

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts
The First Sunday in Lent**



February 22, 2026
10:00 AM

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
WITH GREAT LITANY**

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 *Out of the depths I cry unto thee*

attr. Christian Geist
(1640-1711)

WELCOME

THE GREAT LITANY - (*see the note on page 23*)

(the congregation kneels or stands in an attitude of prayer)

The congregation and choir will sing the bolded responses.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both

by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (*or of this nation*), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing

good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32

The Psalm will be sung by the choir.

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of
trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned~ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made

sinner, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #148 vs. 1&5 *Creator of the earth and skies*



1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the
2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -
3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age
4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of
5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us
2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -
3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man
4 know - ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -
5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.
2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.
3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.
4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.
5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

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GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 4:1-11

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

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of

God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,
‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

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**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.

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 *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley*

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
He had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
He had to walk it by himself.*

*We must walk this lonesome valley;
We have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
We have to walk it by ourselves.*

*You must go and stand your trial;
You have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
You have to stand it by yourself.*

DOXOLOGY #143 vs.5 *The glory of these forty days* (all singing)

* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Leiden*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: *Missa Deus Genitor Alme*



Hó-ly, * Hó-ly, Hó-ly Lórd Gód of hósts. Héaven and éarth are
fúll of thy gló-ry. Glóry be to thée, O Lórd most hígh. Bléssed is hé
that cómeth in the Námé of the Lórd. Ho-sán - na in the hígh-est.

The people stand or kneel.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



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Amen.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give

us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS Missa *Deus Genitor Alme*

O Lámb of Gód,* that tá-kest a-wáy the síns of the wórlđ,
have mér-cy up-ón us.

O Lámb of Gód,* that tá-kest a-wáy the síns of the wórlđ,
have mér-cy up-ón us.

O Lámb of Gód,* that tá-kest a-wáy the síns of the wórlđ,
gránt us thy péáce.

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 HYMN #147 *Now let us all with one accord*



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has
4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in
5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,
4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -
5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt. James Quinn, SJ. Printed by permission of Geoffrey Chapman, a division of Cassell Ltd. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938).

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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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.

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Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #149 *Eternal lord of love*

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for unison or harmony in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line starting on the first staff and the second and third lines starting on the second staff. The lyrics are: 1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church; 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self; 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise, walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent, so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love, you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

Words: Thomas H. Cain (b. 1931)

Music: *Old 124th*, melody *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551;
 harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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DISMISSAL

Seminarian: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Please join us after the service for coffee hour in the parish hall hosted by Joanne Crowe and Geoff Blackett.

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

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Seminarian Intern:	Karen Aalto
Lector:	Chris Healy
Eucharistic Ministers:	Dawn Jackson and Amy Walsh
Usher:	Eddie Parsons
Altar Guild:	Dawn Jackson & Cynthia Peach
Vestry Greeter:	Aimee Forsythe
Streaming Coordinator:	Pete McCann
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in gratitude for our faith community of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, here in Wakefield from Sioban and George Haldeman.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

We pray for healing for those on the parish prayer list, including: Geoff Blackett, Donna Boudreau, Debbie Bourne, Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, Wallie Cook, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John and Richard DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Claudette Forss, David Fieldhouse, Connor Gallagher, Mary Gasson, Kristen Goddard, Louise Haldeman, Heidi, Karen Dodd Howard, JD, CJ, Jack Jephson, Ted Jobe, Ginny Johnson, 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, JP Quinn, Susan Quinn, Rebecca, Alison Shaw, Timothy Springer, Trudy, Vanessa, Amy Walsh, Bill & Jan, Kelly, 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 during communion and after the service.

THE GREAT LITANY

One of the great tenets of our Anglican tradition is that prayer is shared and available for all, hence “Common Prayer.” In 1544, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer published the first of such common prayers, called *The Litany*. (Cranmer was the chief architect of the first *Book of Common Prayer*, published a few years later in 1549.) In our 1979 prayer book (the red book in our pews), we are instructed to pray *The Great Litany* on special days, including the first Sunday of Lent.

At both services this Sunday, we will pray this ancient intercessory prayer. I invite you to settle into the spirit and rhythm of the words and allow the Holy Spirit to transport you into the heart of God alongside the communion of saints who have prayed these prayers for centuries.

This *Great Litany* is intended to be chanted. At large churches, the choir and priest(s) would chant while circumnavigating the sanctuary in procession. We will *not* be circling the church! It is a solemn entrance to the first Sunday in the holy season of Lent.

When there is Litany, there are no Prayers of the People. They will return next Sunday. I invite you to pray for those on our Parish Prayer List throughout the week.

INQUIRERS CLASS STARTS TODAY

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. Join Rev. Brett today after the 10:00 a.m. service in his office if you are interested. Remember, all are not just welcome; all are *wanted and belong!*



The new *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei* this Sunday are from a plainsong setting for Advent and Lent, *Missa Deus Genitor Alme*; they are better known as chants from the Requiem Mass. Dating from around the 12th century, they lack the melismatic (multiple notes per syllable) elaboration of other plainsong masses—like the *Missa cum Jubilo*, portions of which we sang in the autumn. In this respect they are similar to David Hurd’s “New Plainsong” settings in our Hymnal, which we have used in Lent in past years.

Despite their extreme austerity, these chants provide the core musical material for one of the triumphs of choral music in the 20th century, Maurice Durufle’s *Requiem*; I look forward to their being part of our Lenten journey this year at Emmanuel!

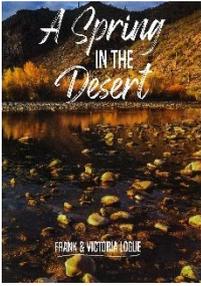
NEWCOMERS BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 28TH

Are you new (or feeling new) to the Emmanuel family? If so, we would like to give you an opportunity to connect with other newcomers, and to hear from you about ways in which we can help you and future newcomers feel at home in this community. If you have begun attending Emmanuel in the last year or so (or longer but still feel like a newcomer), please join the Welcome Team for a breakfast gathering on Saturday, February 28 at 9 a.m. in the parish hall. We’ll provide some information and answer questions, but mostly spend time getting to know each other a little better. If you plan to come, please RSVP to welcome@emmanuelwakefield.org.

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

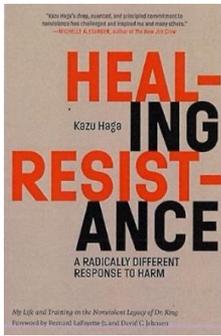
The Wakefield Food Pantry most needed item for the month of February is jarred pasta sauce.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



Frank and Victoria Logue offer a Lenten journey inspired by the many passages of scripture that use images of water in the desert as a sign of the healing and wholeness that come through God alone. To this they add the distilled wisdom of the Desert Mothers and Fathers and the surprisingly rich inspiration of the plants and animals that thrive in an arid land. Along the way, they will share the ways our faith speaks to the barren places in our lives and how those times of drought can be a source of strength.

Rev. Brett has purchased several copies of the devotional. Please ask him or Lisa if you would like a copy.



Out Lenten Book Study lead by Karen Aalto continues Monday night at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. All are welcome to join even if you missed the first meeting or haven't done the reading.



Join Rev. Brett and Seminarian Karen Aalto on **Sunday, March 15th** after the 10:00 AM service for a Bible Study on *Three Days that Changed Everything: Holy Week's Best-Kept Secret*.

While Still Far Off...

A Lenten Quiet Day on the Compassion of God

Through Scripture, silence, reflection, and Eucharist, experience the compassion that restores our souls and sends us forth renewed.

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newburyport
Saturday, March 7, 2026, 9:30am - 2:30pm

Led by The Reverend Brett R. Johnson

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PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Sunday, February 22	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	11:30 AM	Inquirers' Class
Monday, February 23	10:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer
	7:00 PM	Lent Book Study on Zoom <i>The 6 Principles of Nonviolence</i>
Tuesday, February 24	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Canterbury Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 25	2:00 PM	Wardens' Meeting
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thursday, February 26	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Saturday, February 28	9:00 AM	Newcomer's Breakfast
	1:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, March 1	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 – Intergenerational Sunday
	11:30 AM	Inquirers' Class

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OUR MISSION:

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



OUR VISION:

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



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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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