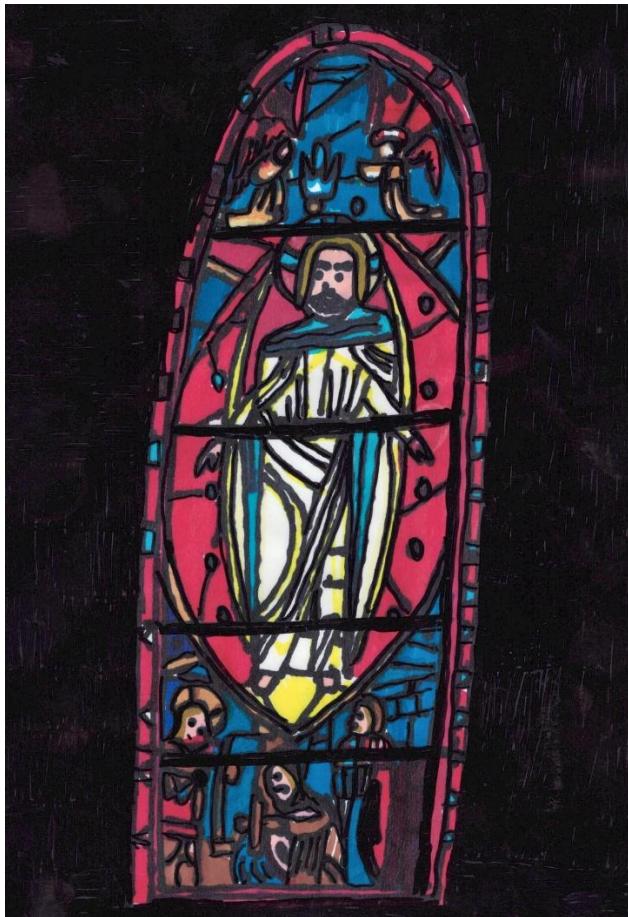


Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday



February 15, 2026
10:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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

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

If this is your first time with us or your first time back in a while, please fill out the visitor’s card in the pew or the Narthex (the entrance hall). We are a friendly family, so please introduce yourself to everyone, especially our rector, Reverend Brett.

A Note about Communion

The most important thing to know is that *you are welcome*. God invites you to be fed. All are welcome at the altar rail. Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward, and we will come to you.

The options for receiving wine include the chalice or intinction (dipping cup, a separate cup). In our tradition, we believe that taking communion in one kind – taking the bread – bestows the full benefit of the sacrament. Therefore, you may choose not to take the wine. If you would not like to receive, we encourage you to come forward, cross your arms across your chest, and allow the clergy to bless you. We offer consecrated gluten-free wafers and a non-alcohol alternative; simply let the clergy know.

Remember: this is God’s table and you are welcome to meet God here!

A Note about Children

We *love* all our children. Most Sundays, we have childcare for the littlest ones alongside our Kids’ Club in their special place off the Parish Hall. We encourage your children to gather with their peers there, guided by our team of leaders. Once a month, usually the first Sunday, our children join us in the sanctuary to lead us as ushers and readers and assist Rev. Brett at the altar during Communion.

All children are welcome in the sanctuary! We ask that their big people help to teach them that this is a sacred space for quiet play and quiet voices. This helps ensure we honor those who need to worship in quiet.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #137 *O wondrous type! O vision fair*

Descant

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: Glory to God for ever and ever!

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

GLORIA #S280

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 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.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding

by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON EXODUS 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

PSALM 99

The Psalm will be sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by
The Rev. Robert Brisco Earée (1846-1928)

THE Lord is King, be the people never so unpatient : he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.

2 The Lord is great in Sion : and high above all people.

3 They shall give thanks unto thy Name : which is great, wonderful, and holy.

4 The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity : thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

5 O magnify the Lord our God : and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name : these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.

7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar : for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

8 Thou heardest them, O Lord our God : thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.

9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill : for the Lord our God is holy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SECOND LESSON 2 PETER 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #129 vss. 1&3 Christ upon the mountain peak

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GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 17:1-9

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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 VI

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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.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world. O God of our salvation, our hearts cry out to you, for all those in the path of political violence, both here and across the globe. Intercede, we pray, and show us a path toward peace for all people.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation. 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.

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Everliving God, in every generation you cause fresh winds to renew, refresh, and refine your people and in your Word summon us to live courageously as Easter people in an often Good Friday world. Defend us in our own day to make no peace with oppression; that boldly following the example of your servants Absalom Jones, the first Black priest in The Episcopal Church, who labored for liberation, dignity, and racial justice, and Barbara Clementine Harris, chosen bishop in your church, we may strive not for ease or fame but gladly toil and walk with you all along our pilgrim journey;

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Julia our Bishop; Mary and Ian our Assisting Bishops and for all bishops and other ministers. Merciful God, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the following churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery: Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston; The Crossing; MANNA Community; The Cathedral Chapter; Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry Postulants; and Candidates for Holy Orders including our beloved Seminarian Candidate for Holy Orders, Karen Aalto.

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Geoff Blackett, Donna Boudreau, Debbie Bourne, Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John and Richard DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Matthew Dyer, David Fieldhouse, Connor Gallagher, Mary Gasson, Kristen Goddard, Louise Haldeman, Heidi, Karen Dodd Howard, JD, CJ, Jack Jephson, Ted Jobe, Ginny Johnson, Tim Kelsey, Kevin, Larry, Ken Leach, Carol Lynch, Kevin MacKenzie, Keith Manville, Mark Martino, Don McCarter, Sara Murphy, Neil, Steve Newman, Judith Oder, Jim O'Reilly, Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Dustin Pollard, Mo Pollman, Susan Quinn, Rebecca, Linda Russo, Timothy Springer, Trudy, Vanessa, Amy Walsh, Bill & Jan, Kelly, and Alan Wright.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We especially remember Dorothy Broeg in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given today.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSON - *Enriching Our Worship*

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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Celebrant: Christ is already here making peace among us.
The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The community shares a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

Harold Darke

Words by Charles Wesley

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

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

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

DOXOLOGY (all singing)

Old 100th

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Expansive Language

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

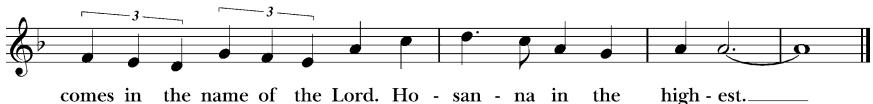
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS #S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

AGNUS #S163



Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a blessing.

Prayers for healing are also offered.

Choir members will receive communion first.

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Jamie Apgar

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,

O Thou of God and man the Son,

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,

Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
 Fairer still the moonlight,
 And all the twinkling starry host;
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
 Than all the angels heaven can boast.
 All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly,
 wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
 none can be nearer, fairer or dearer
 than thou, my Savior, art to me.

COMMUNION HYMN Christ, be our light

REFRAIN

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Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Be careful as you go out into God's creation,
for it does not belong to you.

Be gentle with yourself and with one another,
for you are the dwelling place of the Most High God.

Be alert and hesitant,
for sometimes God is but a whisper.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #135 *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the soprano voice and the bottom staff is for the basso continuo. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (G major). The soprano part features a mix of eighth and sixteenth-note patterns, while the basso continuo part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and simple eighth-note patterns.

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thec ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 an - thems be to thec ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man-i - fest.

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DISMISSAL

Seminarian: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
 People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE *Paean*

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

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**Please join us after the service for a Loaves & Fishes
potluck coffee hour in the parish hall.**

*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:	Melissa Malone
Litanist:	Elizabeth Downs
Eucharistic Ministers:	Eddie Parsons and Amy Walsh
Usher:	Dawn Jackson
Altar Guild:	Jen Miles and Lisa Ventura
Vestry Greeter:	Amy Walsh
Streaming Coordinator:	Dave McSweeney
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



The flowers decorating our altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her Nana, Dorothy Broeg, by Amy Walsh.

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.

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

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

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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN EPISCOPALIAN? JOIN US 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 for a short introductory meeting and informal conversation for you to discern if you'd like to join. Remember, all are not just welcome; all are *wanted and belong!*

10:00 A.M. COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee Hour hosts are needed after the 10:00 a.m. service on March 15th, and beyond in 2026. Connect with a friend, invite your Team members, go solo—anything works! Thank you so much for providing fellowship and sustenance to our beloved tradition. If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall or contact Colleen Moran or Lisa Ventura to sign up.



Kids Korner

Important Dates:
Sunday February 15th: No Kids Club- Presidents' Day Weekend
Tuesday February 17th: Pancakes and PJ celebration!
Wednesday February 18th: Ash Wednesday
Sunday March 1st: Intergenerational Sunday

Announcements:
Thank you to all who brought cans of soup for our SOUPer bowl drive! We are currently in the process of coordinating a drop off with the food pantry so that the Kids Club members can see the pantry, understand the needs of our community and feel more connected to our Little Free Pantry. Our curriculum is now moving to teachings of Lent as we approach Ash Wednesday; we are looking forward to learning how to feel more connected to God during this sacred season!

6 Week Lenten Book
study series
Mondays via Zoom 7-8pm
Begins February 16!

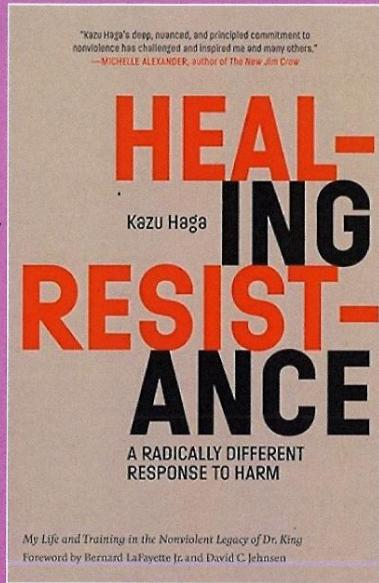
Nonviolence was once considered the highest form of activism and radical change. And yet its basic truth, its restorative power, has been forgotten.

Join us as we introduce and explore the healing principles of nonviolent philosophy and practice.

The program will be led by seminarian Karen Aalto, and no pre-preparation is required to participate.

The book is available for purchase [online](#).

Please contact Lisa in the church office for the Zoom link.



belong...be loved...flourish

Rev. Brett has purchased a couple of copies of this book. If you need one, please let him or Lisa know. The Zoom link will be sent out on Monday.

Pancakes & PJ's

FOR SHROVE TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.



COME IN YOUR PJ'S
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you to Eric Dannenberg who has volunteered to coordinate this event. We are looking for volunteers to help with cooking, serving, set-up and clean-up. If you can help, please let Eric or Lisa in the office know or arrive at the church at 5:00 PM on Tuesday.



ASH WEDNESDAY

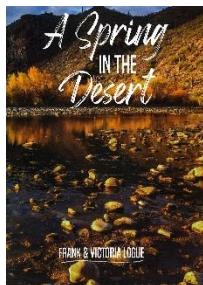
FEBRUARY 18TH

7:30 AM Service at Emmanuel w/Communion & Imposition of Ashes

12:00 noon Traditional BCP service at St. Paul's, Lynnfield

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The sanctuary will be open for private prayer and contemplation. Rev. Brett will also be available for imposition of ashes

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

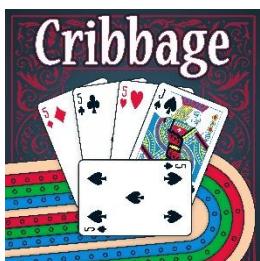


Jesus stepped out of the water of baptism into uninhabitable wilderness, emerging forty days later to offer the water of life for those thirsting for God's presence. A little more than two centuries later, a group of Christians withdrew from a spiritually barren Roman Empire to find their faith blossom in the stony soil of the Egyptian desert.

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. The daily writing begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18, 2026.

CRIBBAGE CLUB STARTS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH



Love a good 15-2? Join our monthly Cribbage Club! Whether you're a seasoned "pegger" or haven't touched a deck of cards in years, we'd love to have you. We meet on the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. No experience necessary—we're happy to teach you the ropes! Bring your own cribbage board if you have one!

LENTEN QUIET DAY HOPE AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

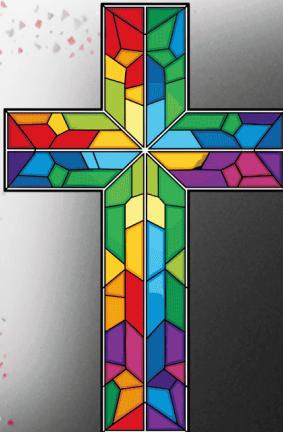
with The Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes
Pastor, Poet, and Author of *Unfolding Light*

Saturday, February 21, from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Emmanuel Episcopal Church

In times of political upheaval, climate crisis, and uncertainty, how do we cultivate hope?

What if hope isn't just a feeling, but a spiritual practice—an act of resistance rooted in something absolute?

Join us for a day of prayer, contemplation, and community as we explore hope as a Lenten discipline.



Open to all
iventura@emmanuelwakefield.org



If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or let Lisa in the office know.

NEWCOMERS BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 28

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.

Join us for a Lenten Quiet Day
as we rediscover the Good News
and let it empower us.

Saturday, February 28
10am – 2pm
Lunch provided

Please RSVP at
carol@gracemedford.org



While Still Far Off...

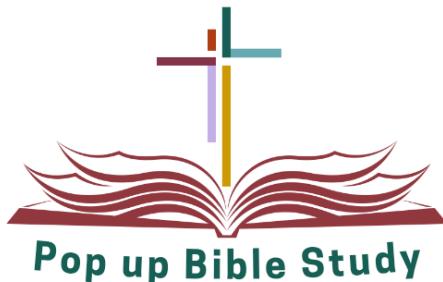
A Lenten Quiet Day on the Compassion of God



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

Companions of the Society of the Holy Cross
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newburyport
Saturday, March 7, 2026, 9:30am - 2:30pm

Led by The Reverend Brett R. Johnson



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.*

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CASSEROLE NIGHT

03.20.2026

7 - 9 pm

\$20 pp
Kids Free

- Homemade Comfort Food
- Friendly Competition
- Great Prizes

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The invitation features a black background with white and red text. It includes a blue circular logo for the church. Below the church name, there are five bingo circles with the letters B, I, N, G, and O. The word 'CASSEROLE NIGHT' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below the date and time, there are two red speech bubbles: one for the price and one for the time. The bottom section has a blue background with white text and a red speech bubble. It also includes images of casseroles and a salad.

PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Sunday, February 15	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
	11:30 AM	Inquirers' Class
Monday, February 16	7:00 PM	Lent Book Study on Zoom <i>The 6 Principles of Nonviolence</i>
Tuesday, February 17	4:45 PM	Horizon House
	6:00 PM	Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes & PJ's Supper
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 18	7:30 AM	Ash Wednesday Service
	12:00 NOON	Traditional BCP service at St. Paul's, Lynnfield
	2:00 PM	Sanctuary open for private prayer until 4:00 p.m.
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thursday, February 19	6:00 PM	Cribbage Club
Saturday, February 21	9:00 AM	Lenten Quiet Day
	1:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, February 22	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

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





OUR MISSION:

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



OUR VISION:

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



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Rector:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson (he/him) 978-206-1788
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Co-Warden:	Kim Collins (she/her) 339-224-8455
Co-Warden:	Beth Martin (she/her) 781-308-3474

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

Land Acknowledgement

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

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