

Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
Easter Sunday



*Christ is Risen!*

Sunday, April 5, 2026  
10:00 AM – 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, intinction (dipping cup, a separate cup), and the non-alcohol alternative; simply let the clergy know. If you would not like to receive, we encourage you to come forward, cross your arms across your chest, and allow the clergy to bless you. Our Altar Bread is Gluten Free.

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

**A Note about Children**

We *love* all our children. This morning, we have childcare for the littlest ones 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 *Allegretto Pastorale*  
*Capriccio*

John E. West (1863-1927)  
Rosalie Bonington (1946-2011)

CHORAL INTROIT *Alleluia, come, good people*

Katherine K. Davis

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, good people, now give ear!  
Tidings wondrous.  
All mankind today shall hear.*

*Over valley, over mountain, Let the joyful news be spread!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead, is risen from the dead!*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #207 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## WELCOME

## EASTER ACCLAMATION (SAID 3X)

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Children are invited to come forward and decorate the cross.*

GLORIA # S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

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.

**God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death: fill your church with faith and hope, for a new day has dawned and the way of life stands before us; through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. Amen** (*Common Worship: Additional Collects* (2004) alt.)

## FIRST LESSON JEREMIAH 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,  
the Lord appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.  
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!  
Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.  
Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.  
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
“Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the Lord our God.”

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

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Anglican chant by Thomas Turton

*The Psalm will be sung by the choir.*

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,  
‘His mercy endures for ever.’
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 Joyful shouts of salvation  
sound from the tents of the righteous:
- 16 ‘The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;  
the right hand of the Lord raises up;  
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.’
- 17 I shall not die, but live  
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he has not given me over to death.

- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## SECOND LESSON COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN #190 *Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary*



1	Lift	your	voice	re - joic - ing,	Ma - ry,	Christ has
2	Raise	your	wea - ry	eye - lids,	Ma - ry,	see him
3	Life	is	yours	for ev - er,	Ma - ry,	for your



ris - en from the tomb; on the cross a suf - fer-  
 ing liv - ing ev - er - more; see his coun - te - nance, how  
 light is come once more and the strength of death is  
 vic - tim, now as vic - tor he is come. Whom your  
 gra - cious, see the wounds for you he bore. All the  
 bro - ken; now your songs of joy out - pour. End - ed  
 tears in death were mourn - ing, wel - come with your smiles re -  
 glo - ry of the mourn - ing pales be - fore those wounds re -  
 now the night of sor - row, love has brought the bless - ed  
 turn - ing. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!  
 deem - ing. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!  
 mo - rrow. Let your al - le - lu - ias rise!

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## GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 20:1-18

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a

place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON THE REV. BRETT R. JOHNSON

HYMN #182 vs. 1,3, & 5 *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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## 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

O God, with faces touched by the light of a new day, and hearts warmed by our prayers and praises, we come before you to pray for the needs of our world.

Into the light of Easter morning, we raise those who are struggling with illness, with despair over their lives or relationships. We pray for the isolated among us, and those who are despondent and fearful. We also ask that the Prince of Peace strengthen our resolve to counter the sins of racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and misogyny, as well as thoughts and actions against women and 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. Give to the sick your healing, and to the suffering your hope, especially those who asked us for prayer on our Prayer List and those we hold in our hearts.

May your steadfast love support all who call upon you.

**May the light of Christ shine upon them.**

Into the light of Easter morning, we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world and we bring the headline news of our world. Merciful God, our hearts cry out to you for all those in the path of political violence, both here and across the globe. We pray especially for those in fierce war zones and for those on all sides experiencing conflict. Intercede, we pray and show us a path toward peace for all people.

Prince of Peace, may your light shine upon them.

**May the light of Christ shine upon them.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake. Today we pray for Ruth's Way for Women, our coffee hour recipient this month.

**May the light of Christ shine upon them.**

Into the light of Easter morning, we pray for all who have died and those in whose names the Easter flowers are given.

**May the light of Christ shine upon them.**

And into the light of Easter morning, we bring ourselves, our private struggles, our heart's yearnings, our hidden dreams, and our unfulfilled potential.

**May the light of Christ shine upon us.**

**Officiant:** Hear our prayers for those who are close to our hearts. In your resurrecting power, lift them up and give them renewed strength and hope; and give to us all new faith by which to live our days with you. **Amen**

(adapted from prayers by *Ann Siddall and Stillpoint*)

CONFESSIO*N* - *Enriching Our Worship*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

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

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

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.

*Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Easter Song of Praise* Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

*Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing;  
Around God's throne exult in harmony.  
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave:  
Salute your king in glorious symphony.*

*Sing, choirs of earth. Behold, your light has come;  
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!  
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death:  
The night is past; the day of life is here.*

*Sing, church of God! Exult with joy outpoured;  
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won.  
Your Saviour lives, he's with you ever more:  
Let all God's people shout the long Amen!*

## DOXOLOGY

Tune #400


***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B


#S120 *Lift up your hearts*

*Celebrant* *People*




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*




Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

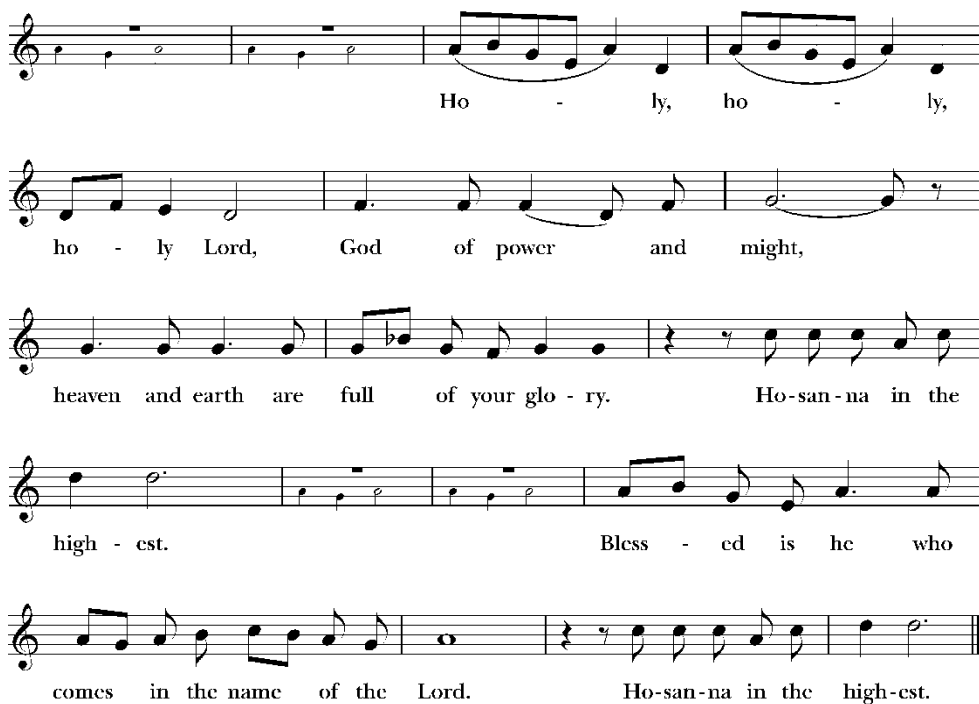
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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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

SANCTUS #S128 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-cst.

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*The people stand or kneel.*

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



him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

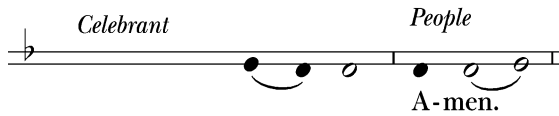
**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

# S142 *The Great 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION HYMN #S-171

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*



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

*Cantor*



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



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

*Cantor*

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,  
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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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.*

***Our altar bread is gluten free.***

*Prayers for healing are also offered.*

*Choir members will receive communion first.*

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing*

Malcolm Archer

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing, Now is the triumph of our King!*

*To all the world glad news we bring, Alleluia!*

*The Lord of life is ris'n for aye; bring flow'rs of song to strew his way;*

*Let all the world rejoice and say, Alleluia!*

*Praise we in songs of victory, that Love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high, Alleluia!*

*The name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored, Alleluia!*

HYMN #189 *Love's redeeming work is done*



1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the  
 2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is  
 3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex -



bat - tle won. Death in vain for - bids him rise;  
 now thy sting? Once he died our souls to save,  
 alt - ed Head; made like him, like him we rise,



Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

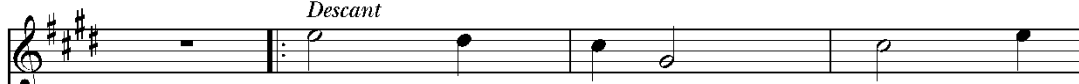


al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_  
 al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_  
 al - le - lu - (ia!) ia! \_\_\_\_\_

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HYMN #178 *Jesus is Lord of all the earth*

*Descant*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

Praise to his Name. Name.  
Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
Now we shall live for ev - er.  
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.*

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

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

## BLESSING

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

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

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

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

## CLOSING HYMN #175 *Hail thee, festival day!*

*Refrain*

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for -  
ev - er, day where - on Christ a - rose, break - ing the

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

king - dom of death. death.

*First time only* | 2

1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the  
 3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the  
 5 God the cre - a - tor, the Lord, who — rul - est the  
 7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now — flow in us,

win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good  
 glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her  
 earth and the hea - vens, guard us from  
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost

gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:  
 gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:  
 harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:  
 light - en — all, life that in all dost a - bide:

*Repeat Refrain*

2 He who was nailed to the cross is — Lord and the  
 4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of  
 6 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our  
 8 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou — Love who art

ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on  
 life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of  
 minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -  
 au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our



earth sing to the glo - ry of God:  
death, life thou be - stow - est on all:  
preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:  
souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

*The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.*

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## DISMISSAL

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

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Postlude in C*

Henry Smart (1813-1879)

**Please join us after the service for coffee hour in the Parish Hall  
hosted by The Rev. Brett Johnson, and David McSweeney.**

*This month's coffee hour recipient is Ruth's Way for Women*

**And an Easter Egg Hunt for children hosted by The Vestry.**

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for creating our beautiful Garden of Repose.*

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## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist and Music Director:	Luca Cantone
Seminarian Intern:	Karen Aalto
Lector:	Darryl Abbey
Litanist:	Elizabeth Downs
Eucharistic Minister:	Paul LaSpina and Amy Walsh
Choir:	Karen Aalto, Darryl Abbey, Gail Abbey, George Haldeman, Donald Hodgkins, Faith Hodgkins, David McSweeney, Debra Plummer, Sarah Roehrich and Jeff Workman
Altar Guild:	Joanne Crowe, Faith Hodgkins, Carol Johnson, Erin Nobles, Cynthia Peach and Lisa Ventura.
Usher:	Dawn Jackson and Eddie Parsons
Greeter:	Eddie Parsons
Streaming Coordinator:	Dave McSweeney
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen

*The Easter flowers decorating our altar and church are given to the glory of God  
for those listed in our Easter insert.*

## EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

John Aalto, Donna Boudreau, Debbie Bourne, Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, Wallie Cook, Patrick Joseph Crowe, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John and Richard DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Matthew Dyer, David Fieldhouse, Michael Flynn, Connor Gallagher, Mary Gasson, Kristen Goddard, Michelle Hager, Louise Haldeman, Heidi, Karen Dodd Howard, JD, CJ, Jen, Jack Jephson, Ted Jobe, Ginny Johnson, Tim Kelsey, Kevin, Ken Leach, Linda, Kevin MacKenzie, Keith Manville, Mark Martino, Don McCarter, Sara Murphy, Neil, Gayle Gammon Nelson, Steve Newman, Judith Oder, Jim O'Reilly, Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Dustin Pollard, JP Quinn, Rebecca, Linda Russo, Tommi-Lee, Trudy, Amy Walsh, Bill & Jan, Vicky Wegweiser, Kelly, and Alan Wright.



HOSTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PFLAG  
THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH  
DINNER AT 6:00 PM  
PROGRAM AT 6:45 PM

## From Bystander to Upstander



Learn how to  
speak up, stand  
with others,  
and help create  
safer spaces for  
LGBTQ+  
people.

This interactive workshop is for all ages—whether you're a parent, teen, ally, or simply someone who wants to show up with more courage & compassion.

### What You'll Learn

- How to recognize when someone is being treated unfairly for being LGBTQ+
- Why it can feel hard to speak up—and how to move through that
- Simple, safe ways to interrupt harmful behavior
- How to respond to negativity online in a constructive way
- How to help create respectful, inclusive spaces in your community

To attend, please RSVP to Lisa at [LVENTURA@EMMANUELWAKEFIELD.ORG](mailto:LVENTURA@EMMANUELWAKEFIELD.ORG)

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or email the office. If you can contribute something for the dinner – main or side dish, salad, desserts or drinks, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or let Lisa in office know. Thank you.

**The church office will be closed this week. Email and phone messages will be checked regularly. If you have a pastoral need, please contact Lisa at 781-526-9777.**

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



## PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2026

Sunday, April 5-Easter Sunday	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	Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday, April 8	11:00 AM	Wardens' Meeting
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Worship Advisory Team
Thursday, April 9	6:00 PM	Soul Supper with PFLAG
Friday, April 10	2:00 PM	Canterbury Executive Committee
Saturday, April 11	1:00 PM	Kids' Club visits Brightview
	1:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, April 12	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Kids' Club
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II- Intergenerational Sunday
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour



# Kids Korner

**Important Dates**  
Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday Service  
Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>: Brightview visit!  
Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>: Intergenerational Service  
Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>: No Kids Club- Spring Vacation week

**Announcements:**  
We are so excited to have our first community visit on the books! Kids Club members will be visiting Brightview Senior Center at 1:00 on April 11<sup>th</sup> to engage with residents and spread joy. Please let us know if you would like to join!



#### 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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