

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

The Third Sunday of Advent



December 14, 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.

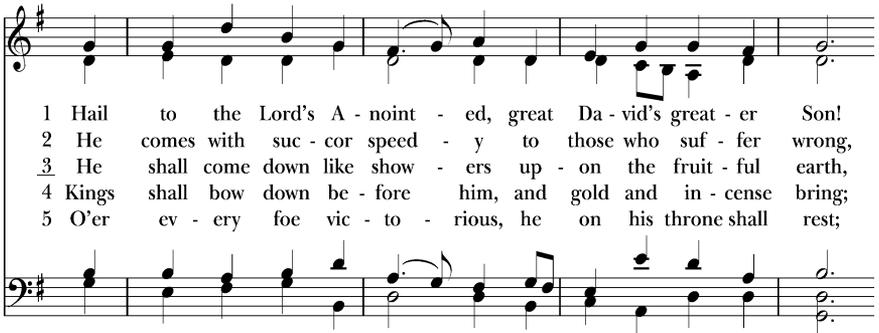
All children are welcome in the sanctuary! We ask that their big people help to teach them that this is a sacred space for quiet play and quiet voices. This helps ensure we honor those who need to worship in quiet.

PRELUDE Voluntary for Mr. Archdeacon Thornburgh

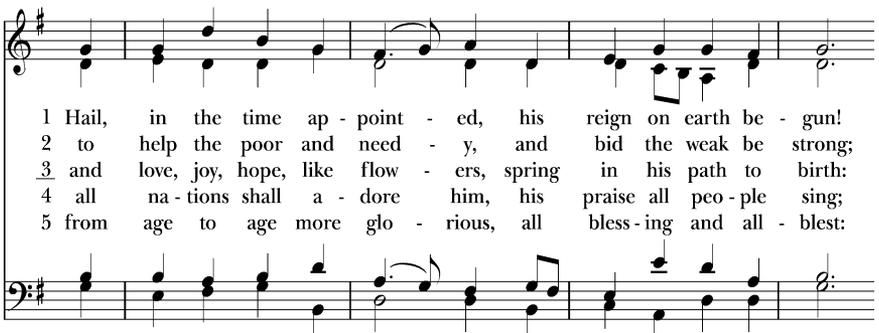
Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #616 vss. 1,2,4&5

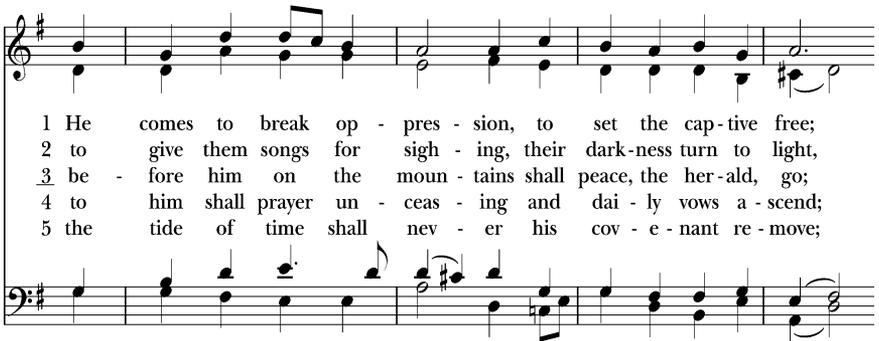
Hail to the Lord's Anointed



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).

O ANTIPHON VI: O Rex Gentium (Choir)

*O King of the nations, and their desire,
 the cornerstone making both one:
 Come and save the human race,
 which you fashioned from clay.
 - Isaiah 28:16, Ephesians 2:14*

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Webber Family

Celebrant: You know what time it is. It is not time to sit back and hem and haw. It is not time to question whether to risk or not. It is not time to tell those who have waited so long for justice to continue to be patient. The waiting of Advent is not passive, but active. It is participating in the reign of Christ while waiting for Christ to return in our world and lives in a new way. It is building up the beloved community now while knowing that grief and suffering are still raw and real. It is the time to risk, because if we do not, we are bound to lose. It is the time to act for justice because we know that it will not come unless we demand it. It is the time to seek peace and pursue it, because it will not come without sacrifice.

It is the time to live, knowing Christ is with us now even as we wait for Christ to make all things new.

Lighting of the first, second, and third candle

Family: God of Justice and Mercy, we pray for the courage to pursue Your way in this world now even as we pray for Your kingdom to come, on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One
People You come to your people and set them free.
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.

KYRIE# S92

The musical score is arranged in five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff is for the Cantor, the second and third for Low Voices, and the fourth and fifth for High Voices. The lyrics for the Cantor and Low Voices parts are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The lyrics for the High Voices parts are: "Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy".

Low Voices
up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

High Voices
on us. Lord, have mer - cy

All
up - on us. Lord,

have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: From *Missa Marialis*; Mode 1; Mass 9, "Cum jubilo"; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools,
shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT in E-flat major Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

Sung by the choir.

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear hi
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed forever.

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

SECOND LESSON: JAMES 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #66 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 11:2-11

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

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

O ANTIPHON VII: O *Emmanuel* (Choir)

O *Emmanuel*, our King and our lawgiver,
the hope of the nations and their Savior:

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

- Isaiah 7:14

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, God's people, pray

O God of our salvation, infuse our conscious preparations for the celebration just ahead, with many every-day faith-filled moments reminding us to look beyond the holly and holiday for the Hope, Peace, and Joy we can find before, on, and always after the Holy Day of our Savior's birth.

O ancient of days,

Your Faithful Love is Everlasting

O God of our salvation, infuse us with such joy for the birth of our Christ again, that we turn away from the tide of hatred and division around us. Guide us to inspire all who design or impose their political pathways on this world, this nation, and this community, to turn toward justice, compassion, and mercy. 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.

O ancient of days,

Your Faithful Love is Everlasting

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

O ancient of days,

Your Faithful Love is Everlasting

O God of our salvation, restore health and hope for all afflicted with serious illness, addiction, or despair, and strengthen all who give them love and support. We now join our hearts to pray aloud for those in need especially those on our parish prayer list: Kristin Baird, Donna Boudreau, Bob, Peter Brown, Bruna, Cathie

Cardelucci, Lydia Cedrone, Ann Daily, John and Richard DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Evelyn Bourne Fell, David Fieldhouse, Connor Gallagher, Kristen Goddard, Louise Haldeman, Lester Hartman, Heidi, Karen Dodd Howard, JD, Jack Jephson, Ted Jobe, Ginny Johnson, Jordan, Judy, Tim Kelsey, Larry, Ken Leach, Linda, Kevin MacKenzie, Mark Martino, Mary, Don McCarter, Sara Murphy, T.A.N, Neil, Steve Newman, Judith Oder, 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, and Kelly.

O ancient of days,

Your Faithful Love is Everlasting

O God of our salvation, soothe the grieving with the comfort of knowing that You have gathered those we love into the blissful splendor Your Eternal Home. We especially remember Mike Kelsey, father of Chris Kelsey, and Alvin Dewitt Wadsworth, uncle of Kim Collins, who passed away this week; and Tommy Nestor in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given today.

O ancient of days,

Your Faithful Love is Everlasting

O God of our salvation, grant special grace and enduring eagerness to all anointed to serve You in Your Church, as they draw us to You on our journey to salvation. Merciful God, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the following churches of the Alewife Deanery: Christ Church, Cambridge; St. Bartholomew's Church, Cambridge; St. James' Church, Cambridge; St. Peter's Church, and Cambridge Diocesan Disciplinary Board and we ask for your love and wisdom to guide our vestry as they meet this week.

O ancient of days,

Your Faithful Love is Everlasting

For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. 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.

O ancient of days,

Your Faithful Love is Everlasting

Celebrant: Mighty and merciful God, our fount of justice, continually revive our desire to bear good, worthy, and faith-filled fruit in our souls. Turn us always to You, that we may receive and experience the depth of Your love for us with each and every breath we are given, and to give, in turn, to all we meet. We ask through Jesus, the Son of Woman, our Sovereign; and the Holy Spirit, the Fire of our Faith; who together with You are One living God, most high, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSIO *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

Beth Martin, Co-Warden

THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

*The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

DOXOLOGY (all singing) HYMN #60 verse 6

***To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen***

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 #S124

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

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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)*

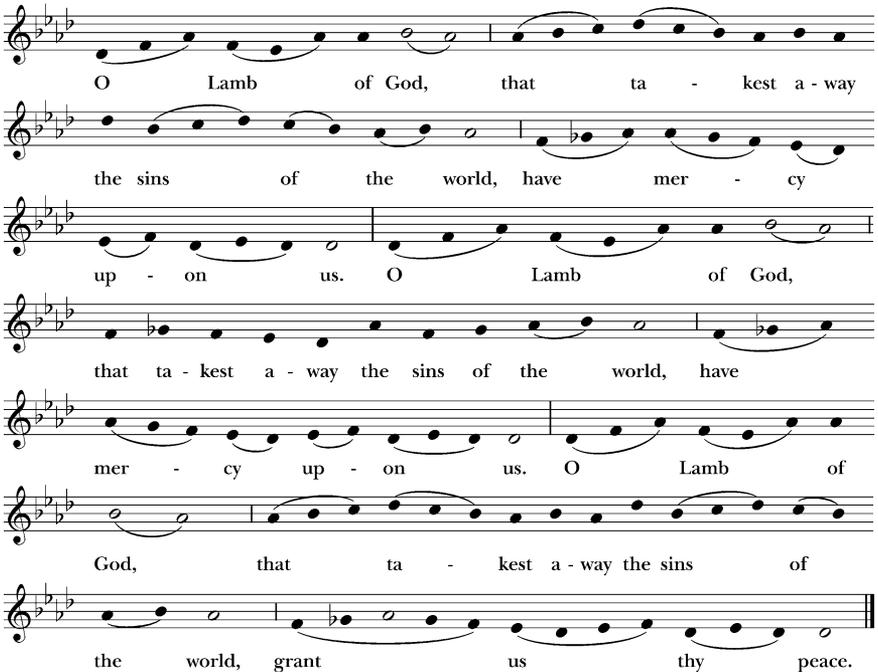
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

Music: From *Missa Marialis*; Plainsong, Mode 5; Mass 9; adapt. and acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944). Setting:
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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 HYMN #444 *Blessed be the God of Israel*



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
3 On pri - son - ers of dark-ness the sun be - gins to rise,



he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.
a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo - ple peace. —
the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day. —
O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease. —

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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

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May he whose second coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. And the blessing of God the Creator, the Christ, and the Giver of Life be with you and all you love. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #56 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Choir only will sing verses 3 and 5



(Dec. 23) 1	O	come,	O	come,	Em - man	-	u - el,	and	ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2	O	come,	thou	Wis - dom	from		on high,	who	or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3	O	come,	O	come,	thou Lord		of might,	who	to thy
(Dec. 19) 4	O	come,	thou	Branch	of Jes	-	se's tree,	free	them from
(Dec. 20) 5	O	come,	thou	Key	of Da	-	vid, come,	and	o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6	O	come,	thou	Day - spring	from		on high,	and	cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7	O	come,	De - sire	of na	-	tions,	bind	in	one the
(Dec. 23) 8	O	come,	O	come,	Em - man	-	u - el,	and	ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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DISMISSAL

Seminarian: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Postlude on O Come O Come Emmanuel

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

Please join us after the service for a pot luck coffee hour
 in the parish hall.

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

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The Prayers of the People can be found at:
<https://prayersofthepeople.blogspot.com/2024/12/prayers-of-people-3rd-sunday-of-advent.html>

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Seminarian Intern:	Karen Aalto
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Lector:	Darryl Abbey
Litanist:	Elizabeth Downs
Eucharistic Ministers:	Dawn Jackson and Paul LaSpina
Altar Guild:	Alison Shaw and Lisa Ventura
Usher:	Eddie Parsons
Advent Wreath Lighters:	The Webber Family
Vestry Greeter:	Beth Martin
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 her friend, Tommy Nestor, by Christina Ventura.

HEALING PRAYER OFFERED TODAY

The Prayer Team is available as a healing prayer resource at a prayer station to the left of the main altar during communion and after the service.

AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX FOR YOU:

Resources for Spiritual Practice in Advent 2025
An Advent Calendar from The Rev. Thomas Mousin

Cover art can be found at:
<https://fineartamerica.com/featured/advent-season-jutta-maria-pusl.html>

JOIN US TODAY AFTER THE 10:00 AM SERVICE



YEAR A: INTRODUCTION TO LECTIONARY AND GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Welcome to Year A! We are Emmanuel, "God is with us!" Say it over and over and know the presence of God in everything you do.

Where does this come from?

They shall call his name Emmanuel, which means God is with us. (Mt. 1:23)

Come join Seminarian Karen Aalto and Rev. Brett to explore what the lectionary cycle is (spoiler, we are now in Year A) and be introduced to the Gospel of Matthew (the primary Gospel of Year A)!

Perfect for newcomers and longtime members alike. No prep needed—just curiosity and 45 minutes. Coffee provided!

"I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mt. 28:20)

CHRISTMAS CHEER & CARE BAGS

The Pastoral Care Team is once again coordinating putting together 10 gift bags for those on the Pastoral Care List and we hope you can help. We will be putting the gift bags together on Sunday, December 21st after the 10:00 a.m. service and welcome help from anyone who is available to help assemble the bags or deliver them that day.

If you would like to donate a specific item for the gift bags or make a monetary donation so we can shop for items, please contact **Laurel Martino** at laurelmartino@yahoo.com or 617-784-3432 to coordinate and avoid duplicates.

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The Wakefield Food Pantry most needed item for the month of December is canned beef stew.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas poinsettias in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for someone special, please email the church office – eecw@verizon.net, mail names to the church or call Lisa at 781-526-9777. **All names must be submitted by Tuesday, December 16th to ensure they are included in the Christmas bulletins.**

9:00 AM COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

One service only! We are looking for a 9:00 a.m. coffee hour host(s) on **December 28th**. If you can help host, please let Colleen Moran (colleenm781@gmail.com) or Lisa in the church office know or sign-up on the sheet on the table in the parish hall.



Kids Korner

Important Dates:
Friday December 19th @ 5:30pm: Christmas Cookie decorating with Jessica (and you!)
Sunday December 21st: Lessons and Carols- Kids Club in with congregation
Sunday December 28th: No Church School (Christmas/Winter vacation)
Sunday January 4th: Intergenerational service and Carols!

Announcements:
Thank you so much for everyone who came and decorated rocks last Sunday! We are so excited to fill our garden with kindness and spread positivity in our community.
Please join us for cookie decorating with Jessica on Friday! We look forward to seeing you and sharing some delicious treats.
Kids club will be joining the congregation for traditional Lessons and Carols on Sunday December 21st. Kids are welcome to sit together in the back pew or with families for this wonderful service.
Thank you to Kirsten and Luca for teaching us Carols this past weekend! The kids loved singing the songs and look forward to sharing the carols they learned on Epiphany Sunday!

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



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVENT OFFERING THIS YEAR:



PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

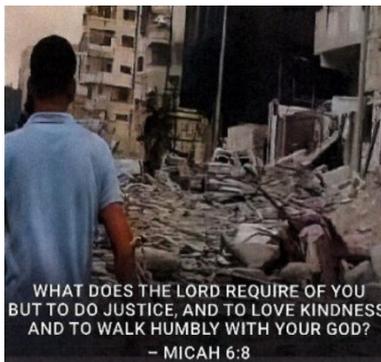
Please Support the Middle East Fund

Your gift to the **Middle East Fund** will support the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem as they offer ongoing emergency and mental health services as well as access to education to those impacted by the current crisis in Gaza and the West Bank. Through your generosity, we are able to provide critical support as our partners adapt to changing needs in the region.

Amidst the crisis in the region, we are working with the Diocese of Jerusalem to provide healthcare and education services. Our partnership provides healthcare facilities with emergency supplies to care for patients in critical need. We also help families overcome economic challenges by paying school fees for children in Nablus and Jerusalem.

"The work of the Diocese is good news despite everything; a beacon of hope in a time of trouble," said the Most Rev. Hosam Naoum, archbishop of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are Working Together for Lasting Change.



Embrace Stillness Through Centering Prayer



*Interdenominational Centering Prayer Practice
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Wakefield
Fourth Mondays at 10:00 a.m. • beginning October 27*

Join like-minded companions as we set an intention to rest in God's presence. We will begin and end with scripture or other holy writing, offer guidelines and share struggles on the method of centering and practice 20 minutes of silence during each session.

Let's explore our prayer journeys together as we learn more about this ancient practice of letting go. Co-leaders are from First Church, UCC; Emmanuel Episcopal; Trinity Episcopal, and Rolling Ridge Retreat Center.

For more information contact [Mary Muir - mmuirwellness@gmail.com](mailto:MaryMuir@mmuirwellness@gmail.com) or [Sandra at sandy.laperche@gmail.com](mailto:Sandra@sandy.laperche@gmail.com)

"To the quiet mind all things are possible." — Meister Eckhart



Our journey through Advent continues Monday evening at 7:15 pm on Zoom. Using *The Journey* by Adam Hamilton we'll continue our walk through Advent focusing on Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. This week we will be discussing:

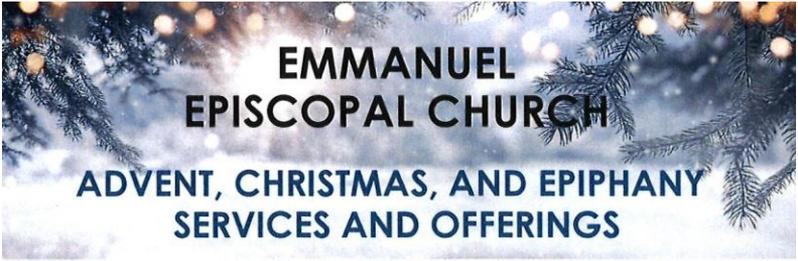
Chapter 1: Mary of Nazareth - Luke 1:26-38 and

Chapter 2: Joseph of Bethlehem - Matthew 1:18-24.

Reading the book is not required, but it is a fascinating read. All are welcome!

PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2025

Sunday, December 14	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	Pop-Up Bible Study
Monday, December 15	6:00 PM	Grief Support Group
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee
	7:15 PM	Advent Book Study on Zoom
Tuesday, December 16	4:45 PM	Horizon House
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, Dec. 17	10:00 AM	Brightview Service
	2:00 PM	Wardens' Meeting
	4:00 PM	Canterbury Exec. Comm.
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
	7:00 PM	Mission and Outreach
Thursday, December 18	6:00 PM	Vestry Potluck Supper
	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Friday, December 19	5:30PM	Kids' Club Cookie Decorating with Jessica
Saturday, December 20	1:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery Meeting
Sunday, December 21	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	Lessons and Carols Holy Eucharist Rite II
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour



Rose Sunday, December 14, 2025
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Pop-Up Bible Study after 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 17, 2025
BRIGHTVIEW SERVICE — 10:00 a.m.
EVENING PRAYER — 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 21, 2025
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Worship at 8:00 a.m. — Rite I
Worship at 10:00 a.m. — Lessons and Carols

Wednesday, December 24, 2025
CHRISTMAS EVE — 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25, 2025
CHRISTMAS DAY — 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 28, 2025
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 4, 2026
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Intergenerational Sunday and P.J. Sunday

Tuesday, January 6, 2026
THE EPIPHANY
Worship with Baptism — 7:00 p.m.

All services will be live-streamed on Emmanuel's
YouTube channel, with the exception of the
Brightview service. Evening Prayer is offered via Zoom.

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 8, 2026

THE NEXT DREAM

A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT MORE THAN 1 MILLION TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS (TPS) FAMILIES ACROSS THE U.S. WHO ARE IN DANGER OF DEPORTATION AND FAMILY SEPARATION

A Film By
Steve Marx **Laura Bean** **Vahdat Yeganeh**

Thursday, January 8, 2026, 6:30-8 PM
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 5 Bryant Street, Wakefield, MA 01880

MA TPS Collaborative NATIONAL TPS ALLIANCE BOSTON EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE

A collaboration between the Boston Experimental Theatre Company (BETC) and the Massachusetts TPS Committee (MA TPS), "The Next Dream" is an independent documentary about more than 1 million Temporary Protected Status (TPS) families across the U.S., who are at risk of deportation and family separation. Followed by a panel discussion and Q&A with members of the National TPS Alliance and the producers, we ask you to please join this event, meet members of the TPS families, learn about their struggles, and discuss how we may support our neighbors across the U.S. To learn more about this project, please visit: <https://bostonexperimentaltheatre.com/the-last-dream/>

Please be on the lookout for an email with more details.



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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