

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 4, 2026
10:00 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. Childcare and Kids' Club are available most Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. service 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 *Prelude in C minor, BWV 546* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #400 vs. 1-4 & 7

All creatures of our God and King



- 1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us
 *2 Great rush-ing winds and breez-es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a-
 *3 Swift flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo-ther earth, you day by day un-fold your bless-ings on our
 5 All you with mer-cy in your heart, for-giv-ing o-thers, take your
 *6 And ev-en you, most gen-tle death, wait-ing to hush our fi-nal
 7 Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-



- 1 sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing
 2 loft, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Fair ris-ing
 3 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Fire, so in-
 4 way, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O— sing now: Al-le-lu-ia! All you that
 6 breath, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re-joice, stars night-ly shin-ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce-ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo-ry al-so show:
 5 pain and sor-row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa-ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi-rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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

Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,____

and peace to his people on earth. 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.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,____

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive

our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 5:1-7

Here's a song and a story for my loved one;

My loved one had a vineyard, in a beautiful spot, just right for growing grapes. He dug it up and cleared the rocks from it, and planted excellent vines. He expected grapes, but got wild grapes that he didn't plant. I'm not sure what he could have done better. What do you think, people of Jerusalem? I did all I could. Here's what I will do: I'm going to break down its wall and let the animals eat what they want and trample what they will. I'm not bothering to prune or hoe. The thorns will overtake the vines. There's no point in sending rain down on them either.

The vineyard, you see, is the house of Israel and Judah. God expected justice but saw violence. God wanted righteousness but heard crying instead.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80: 7-15, sung to an Anglican chant by Sir Ivor Atkins
(1869-1953)

The Psalm will be sung by the choir

7 *Turn us again, thou God of hosts; * show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.*

8 *Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt; * thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.*

9 *Thou madest room for it; * and when it had taken root, it filled the land.*

10 *The hills were covered with the shadow of it, * and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.*

11 *She stretched out her branches unto the sea, * and her boughs unto the River.*

12 *Why hast thou then broken down her hedge, * that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?*

13 *The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up, * and the wild beasts of the field devour it.*

14 *Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven, * behold, and visit this vine;*

15 *And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted, * and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.*

Gloria Patri.

(Coverdale translation, BCP 1928)

SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 3:4b-14

If anyone thinks they are something special, let me tell you, I'm even more special. I've done everything right. I'm one of the people of Israel, from the tribe of Benjamin, born to the right people. I'm a Pharisee, someone who studies God's law. I was the most enthusiastic anti-Christian there is. And no one can pin any crime on me.

But whatever I've done right, whatever reward I have for doing the right things – none of that compares to knowing Christ Jesus. I have lost everything from my former life for his sake but those riches are garbage to me now. Based on faith, not whatever good I do or whatever great person I think I am, I am considered holy in God's eyes, because I know Christ and the power of his new life. I may get myself in all kinds of trouble because I talk about him all the time, but it's worth it. I know I will be with him in the resurrection.

I have a long way to go. I keep working at it, though. Jesus Christ has made me his own. It doesn't get any better than that! Dear friends, I haven't made it on my own. I have done this only with god's help; I forget what I've left behind and push forward to what lies ahead, which is where Christ Jesus is.

The Word of the Lord

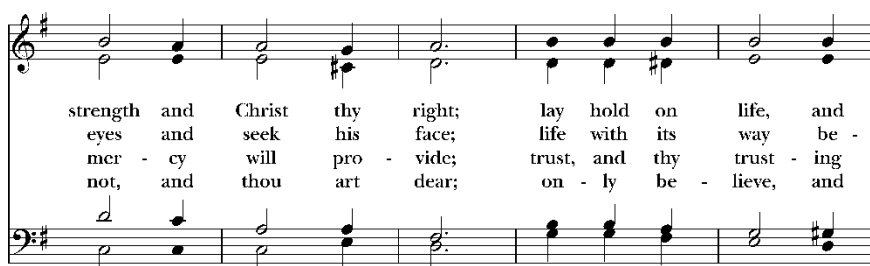
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #552 vss. 1&2

Fight the good fight with all thy might



1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
 *3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less
 *4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth



strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and
 eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -
 mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing
 not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
 soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
 thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875). Music: *Pentecost*, William Boyd (1847-1928).

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 21:33-46

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to

another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 - *Honoring God in Creation Form 1* *from Season of Creation for Episcopal Parishes*

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hand responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures; we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying,

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability of keep them clean and pure, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of the relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity. We also pray for the Esperanza Academy, our coffee hour recipient this month, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace. We take a moment of silence to remember especially those on our Parish Prayer list. (*silence*) Give strength to all who care for others and hope to those who feel forgotten, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet giving thanks as we remember the one-year anniversary of the passing of Dorothy "Dottie" Tecce and the passing of parishioner Bruce Manning in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given today, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Celebrant: Creator God, you call us into being. Inspire us with your extravagant generosity, and sustain us with hope in resurrection life. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd.
Amen.

CONFESSION – *Book of Occasional Services 2022*

Let us confess to God our sins against creation.

Silence may be kept

**God of compassion, we confess that we have
squandered your creation,
and mistreated those you give into our care.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may care for all that you have made,
according to your will and in the fullness of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

Stewardship

THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Teach me, O Lord*

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the end.*

(Psalm 119, v. 33)

Please stand as you are able

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.***

THE HOLY EUCHARIST - Eucharistic Prayer 2, *Enriching our Worship*

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.**

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS *A Mass for a Soulful People*

Grayson Warren Brown
(1948-2023)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, _____ ho - ly, ho - ly, _____

ho - ly Lord God _____ of hosts _____

Hea-ven and earth _____ are _____ filled with your glo - ry,

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

Bless-ed is He who _____ comes in the name _____

of the Lord _____ of the Lord, _____

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

ho - san - na in _____ the _____ high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

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

sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

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

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

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

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

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

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people stand or kneel.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

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.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

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.*

VOLUNTARY: *Bicinium on Rendez à Dieu*

Henderick Speuy (1575-1625)

COMMUNION HYMN *This is my Father's World*

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears
2 This is our Fa-ther's world: O let us not for-get
3 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair;

all na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
that though the wrong is great and strong, God is the rul-er yet.
in the rus-tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-ery-where.

A7 D G A7 D G D

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought
 He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair—
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad?

A7 D A A7 D A A7 D

of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the won-ders wrought.
 all earth and trees, all skies and seas, all crea-tures ev-ery-where.
 The Lord is King, let heav-en ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

BLESSING

Live without fear, your creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and the blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you, forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #372 *Praise to the living God*

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will;
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one c - ter - nal God cre aught that now ap - pears:
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and changc - less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926). Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

DISMISSAL

Intern Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Recessional on *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Alan Smith
(1962-2017)

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

This month's coffee hour recipient is Esperanza Academy.

The Lessons today are from: *God's Word, My Voice* by Lyn Zill Briggs

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Postulant Intern:	Lauren Rigsby
Lectors:	Kids' Club
Litanist:	Kim Collins
Eucharistic Ministers:	Paul LaSpina and Amy Walsh
Usher:	Eddie Parsons
Altar Guild:	Carol Johnson and Erin Nobles
Vestry Greeter:	Beth Martin
Streaming Coordinator:	Pete McCann
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



*The flowers adorning our altar are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband, Bruce Manning, by Diane Manning
and in loving memory of her mother Dorothy "Dottie" Teece by Donna Tecce.*

EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Andrew, Debbie and Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, John Claya, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John DeNatale, Donna, Peggy Downs, Erica, Kristen Goddard, Michelle Hager, CJ, Ginny Johnson, Jonathan, Chris Kelsey, Phyllis Laidlaw, Linda, Kevin MacKenzie, Diane Manning, Mark Martino, Sara Murphy, Muriel Peters, Mo Pollman, Rebecca, Carolyn and Jeff Robinson, Keith Santarelli, Sheila and Josh, Trudy, CV, Amy Walsh, Charlie Wisner, Kelly Wood, and Alan Wright.

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.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

In the Diocesan cycle of Prayer, we pray for the churches of the North Shore Deanery: St. Michael's Church, Marblehead; St. Mary's Church, Rockport; Grace Church, Salem; St. Peter' Church/Iglesia de San Pedro, Salem; **and** Congregations: Secretaries and Administrators.

10:00 AM COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED!

Happy October! As we enter the season where Mother Nature goes wild with her paintbrush, we can celebrate that beauty and glory at 10:00 coffee hour! Starting October 11, hosts are needed each week in October and November. Thank you so much for considering this gift of fellowship and for signing up to host. You don't have to do it alone, it's a great opportunity for our Ministries to share more about their work or to sign up with a friend.

Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex and the Parish Hall refreshment table. You can also email Lisa in the office at lventrua@emmanuelwakefield.org or me, Colleen Moran, at colleenm781@gmail.com. Thank you!

JOIN US TODAY!

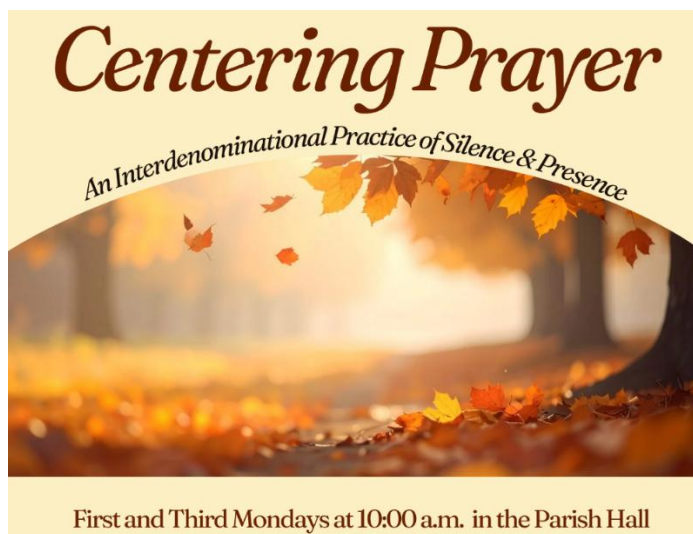


Please note the church office will be closed on Thursday, October 8th but messages will be checked. Thank you.

Cover art can be found at:

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**Centering prayer: Monday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m.
in the Parish Hall. Please join us! All are welcome!**



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Does a well-balanced spreadsheet make your heart sing? Do you find real joy in "crunching" numbers, digging into financials, or building a budget that actually balances? Maybe you even have accounting experience gathering dust? Good news: we have a *very* special place for you!

The Finance Committee (affectionately known as FINCOM) is Emmanuel's small-but-mighty band of number-lovers, led by our terrific Treasurer, Aimee Forsythe. They meet monthly to monitor the parish's financial health and make recommendations to the Vestry, who carries "overall fiduciary responsibility" for Emmanuel.

FINCOM is looking for a few good souls (bonus points if you already own a calculator) to join the team. If the Spirit – or your inner accountant – is nudging you, we'd love to hear from you.

Interested? Talk to Rev. Brett, Aimee Forsythe or let the church office know. Many thanks!



On Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 PM, Emmanuel will offer Choral Evensong in commemoration of St. Teresa of Ávila. Evensong is one of the beautiful traditions of the Anglican Church, a service in which much of the prayer is carried by the choir through music. It offers something increasingly rare: time to be still, to listen, and to simply be present.

Whether Evensong is a beloved tradition for you or something you've never experienced before, you're warmly invited to join us for this special evening of sacred music, prayer, and reflection.

All are welcome! Invite your friends and family to experience our beautiful choir.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE HELP

Are you interested in helping at our worship services? We invite you to consider volunteering to support our Sunday morning ministries as a reader, litanist, lay eucharistic minister or usher. New and longtime members are encouraged to join this important ministry. **Can you help?** Please talk to Rev. Brett or Lisa in the church office.



Kids Korner

Important Dates:

Sunday October 11th: No Kids Club- Indigenous Peoples' Weekend
Saturday October 17th: Marini Farm Outing!

(Contact Lauren Berry for more details)

Announcements:

Kids Club is expanding! Starting the week of October 18th we will be starting a youth ministry group targeting students in 5th grade and above. Kids Club members will return to the congregation for communion and will remain in church. After communion, youth ministry members will leave for their meeting. Thank you for your patience as we work through this transition to best serve members of all ages!

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.



NEW TO EMMANUEL?

We'd love to get to know you.

If you've joined us within the past year, come meet some people, ask questions, and get to know Emmanuel a little better at our quarterly **Newcomers Breakfast**.

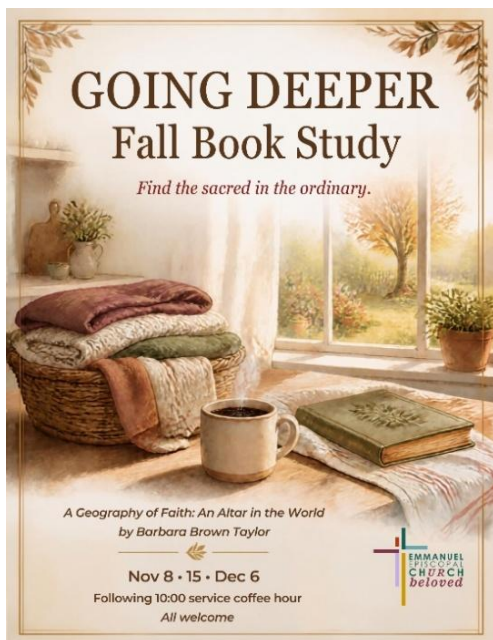


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

AFTER THE 10:00 AM SERVICE
CHOIR ROOM



Come as you are.
We're glad you're here.



Have you ever felt centered or connected somehow when on a walk? In your garden? Folding your laundry? Could it be a spiritual feeling, too, whether strong or vague? No doubt you, or someone you know, has expressed sensations of this kind at the peak of a mountain with a glorious view after a hike or viewing the Grand Canyon from the South Rim. Understandable! But might we feel these feelings in our other experiences, too? Like when you misunderstand the GPS and end up driving through a beautiful stretch of the country-side. Or when you feel pain. Or when you are encountering folks in your community running errands.

Intrigued? If so, then please join us in this fall's book study of *A Geography of Faith – An Altar in the World* by professor and former parish priest Barbara Brown Taylor, led by several members of our parish. Together, we are “Going Deeper” by seeing the events of our daily lives as opportunities to experience astounding grace and love of God. Mark your calendars for **November 8th, 15th, and December 6th** following the 10:00 a.m. service coffee hour. -We’d love to have you join us!



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 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Kids' Club Begins



Sunday, September 27th

Sundae Sunday
Ministry Fair during Coffee Hour



Thursday, October 1st

Soul Suppers Return



Sunday, October 4th

12:30 p.m. – Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 11th

Indigenous Peoples Sunday
Guest Preacher: Nikki Nash-MacIsaac
8:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer led by Colleen Moran
10:00 a.m. – Rite II service

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The most needed items for the month of October are Rice-A-Roni,
Near East Rice and Rice Pilaf.

PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2026

Sunday, October 4	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II Intergenerational Sunday
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	12:30 PM	Blessing of the Animals
Monday, October 5	10:00 AM	Centering Prayer
Tuesday, October 6	11:00 AM	Interment Phyllis Spence
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, October 7	12 Noon	Mystic Valley Clericus
	2:00 PM	Wardens' Meeting
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Thursday, October 8	11:30 AM	Interment Dutchy Goossen
	6:00 PM	Altar Guild
Saturday, October 10	4:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, October 11	8:00 AM	Morning Prayer – Led by Colleen Moran and Nikki Nash-MacIsaac Preaching
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II- Nikki Nash-MacIsaac Preaching
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	6:00 PM	Emmanuel Hosts EfM Group from Epiphany

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





**Save the Date:
Emmanuel's 3rd Annual Gala & Silent Auction
November 6, 2026!**

Join us on Friday, November 6, 2026 from 7-9 PM in our Parish Hall for an evening of fellowship, fun, and giving! Tickets are \$25 per person, \$40 per couple, or \$50 for a family.

We Need Your Help!

We're already seeking donations for our silent auction! Gift cards, artwork, handmade items, homemade baked goods, professional services, unique experiences, and wine or gourmet baskets are all welcome. All donations are tax-deductible and donors will be recognized in our auction.

Contact us at fundraising@emmanuelwakefield.org to donate or with any questions. Let's make our 3rd Annual Gala our best yet!



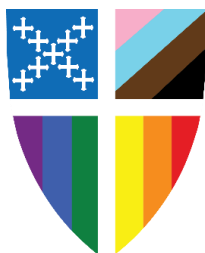
OUR MISSION:

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



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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Organist and Music Director: Luca Cantone 332-209-8432

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Co-Warden: Kim Collins (she/her) 339-224-8455

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

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