tion be thy con - stant word,

in - to the glo - ry of the per - fect day;
 one with the grief that trem - bleth in - to prayer;
 we ask no vic - to - ries that are not thine;

rule in our hearts, that we may ev - er be
 one in the power that makes thy chil - dren free
 give or with - hold, let pain or plea - sure be;

guid - ed and strength-ened and up - held by thee.
 to fol - low truth, and thus to fol - low thee.
 e - nough to know that we are serv - ing thee.

Words: John White Chadwick (1840-1904), alt. Music: *Song 1*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), rev.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING *Book of Occasional Services*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN #494 vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5 *Crown him with many crowns*

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won - drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the resurrection of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Please join us after the service for coffee hour in the Parish Hall
 hosted by Faith Hodgkins.

This month's coffee hour recipient is PFLAG

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Lector:	Pat Brandl
Litanist:	Andrea Sullivan
Eucharistic Minister:	Paul LaSpina and Eddie Parsons
Usher:	Dave Sullivan
Altar Guild:	Joanne Crowe, Jen Miles, and Alison Shaw
Vestry Greeter:	Kim Collins
Streaming Coordinator:	Pete McCann
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



The flowers decorating our altar are given to the Glory of God and in heartfelt gratitude to the Emmanuel family for the outpouring of prayer, love, and support during my recent surgery and recovery by Rev. Brett.

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.

USHERS NEEDED FOR 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

We are looking for friendly volunteers to serve as ushers at our 10:00 a.m. services. Ushers help welcome guests and ensure services run smoothly.

We would love to have you join this ministry – no experience is necessary – just a friendly attitude. If you are interested, please contact Lisa at 781-526-9777 or lventura@emmanuelwakefield.org. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve and support our church community.

Paint and Sip Night

A Church Fundraiser: Paint with Artist Karen Keough

Sunday May 31, 2026

5:00 to 7:30 pm

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, MA

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments

Admission: \$35

Painting begins at 5:30 pm

Limited Space Reserve Today

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Join us for a relaxing evening of creativity and fellowship on Sunday, May 31, from 5:00–7:00 p.m.!

Artist, instructor, and parishioner Karen Keough will guide us through creating a beautiful painting using acrylic paints.

No experience necessary—just bring yourself and your sense of fun!

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

~ All painting supplies and instruction ~

~ Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments ~

TICKETS:

\$35 per person

Space is limited to 30 participants. Reservations are required. Please sign up using the link in the Epistle or speak to Dave McSweeney.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES NOW AVAILABLE

Emmanuel is pleased to announce that assistive listening devices are now available for use during worship services and sanctuary events. Four lightweight receivers are located at the back of the sanctuary — simply pick one up before the service, put in the earbud, and adjust the volume to your preference using the buttons on the front of the device. Devices are fully charged and ready to go each week.

We hope this helps everyone fully participate in our worship together. Please see an usher or greeter if you have any questions or need assistance.

PRAYER CORNER

Did you know, there is a quiet Prayer Corner in the corridor off of the church Narthex.

In a time marked by many challenges, this space offers a simple invitation: bring any intention—no concern is too great or too small for prayer.

The Prayer Corner includes a small table, a chair, a wooden slotted Prayer Box, pens, and blank request cards. Its purpose is to provide a peaceful, ongoing opportunity for individuals to write their prayer intentions anonymously and place them in the box.

Each week, the contents of the Prayer Box will be collected, and the Healing Prayer Team will offer additional intercessory prayers for these intentions.

Prayer Boxes have long been used as a tangible way to release the emotional weight of worries, struggles, and concerns. The act of writing down a prayer can also serve as a meaningful expression of trust—an opportunity to place one’s burdens into God’s care.

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The Wakefield Food Pantry most needed item for the month of May is SpaghettiOs and Chef Boyardee Spaghetti and Meatballs.



Kids Korner

Important Dates:

Saturday May 16th: Brightview Visit 11:00am

Sunday May 24th: No Kids Club; Memorial Day weekend

Announcements:

We had so much fun visiting Brightview, we decided to make it a recurring event! Please join Kids Club as we socialize and making crafts with the senior center residents on the third Saturday of each month. Just show up in the lobby with a smile!

This month we are also planning our visit to the food pantry, as well as working to schedule a volunteer opportunity with Cradle to Crayons, a great organization to whom we can donate our coats. Stay tuned for all these exciting adventures!

EMMANUEL'S LITTLE FOOD PANTRY HELP STOCK THE SHELVES!


Please consider helping to keep our Little Food Pantry stocked.

We are seeing a lot of visitors using our pantry and food in it is low. You can drop off items in the office or put them directly in the Pantry. Suggested items: tuna, salmon, chicken or ham packages or cans; peanut and other nut butters; fruit cups or dried fruit; protein bars; cereal; soups, stews or chili; pasta sauce (in cartons, cans or plastic jars); mac & cheese; beans; rice; and crackers or pretzels. Please avoid perishable food and items in glass containers. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

We have an open dates for Altar Flowers on June 14th, 21st & 28th. You can honor or remember loved ones with altar flowers or dedicate flowers in memory, celebration, thanksgiving, or in honor of someone special. Donations of any amount are welcome.

Contact Lisa Ventura at 781-526-9777 or email eecw@verizon.net if interested. Thank you.



Please join us in celebrating

Karen

at a

Festive Brunch

Sunday, May 31, 2026

following the 10:00 a.m. service

Karen Aalto

has faithfully served our parish since September 2025 and is poised to do great things as she is ordained on May 30.

Emmanuel is pleased to present Karen with gifts—a home communion kit and vestments—in celebration of her time with us and her ordination on May 30.

Contributions toward these gifts are warmly welcomed and may be made by check (payable to Emmanuel Episcopal Church with “Karen Aalto” in the memo line) or online via Vanco.

We are looking for volunteers to contribute food, beverages, or other assistance with this celebration of Karen. Please sign up with the link in the newsletter and by linking here:



PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2026

Sunday, May 17	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
Monday, May 18	6:00 PM	Fundraising Committee
Tuesday, May 19	4:45 PM	Horizon House
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 20	10:00 AM	Brightview Service
	2:00 PM	Wardens' Meeting
	4:00 PM	Canterbury Executive Comm.
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thursday, May 21	6:00 PM	Worship Advisory Meeting
Saturday, May 23	9:00 AM	Vestry Retreat @ Trinity
	1:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, May 24	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

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



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UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday, May 19 th	4:45 PM	Horizon House Dinner
Saturday, May 30 th	11:00 AM	Karen Aalto's Diaconate Ordination
Sunday, May 31 st	11:30 AM	Karen's Celebration Brunch
	5:00 PM	Paint and Sip Night
Monday, June 1 st	6:00 PM	Wakefield Progress Pride Flag Raising
Saturday, June 6 th	11:00 AM	Boston Pride with MA Diocese
Sunday, June 7 th	10:00 AM	Recognition Sunday
Thursday, June 11 th	6:00 PM	Soul Supper at Emmanuel
Sunday, June 14 th	5:00 PM	Choral Evensong at Emmanuel
Tuesday, June 16 th	4:45 PM	Horizon House Dinner
Sunday, June 21 st	9:00 AM	Summer Service Schedule Starts with one 9:00 AM service

2026 GRADUATES

If you have a graduate in your family— pre-school, kindergarten, grade school, high school, trade school, college, grad school, etc.— please email the church office (eecw@verizon.net) by Sunday, May 31st with their name, degree (if applicable), school, and future plans, if known. We would also love to include a picture; it does not have to be a professional one. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Ventura by emailing the church office or calling her at 781-526-9777.

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

What does that word he keeps saying mean?

BASILEIA

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The **establishment of complete salvific communion** between humanity and God, among human beings, within human persons, and between humanity and the rest of creation.

"Full communion, full flourishing!"



Humanity
& God



Among
People



Within
Ourselves



With
Creation

Jesus' Mission:

"I must proclaim the good news of the **kingdom of God**" (Luke 4:43)

This *Basileia* is something Jesus longs for us to strive for **now**, even as it will not be ultimately fulfilled until the end of the age.



OUR MISSION:

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



OUR VISION:

Emmanuel embodies Christ's light in service to all. Here, through God's love and grace, all are accepted, purpose is found, and together we flourish.



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Please be advised that our services are live streamed on our YouTube channel. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Emmanuel sits on the traditional land of the 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.

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