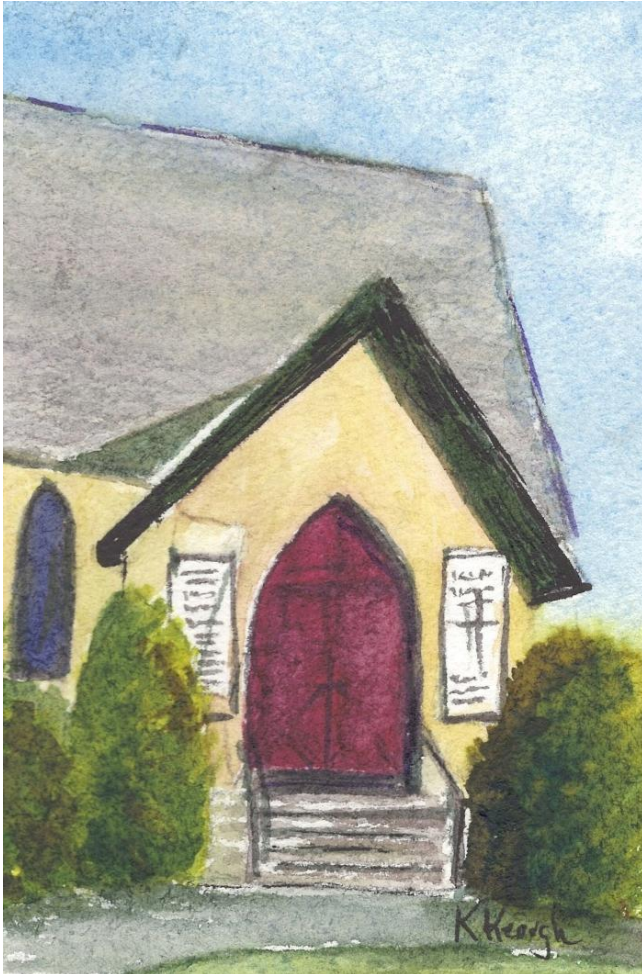


Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

The Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost



November 16, 2025

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.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #632 O Christ, the Word Incarnate



1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,



O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;



we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.



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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

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

A SONG OF PRAISE #S236

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

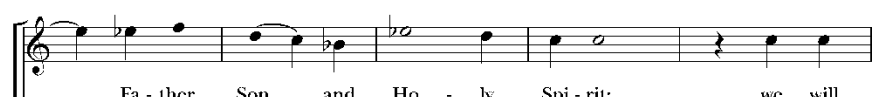
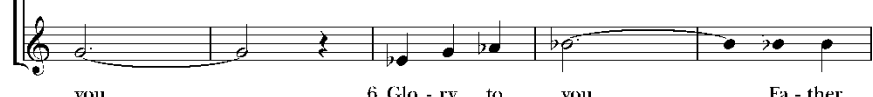
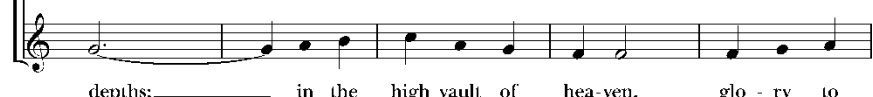
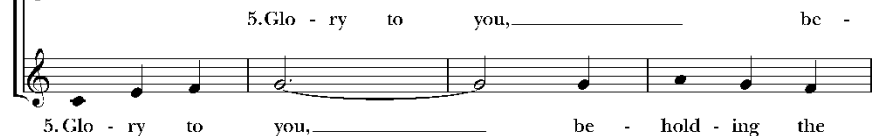
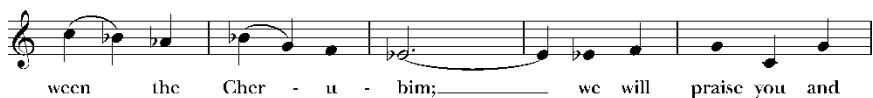
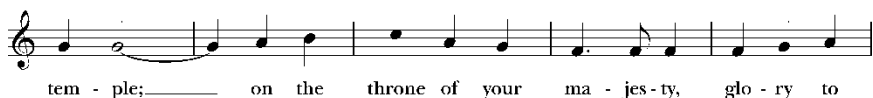
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your





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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: MALACHI 4:1-2A

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who reverence my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

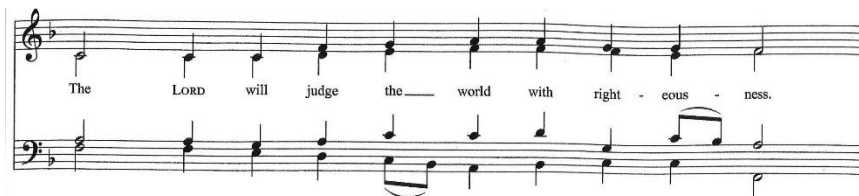
The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

*The Psalm will be sung by the congregation and choir.
The choir will sing the Antiphon first followed by the congregation. Then the
choir will sing the verses and the congregation will
sing the Antiphon.*

ANTIPHON



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ANTIPHON (Choir once, then all sing)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

ANTIPHON (all)

- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

ANTIPHON (all)

- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 *Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, **
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 *Let the rivers clap their hands, **
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 *In righteousness shall he judge the world **
and the peoples with equity.

ANTIPHON (all)

SECOND LESSON: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS #13 *My Lord, What a Morning*
(Sung three times)

Harmony

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, — O

my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall.

Fine

GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 21:5-19

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great

earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the following churches of the Taunton River Deanery: Bristol Trinity Episcopal Church, North Easton; St. Thomas' Church, Taunton; Trinity Church, Wrentham; and Deputies to Provincial Synod.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Our hearts cry out to you, Lord, 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. Lord, we plead for your mercy, healing, and strength for all those recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Melissa.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Today we also pray for The Wakefield Food Pantry, our coffee hour recipient this month.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation; especially those on our parish prayer list: Kristin Baird, Donna Boudreau, Bob, Bruna, Cathie Cardelucci, Lydia Cedrone, Ann Daily, John and Richard DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Evelyn Bourne Fell, David Fieldhouse, Connor Gallagher, Kristen Goddard, Gwen, Louise Haldeman, Lester Hartman, Heidi, Karen Dodd Howard, JD, Jeffrey, Jack Jephson, Ted Jobe, Ginny Johnson, Jordan, Mike & Tim Kelsey, Larry, Ken Leach, Linda, Kevin MacKenzie, Mark Martino, Mary, Don McCarter, Sara Murphy, T.A.N, Neil, Steve Newman, Jim O'Reilly, Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, PJ, Dustin Pollard, Mo Pollman, Susan Quinn, Tony R., Rebecca, Timothy Springer, Trudy, Vanessa, Amy Walsh, Bill & Jan Walsh, and Kelly Wood.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We especially remember Carolyn Albano in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given today.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CONFESSION *Enriching Our Worship*

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Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

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

Stewardship Update

THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Ain't Got Time to Die*

Hall Johnson

*Lord, I keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,
Ain't got time to die.*

*'Cause when I'm healin' de sick,
I'm praisin' my Jesus,
Ain't got time to die.*

Refrain

*'Cause it takes all o' ma time
To praise my Jesus,
All o' ma time
To praise my Lord.
If I don' praise Him
The rocks gonter cry out,
"Glory an' honor,
Glory an' honor!"
Ain't got time to die.*

*Lord, I keep so busy workin' fer de Kingdom,
Ain't got time to die.*

*'Cause when I'm feedin' the po',
I'm workin' fer de Kingdom,
Ain't got time to die.*

Refrain

Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Master,
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm givin' my all,
I'm servin' my Master,
Ain't got time to die.

Refrain

Now, won't you git out o' ma way,
Lemme praise my Jesus?
Git out o' ma way,
Lemme praise my Lord.
If I don' praise Him
The rocks gonter cry out,
"Glory an' honor,
Glory an' honor!"
Ain't got time to die.

DOXOLOGY (all singing) To the tune of 400 *Lasst uns erfreuen*

***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 3 –

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS LEVAS #255

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

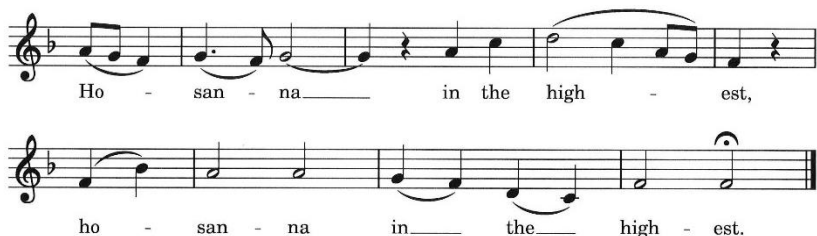
ho - ly Lord God _____ of hosts _____

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

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

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

of the Lord _____ of the Lord, _____



From *A Mass for a Soulful People* Grayson Warren Brown (1948-2023)

The people stand or kneel.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave us your son Jesus, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, (Lord's Prayer,
Contemporary)

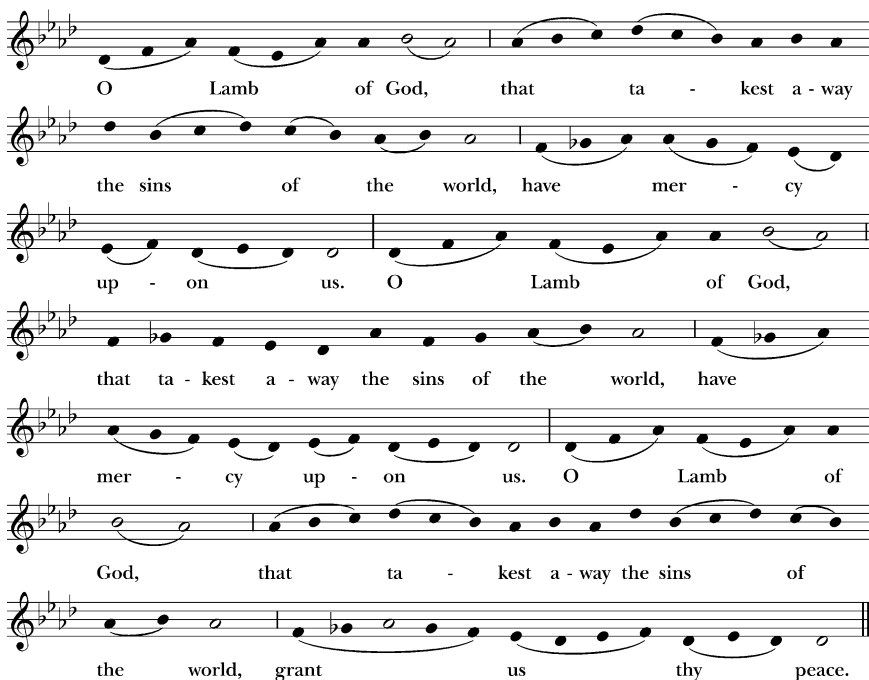
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

AGNUS DEI #S159



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy
up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of
the world, grant us thy 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 *Thee we adore* T. Frederick H. Candlyn

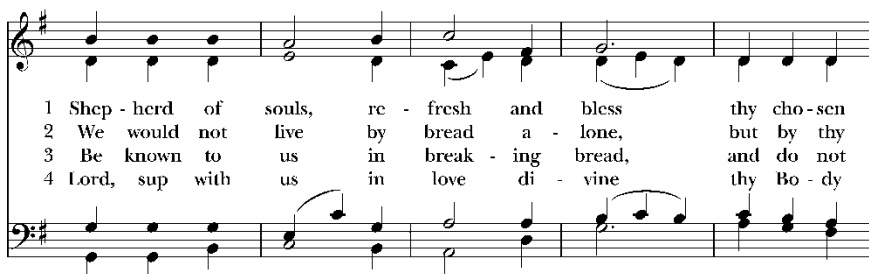
*Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee
who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.*

*O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to us doth here afford;
O may our souls for ever feed on thee,
and thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.*

*Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.*

*O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be:
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.*

COMMUNION HYMN #343 *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*



1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

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

BLESSING

May the grace of God uphold you,
the peace of God surround you,
the love of God flow from you
and the strength of God protect

and bring you safely through this day and always.

And the blessing of God the Creator, the Christ, and the Giver of
Life be with you and all you love. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #665 vs. 1-3&5 *All my hope on God is founded*



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good-ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
* 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

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Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

**Please join us after the service for coffee hour in the parish hall
hosted by The Melville Family.**

This month's coffee hour recipient is the Wakefield Food Pantry

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Lector:	Darryl Abbey
Litanist:	Andrea Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers:	Eddie Parsons and Amy Walsh
Altar Guild:	Faith Hodgkins, Carol Johnson and Nicole Russo
Usher:	Dawn Jackson
Vestry Greeter:	Dawn Jackson
Streaming Coordinator:	Pete McCann
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



*The flowers decorating our altar are given to the glory of God and in
loving memory of Carolyn Albano.*

Cover art by Karen Keough

HEALING PRAYER OFFERED TODAY

The Prayer Team is available as a healing prayer resource at a prayer station at the rear of the sanctuary next to the main street doors during communion and after the service.



STEWARDSHIP 2025 UPDATE

Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign is wrapping up, and we are still gratefully receiving pledges.

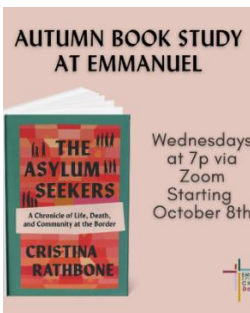
If you've already made your commitment and found your place in Emmanuel's community of love and service — thank you.

If you haven't yet pledged, we invite you to join us. A financial pledge helps us plan faithfully for the year ahead, and if you plan to give online, we still ask that you return a pledge card so we can include your intentions in our budget.

And if you're exploring how your time and talent might be part of Emmanuel's ministry, Rev. Brett would be glad to talk with you.

Thank you for supporting the good work we do together.

FINAL SESSION OF THE FALL BOOK STUDY



All are welcome to join in the discussion any week. This is the last night of the book study and will be a wrap up after reading the book and attending the Soul Supper discussion.

The Zoom link will be sent out Wednesday morning.

10:00 AM COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Sunday morning just wouldn't be the same without our special coffee hour get-togethers! Coffee hour hosts are needed after the 10:00 a.m. service on **November 23rd and November 30th**. Team up with a friend and make it easy. If you can help, please sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall or talk to Colleen Moran or Lisa in the church office.



Kids Korner

Important Dates:

Sunday November 23rd: Blessing of the Kindness Rock Garden

Kindness Rocks Painting Party!

Sunday November 30th: No Church School in observance of Thanksgiving

Sunday December 7th: Intergenerational Service



Announcements:

- 1) Kindness rocks!! Joins us as we bless the Kindness Rock Garden and welcome the community to take what they need and leave what they can in all forms of nourishment- food or rocks!
- 2) Please join us after the Kindness Rock Garden blessing to paint your own rocks! These will go in our garden as well as in pastoral care bags to spread Jesus's word and kindness to all
- 3) A reminder to all Kids Club families to fill out the winter activity survey so we can best meet family needs and schedule some great winter activities!

KINDNESS ROCK GARDEN BLESSING & PAINTING PARTY

Kindness Rocks! One of the visions for the Kids Club that was shared last year was the creation of a **Kindness Rock Garden**. Well, we're doing it! The Kids' Club has been hard at work creating messages of positivity to fill the garden that will go beneath the food pantry. All community members will be invited to leave what they can and take what they need, whether it be food or positivity.

On **Sunday, November 23rd**, we will be blessing the rock garden after the service. Please stay for coffee hour where you can paint your own rocks to add to the garden! We are hoping to create a robust number so that we can also put them in pastoral care bags. Art experience is not necessary, positivity required!

Read more about the inspiration at:

www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/



SAVE THE DATE AND DECK THE HALLS OF EMMANUEL

On **Saturday, November 29th**, beginning at 9:00 AM we invite parishioners and friends of all ages to join us as we decorate the church inside and out for the Advent and Christmas season!

Help in any amount of time is greatly appreciated!

THE JOURNEY: OUR ADVENT ONLINE BOOK STUDY RETREAT: MAKING CHRISTMAS, CHRISTMAS

Join us for our four-session program on **Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22**, from 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. on Zoom. Faith Hodgkins and Julie Bernardin will lead the series. The Rev. Manny Faria, a familiar presence at Emmanuel, will serve as guest presenter on December 8.

The program will explore the book: *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* (Tenth Anniversary Edition) by Adam Hamilton (not required but fascinating for its historical context). Rev. Brett has ordered 10 copies of the book. Please let him know if you would like to borrow one (unfortunately, they are backordered and will not arrive until December 1).

In this workshop series, we deepen our historical and spiritual understanding of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and apply it to the journeys in our present lives. Our hope is that this Advent season is enriched by scripture, reflection, prayer and music, so that we embrace the real Christmas Season and minimize commercial distractions.

ANNUAL BOY SCOUT WREATH SALE

On Sunday, November 30th, Boy Scouts from Troop 701 will be selling evergreen wreaths after both services. They are offering 12" wreaths at \$20 for undecorated or \$25 for a decorated wreath.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Laurel Martino and Alison Shaw are so pleased, to offer this Ministry of comfort and hope to each of you beginning **Monday December 1, from 6:00 PM–7:00 PM on Zoom**. Our meetings will offer a confidential, compassionate place to listen, share (as you wish), and find support in community, through prayer, reflection, and gentle conversation. Please contact Laurel Martino if you would like to join the group or if you have any questions: P: 617-784-3432 or laurelmartino@yahoo.com.

JOIN US FOR EVENSONG

On Sunday, December 7th at 5:00 p.m., Magnificat Boston will join with Emmanuel's choir to offer a choral Evensong at Emmanuel. Magnificat Boston sings at Episcopal churches throughout the Diocese of Massachusetts offering ministry through beautiful choral music. It is truly a special treat to participate in worship bolstered by the glorious music Magnificat Boston offers. Please join us!

DECEMBER SOUL SUPPER

Save the date of Thursday, December 11th for our next Soul Supper. Emmanuel's Mary Muir and Nikki Nash-MacIssac and Nicole Russo will teach us all how to make and use prayer beads. More information to come...

LIVE STREAMING TEAM IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for an opportunity to help bring our wonderful liturgies to as many people as possible? Then this ministry is for you! The process is easy to learn, training is provided and the process is well documented! For more information, please talk to Kim Collins.

Interfaith
**THANKSGIVING
SERVICE**



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER
25TH AT 7PM**

**AT THE WAKEFIELD/LYNNFIELD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
273 VERNON STREET
WAKEFIELD MA**

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The Wakefield Food Pantry most needed item for the month of November is boxed stuffing mix and canned cranberry sauce.

PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Sunday, November 16	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
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Monday, November 17	6:30 PM	Deanery Meeting
Tuesday, November 18	4:45 PM	Horizon House
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Canterbury Board Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 19	10:00 AM	Brightview Service
	2:00 PM	Wardens' Meeting
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	<i>The Asylum Seekers</i> Book Study Group on Zoom
Thursday, Nov. 20	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Sunday, November 23	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	11:30 AM	Kindness Rock Painting

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



WOW! LOOK AT THAT!

If we believe that our unity comes from looking together into a mystery and occasionally nudging one another and saying, "[Wow!] Look at that!" it can help us to feel how the unity we enjoy (Brett: with radical diversity!) is not primarily about institutional uniformity... the unity if found in the common direction we are looking.

Rowan Williams,
Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another

What is that word he keeps saying? What does *Basileia* mean?

Jesus' stated purpose is clear: "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God" (Lk. 4:43). The word translated as "kingdom" (*basileia*) is far richer and more meaningful for us as followers of Jesus. I want you to know that Jesus longs for us to strive for this truth now, even as it will not be ultimately fulfilled until the end of the age! *Basileia* is the "establishment of complete salvific communion between humanity and God, among human beings, within human persons, and between humanity and the rest of creation." Or, more simply, "full communion, full flourishing!"

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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 Alquonuian-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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