

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King Sunday



November 23, 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!

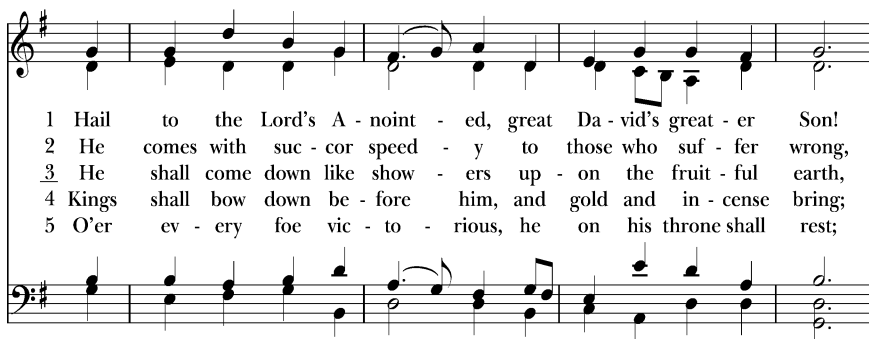
A Note about Children

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.

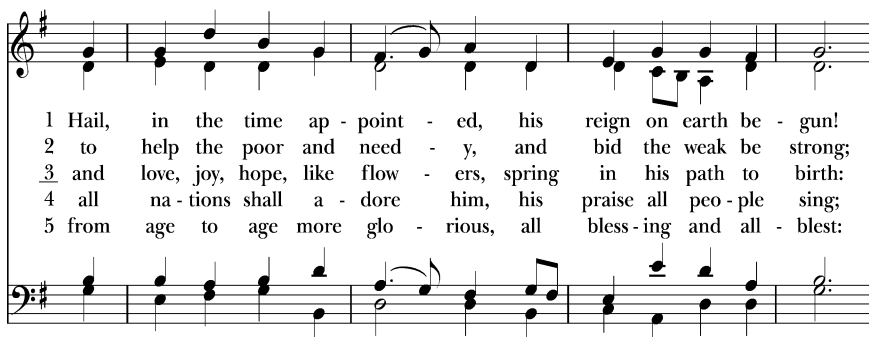
All children are welcome in the sanctuary! We ask that their big people help to teach them that this is a sacred space for quiet play and quiet voices. This helps ensure we honor those who need to worship in quiet.

PRELUDE Psalm 24 *The Lord is King of earth's domain* (vv. 1-2)
Anthoni van Noordt (c.1619-1675)

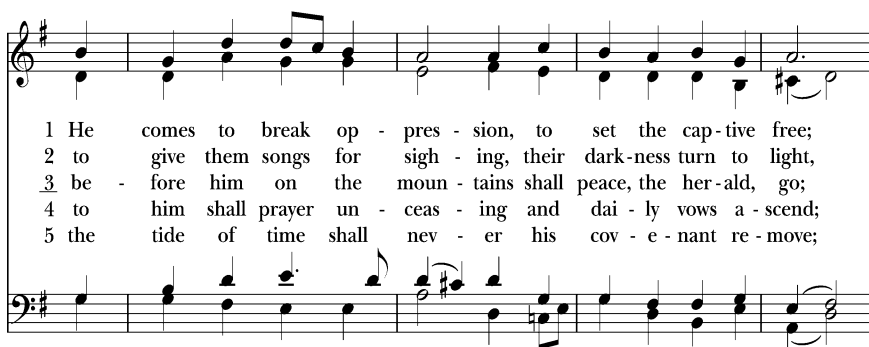
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #616 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

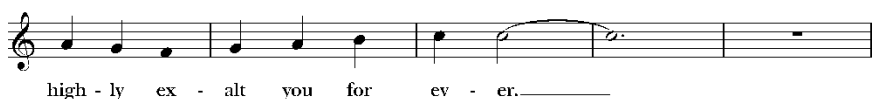
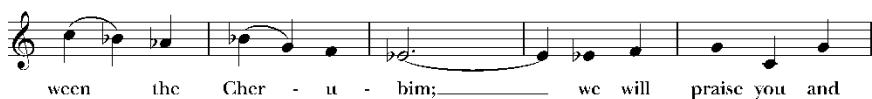
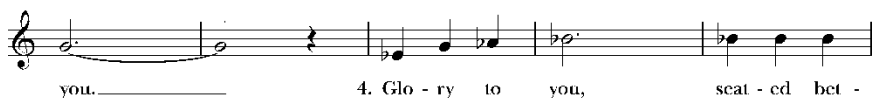
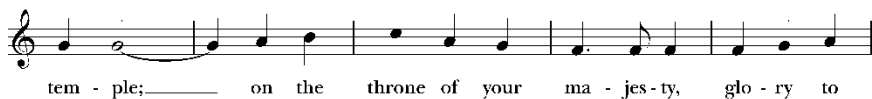
Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

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

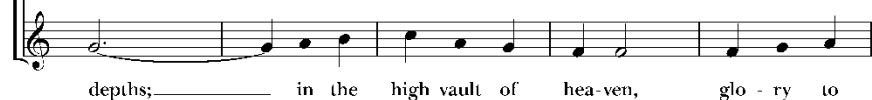
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A SONG OF PRAISE #S236

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
 God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;



Descant



hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you! _____

high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

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 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

ANTIPHON (all) – Verse 4

- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

ANTIPHON (all) – Verse 8

- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."

ANTIPHON (all) – Verse 12

SECOND LESSON: COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers~ all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS #475 vs.1& 4 God himself is with us

1 God him-self is with us; let us all a - dore him,
 2 Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er,
 3 Thou per - vad - est all things; let thy rad - iant beau - ty
 4 Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,

and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with -
 soul and life and each en - deav - or. Help us to sur -
 light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der
 be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing

in us; souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent -
 rend - er earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of life, and
 flow - ers ea - ger - ly un - fold them, to the sun - light
 Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or

ly draw near him. Now his own who have known
 sin - ful plea - sures: thou a - lone shalt be known
 calm - ly hold them, so let me qui - et - ly
 will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,

God, in wor - ship low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.
 Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.
 in thy rays im - bue me; let thy light shine through me.
 let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen (1697-1769); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt;
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GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 23:33-43

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

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON KAREN AALTO

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: All Saints' Church, Attleboro; Trinity Church, Bridgewater; Church of Our Saviour, Middleborough; and Order of St. Luke.

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, Sean Kenney, 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.

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.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Great Lord of Lords*

Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

Great Lord of Lords, supreme immortal King,

*O give us grace to sing thy praise,
which makes earth, air and heaven to ring.*

*O word of God from ages unbegun,
the Father's only Son, with Him in power,
in substance Thou art One.*

*O Holy Ghost, whose care doth all embrace,
Thy watch is o'er our race, Thou source of life,
Thou spring of peace and grace.*

One living Trinity, one unseen light, The earth is Thine,
Thy light beholds alike the bounds of depth and height.

Amen.

Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)

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, _____

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

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

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)

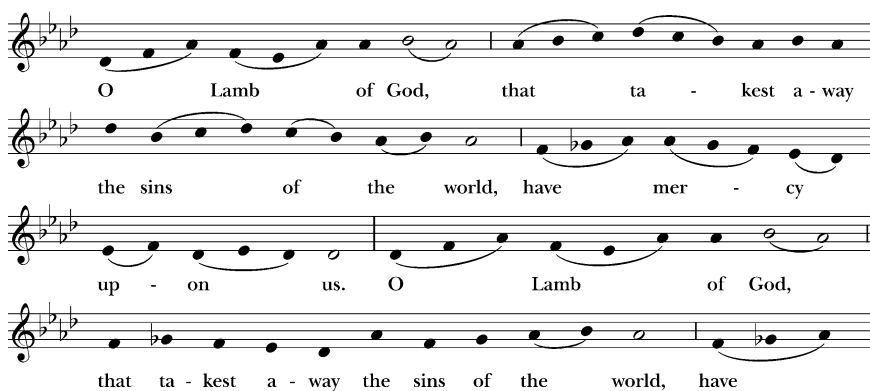
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

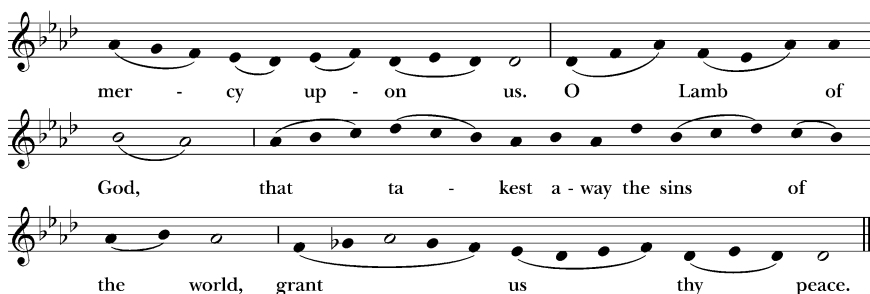
Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

AGNUS DEI #S159



The musical score is written for four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is written on the first staff, and the lyrics are written below the staves. The lyrics are: 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



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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 *We thank thee, Lord, for this fair earth*
Brenda Portman (b. 198)

*We thank Thee, Lord, for this fair earth,
The glittering sky, the silver sea;
For all their beauty, all their worth,
Their light and glory, come from Thee.
Thine are the flow'rs that clothe the ground,
The trees that wave their arms above,
The hills that gird our dwellings round,
As Thou dost gird Thine own with love.*

Yet teach us still how far more fair,
 More glorious, Father, in Thy sight,
 Is one pure deed, one holy prayer,
 One heart that owns Thy Spirit's might.
 So while we gaze with thoughtful eye
 On all the gifts Thy love has giv'n,
 Help us in Thee to live and die,
 By Thee to rise from earth to Heav'n.
 Words: George E. L. Cotton (1813-1866)

COMMUNION HYMN #382 *King of glory, King of peace*

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum

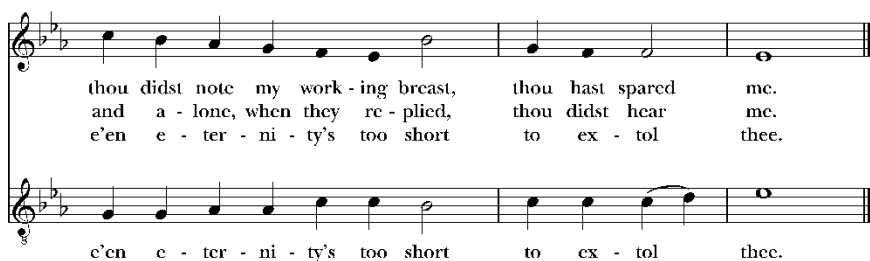
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;



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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 #555 *Lead on, O King eternal*



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease;
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears.

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heaven - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff (1862-1917). Music: *Lancashire*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Psalm 24 *The Lord is King of earth's domain (v. 3)*
Anthoni van Noordt (c.1619-1675)

**Please join us after the service for coffee hour in the parish hall
hosted by Chrissie Hoag and in celebration of and gratitude for
God's abundance blessing for Emmanuel.**

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
Seminarian Intern:	Karen Aalto
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Lector:	Nicole Russo
Litanist:	Andrea Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers:	Dawn Jackson and Eddie Parsons
Altar Guild:	The Altar Guild
Usher:	Dave Sullivan
Vestry Greeter:	Debra Plummer
Streaming Coordinator:	Kim Collins
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



*Our beautiful harvest altar is given in honor of Emmanuel Parish
in thanksgiving for all of the blessings God has given us.*

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.

KINDNESS ROCK GARDEN BLESSING & PAINTING PARTY

JOIN US TODAY after the 10:00 a.m. service, we will be blessing the rock garden and then 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!

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.



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

Saturday December 6th @ 5:00pm: Carols with Kirsten (and you!)

Sunday December 7th: Intergenerational Service

Friday December 19th @ 5:30pm: Christmas Cookie decorating with Jessica (and you!)

Announcements:

Please join us after service on November 23rd for our Kindness Rock Garden blessing, and rock painting party! We are excited to share our work with all of you and the community.

We have so many wonderful upcoming events, which will be made even better by your presence! Please come decorate cookies, sing carols and get to know more about Kids Club...and eat some snacks!

Cover art can be found here: <https://stpeters-sitka.org/church-happenings/lt28b97br2zha3c-379rk-5x535-wnm7j-lrwp7-eycbg-cmr9p-74ten-jdm6m-4lxn6-9eynd-tyl6c>

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.



STEWARDSHIP 2025 UPDATE

Message from the Superheros....ooops we mean
STEWARDSHIP Committee :)

Still listening for what God is inviting you to give?

You're not alone — every superhero needs a guide.
The Stewardship Team will be reaching out in the weeks ahead to
offer support and conversation as you continue discerning your
pledge.

We're grateful you're part of this mission. 🤍 ✨

Signed,

Number Ninja Deb and Idea Warrior Nicole

“POWERED BY JESUS... AND SNACKS.” 🍰 😂

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.



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!

If you would be willing to coordinate the set up and decorating of the Christmas trees in the Parish Hall and Narthex, please let Brett or Lisa in the office know.

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.

ADVENT QUIET DAY

Advent Quiet Day: December 6th with SSJE Br. Jonathan Maury and Br. Jamie Nelson from Society of Saint John the Evangelist, an Episcopal monastery in Cambridge, will lead **an Advent Quiet Day on December 6th from 8:30am-12pm at the Parish of the Epiphany, Winchester**. This quiet day is for Episcopal parishes in the Mystic Valley Deanery. Brothers Maury and Nelson will lead us through the "O Antiphons", as spiritual practices as we prepare for Christmas. It will be a day of reflection, learning, stillness, and renewal. Please let Lisa in the church office know if you plan to attend.



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

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.

Choral Evensong

Join us for a peaceful evening service of candlelight, music, scripture, and prayer. Choral Evensong is an ancient Anglican tradition — a gentle way to end the day in stillness and beauty.

Saturday, December 7th

5:00 PM

All are welcome.

Free & open to the public.

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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!

Blue Christmas

A gentle space to breathe, remember, and rest in God's love during a tender season.

"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts."
— Romans 5:5

Wednesday
December 10th
at 7pm

Emmanuel Episcopal Church 5 Bryant Street, Wakefield MA 01880



THURSDAY, DEC 11TH
DINNER AT 6:00 PM
PROGRAM AT 6:45 PM

**Learn how to make
Anglican
Prayer Beads!**

**with Mary Muir,
Nikki Nash-McIsaac and
Nicole Russo DeSouza**



Join us for our December Soul Supper as we share a warm meal, gentle conversation, and an invitation into a meaningful spiritual practice.

Together we'll learn the history of Anglican prayer beads, how they are used in prayer and contemplation, and how this ancient rhythm can help quiet the mind and open the heart during the holiday season.

We'll each create our own prayer bead bracelet — and make a few extra to share with others who may need comfort, hope, or a reminder they are not alone.

Free & open to all.

No experience needed — just bring your curiosity and your heart.

**Please RSVP to eecw@verizon.net
Emmanuel Episcopal Church Wakefield MA**

*If you would like to give to the ministries
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please use this QR code.*



PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2025

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
Monday, November 24	10:00 PM	Contemplative Prayer
Tuesday, November 25	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal at Wakefield/Lynnfield United Methodist Church
	7:00 PM	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Wakefield/ Lynnfield United Methodist Church
Wednesday, Nov. 26	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Thursday, Nov. 27		Happy Thanksgiving!
Saturday, November 29	9:00 AM	Greening of the Church- All ages welcome to help!
Sunday, November 30	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Boy Scouts selling wreaths
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A Blessing for the Kindness Rock Garden

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Gracious and loving God, who from the stone that the builders rejected has made the cornerstone of our salvation, we give you thanks for all your creation, even these humble stones and we dedicate these painted rocks as small yet precious signs of your steadfast love.

As Episcopal priest and activist Christina Rathbone said, "it is the small things that are somehow also everything." May this Kindness Rock Garden, alongside our Little Free Pantry, provide the small messages of hope and love that others may be seeking. Bless those who come here seeking comfort, both physical and emotional, and bless those of us who are fortunate enough to provide what we can to our community.

Guide us always in finding our small acts of kindness and in spreading your light, that we may dispel the darkness. May all who pause here find encouragement, know they are loved, and carry that love forward into the world.

May the God who creates all things beautiful, the Son who is our rock and redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who moves in our midst, ✠ bless this garden and all who encounter it, now and forever.

Amen.





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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