Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Reign of Christ Sunday



November 22, 2026
10:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
WITH RITE OF RENAMING

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

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

If this is your first time, or first time back in a while, please fill out the visitors' card in the pew or Narthex. Introduce yourself to Rev. Brett and our Greeters — we are a friendly family!

A Note about Communion *You (all!) are welcome.* God invites you to be fed. All are welcome at the altar rail. Wine options include the chalice, intinction (a separate cup), or a non-alcohol alternative — simply let the clergy know. If you prefer not to receive, come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. *Our Altar Bread is Gluten Free*. If you cannot come forward, let an usher know and we will come to you.

A Note about Children We *love* all our children. Childcare and Kids' Club are available most Sundays at the10:00 a.m. service in their special place off the Parish Hall. Once a month, children join us in the sanctuary as ushers, readers, and altar assistants. All children are welcome in the sanctuary — we ask that their grown-ups help them use quiet voices and quiet play, honoring those who need stillness to worship.

Assistive Listening Devices Four lightweight receivers are available at the back of the sanctuary. Pick one up, insert the earbud, and adjust the volume as needed — devices are charged and ready each week. Helpful for hearing differences or simply for clearer sound. See an usher with any questions.

We acknowledge that Emmanuel sits on the traditional land of the Algonquian-speaking Pawtucket tribe, whose caretaker's past, present, and future we honor with gratitude. As guests who have too often benefited at their expense, we commit to becoming better stewards and working toward a more just future.

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

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Guiting Power*



WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of Sarai revealed as Sarah, Jacob who became Israel, and Simon called Peter.

People: **Blessed be the God who comes among us, reconciles us, and sets us free.**

Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes. Amen.

GLORIA

Powell



Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

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: EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock,

and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

PSALM 95:1-7a

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

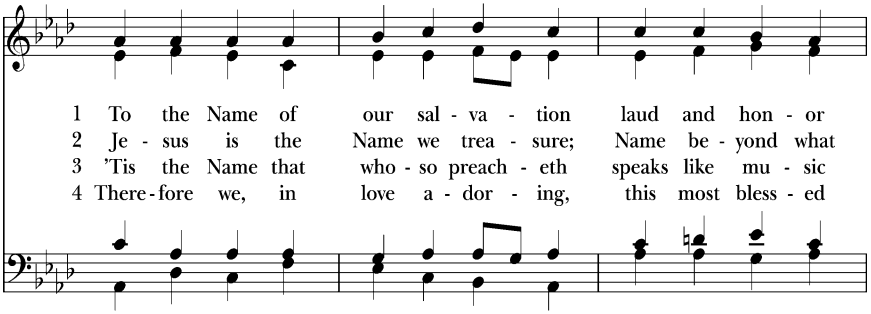
SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #248 vss. 1&4 *To the Name of our salvation*





Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861. Music: *Oriel*, Caspar Ett (1788-1847).

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 25:31-46

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

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one

from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

The Prayers of the People were written by the people of Emmanuel for the people of Emmanuel.

Trusting in God's steadfast love for the world, let us pray for the Church, the nations, those in need, and all creation.

God of grace, strengthen your Church throughout the world. Inspire bishops, priests, deacons, and all the baptized to proclaim your Gospel with courage, humility, and joy, especially our Presiding Bishop Sean, and our own bishops Julia, Ian, and Mary. Bless also Emmanuel's leaders – our rector, staff, vestry, and all who offer themselves in service. Where we are divided, bring unity. Where we are fearful, grant boldness. Where we have caused harm, lead us to repentance and renewal, so that all people may know the wideness of your mercy.

Renew your Church, O God, and make us instruments of your peace. Amen.

God of justice, we pray for the nations of the earth, and all who exercise authority. Grant wisdom to leaders, compassion to those who govern, and integrity to all entrusted with power. Heal the deep divisions within our own nation. Replace contempt with understanding, fear with hope, and violence with the courage to seek the bonds that unite us.

We remember places torn apart by war, hunger, oppression, and displacement, praying especially for those in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Sudan, whose homes and futures have been shattered by conflict.

Guide the nations into the ways of justice and peace. Amen.

God of wisdom and truth, we pray for our nation, and for all who bear the responsibility of leadership. Guide all who serve in public office to be moved to servant leadership for the common good. Grant them humility to seek wisdom beyond themselves, courage to pursue justice, and compassion for every person entrusted to their care.

In a time of deep polarization and distrust, soften hardened hearts and open pathways to honest dialogue. Teach us to listen before we judge, to seek truth with humility, and to work together for the

flourishing of all people. Strengthen those who labor for fair elections, equal justice under the law, and the protection of human dignity.

Give each of us the grace to remember that we belong first to your kingdom. Amen.

God of abundance, bless our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and local communities. Strengthen those who serve the public good—teachers, healthcare workers, first responders, caregivers, and volunteers. We pray for those struggling with rising costs of living, housing and food insecurity, loneliness, and uncertainty about the future. Help us become neighbors who listen generously, serve faithfully, and welcome all in Christ's name. We also pray for the Wakefield Alliance Against Violence, our coffee hour recipient this month.

Open our hearts to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

God of compassion, embrace all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort those who grieve, all who are ill, facing anxiety or depression, recovering from disasters, and whose lives have been disrupted by violence or loss. We pray for refugees, immigrants, our LGBTQ+ siblings, and all seeking safety and dignity. We take a moment of silence to remember especially those on our Parish Prayer list. (*silence*) Give strength to all who care for others and hope to those who feel forgotten.

Be near, O Lord, to all who cry out to you. Amen

God of eternal life, we remember those who have died, giving thanks for their witness and the ways they revealed your love. Comfort all who mourn, especially those whose grief is fresh. May those who have died rest in your everlasting peace, and may we be strengthened by the hope of Christ's resurrection.

Receive them into your everlasting light. Amen.

CONFESSION - *Enriching Our Worship*

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Silence may be kept

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

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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.**

RITE OF RENAMING - Landon Andres

Celebrant: Hear the invitation of God:

Holy One of blessing, you created us in your image and pronounced us good. We give you thanks for the gift of life itself. We thank you for our individual names, which connect us to the One who spoke all creation into being, the One who said, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

The Celebrant turns to the candidate, asking,

Celebrant: How do you respond to God's invitation?

Candidate: I am a new creation, grateful to embody Christ's image.

Celebrant: We are here to affirm the name of Landon. This name

expresses who Landon is and who he is becoming, through the grace of God.

We honor the name given to him by his parents and acknowledge that the time has come to declare a new name.

We honor the name he has chosen and acknowledge those loved ones who have made holy space for a new name to be spoken. This new name is the culmination of a journey of discovery and, at the same time, a new beginning.

Turning to the gathered community, the Celebrant asks:

Celebrant: Will you do all in your power to assist Landon to embody Christ's love in the world?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Will you honor Landon in name and in spirit as he continues on his path?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Dynamic and holy God, we remember how you changed the names of Abraham and Sarah, as they set out to follow you. We marvel that you changed the name of Jacob, after a long night of wrestling with you. God of transformations, you set us free to change and grow, even while you hold us close in love and grace. We now declare publicly and affirm the name you have bestowed upon Landon.

All lay hands upon the head of the candidate, or upon the shoulders of those around the candidate.

Celebrant: Landon, receive the blessing of God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity. Walk in the Spirit, this day and

always, knowing that God has made an everlasting covenant with you that shall never be cut off. **Amen.**

Intern: Jesus said, "Rejoice that your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10:20)

People: **Amen. Alleluia.**

By applause the congregation affirms their support of Landon.

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 *Canticle of Thanksgiving* Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

God is our refuge and strength,
in strife our constant aid;
Therefore, although the earth be removed,
we will not be afraid:
Our God, who is the Lord of hosts,
is still upon our side;
and ever will abide.

Though mountains fall to seas,
And oceans leap with foam;
And roar in anger, yet we still
Find in His grace our home.
Our God, who is the Lord of hosts,
is still upon our side;
and ev'ry need provide.

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Come, and behold what what works
have by the Lord been made;
Come, see what wonders now proclaimed
in majesty arrayed.
Our God, who is the Lord of hosts,
our guardian and our guide;
will ever more abide.

Please stand as you are able

DOXOLOGY (all singing) *Old 100th*

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

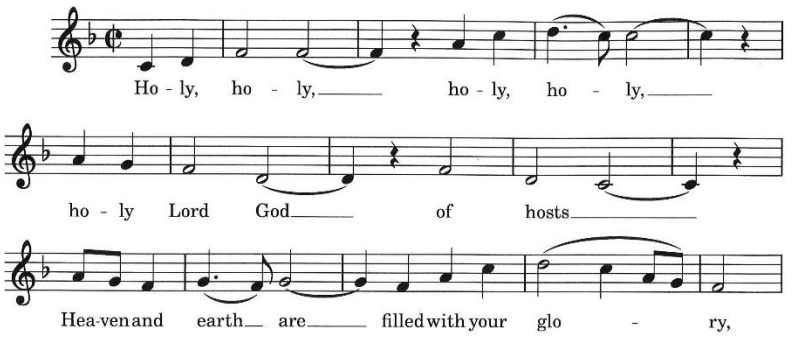
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - Eucharistic Prayer 2, *Enriching our Worship*

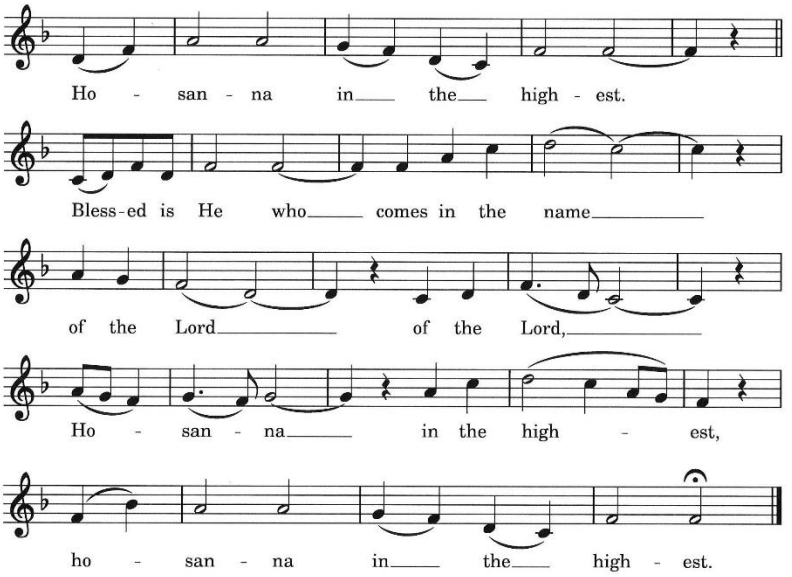
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus A Mass for a Soulful People — Grayson Warren (1948-2023)





The people stand or kneel.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

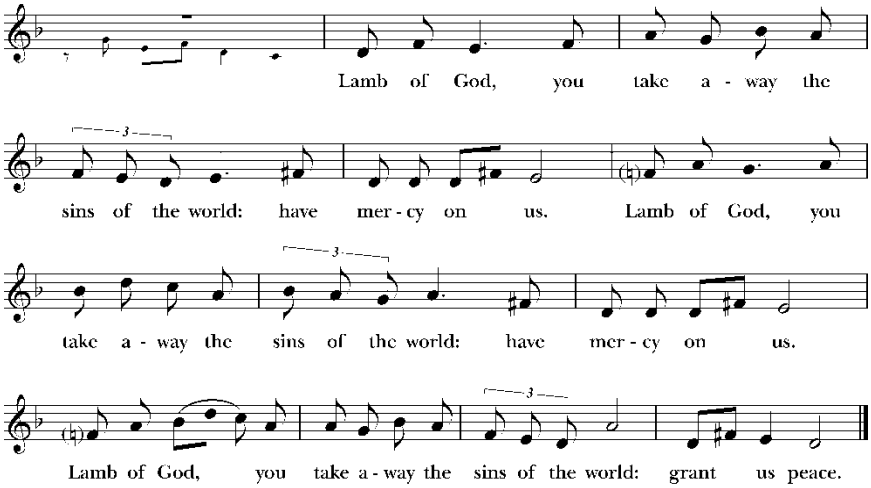
The people stand or kneel.

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



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

COMMUNION

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

Our altar bread is gluten free.

Prayers for healing are also offered.

Choir members will receive communion first.

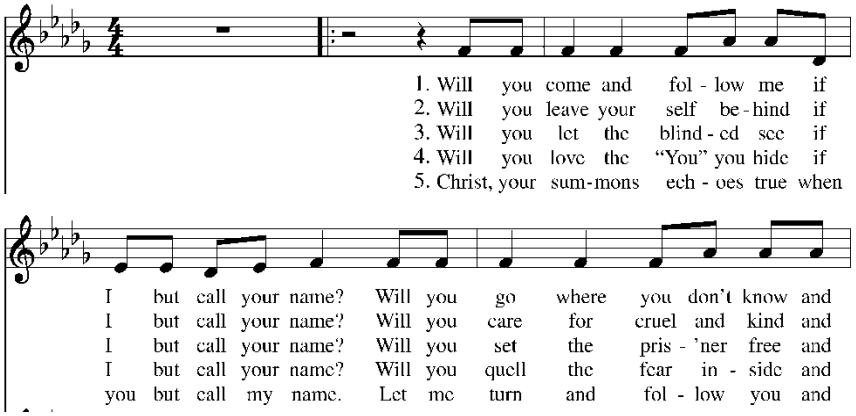
Please stay seated until you are invited forward by the usher, beginning from the back of the church.

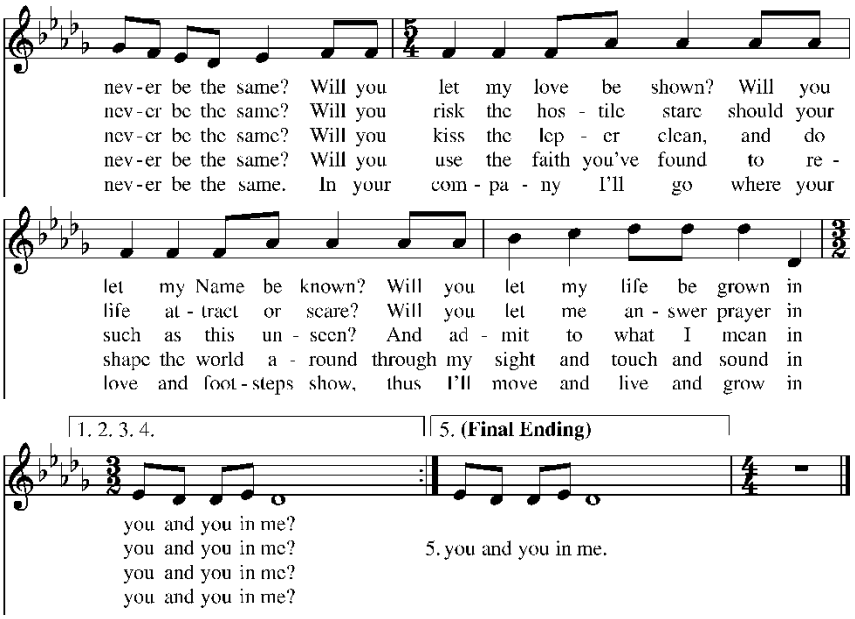
COMMUNION ANTHEM *We thank thee, Lord, for this fair earth*

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

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.

COMMUNION HYMN WLP #757 *Will you come and follow me*





Words: from the Iona Community. Music: *Mary Alexandra*, John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

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

Live without fear, your creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and the blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you, forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN # 555 *Lead on, O King eternal*



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

DISMISSAL

Intern Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. 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 Berry Family and LGBTQ+ Affirming Team.

This month's coffee hour recipient is
Wakefield Alliance Against Violence (WAAV)

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Postulant Intern:	Lauren Rigsby
Lector:	Elizabeth Downs
Litanist:	Pat Brandl
Eucharistic Ministers:	Eddie Parsons and Amy Walsh
Usher:	Nikki Nash-MacIsaac
Altar Guild:	Dawn Jackson, Jen Morrell and Cynthia Peach
Vestry Greeter:	Amy Walsh
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 to the left of the main altar after each service and during communion at the 10:00 a.m. service.

EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

Andrew, Debbie and Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, John Claya, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John DeNatale, Donna, Erica, Kristen Goddard, Michelle Hager, CJ, Ginny Johnson, Jonathan, Kevin MacKenzie, Diane Manning, Mark Martino, Sara Murphy, Olivia, Mo Pollman, Rebecca, Carolyn and Jeff Robinson, Sheila and Josh, Trudy, Amy Walsh, Kelly Wood, and Alan Wright.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

In the Diocesan cycle of Prayer, we pray for the churches of the Taunton River Deanery: Trinity Church, Bridgewater; Church of Our Saviour, Middleborough; Order of St. Luke; Deans of Deaneries; and Deanery Co-Conveners.

10:00 COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED!

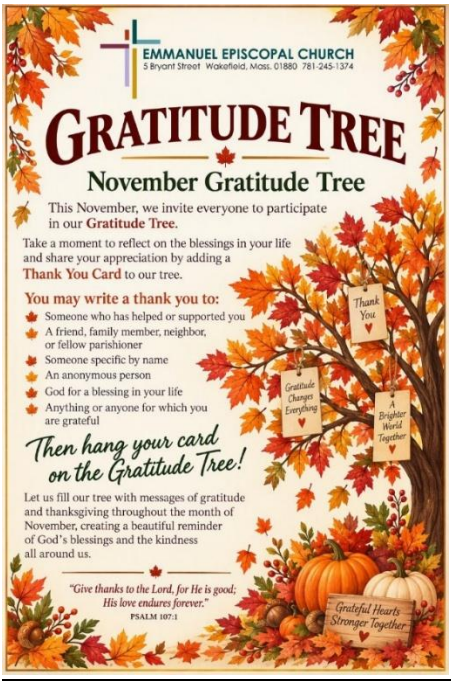
Hosting is a fun way to connect with our Emmanuel community, whether you host individually, with a friend, or as a committee. **Open dates are December 27.** Sign up on the poster in the Narthex, the clipboard on the refreshment table, or by emailing Colleen Moran (colleenm781@gmail.com) or Lisa in the church office.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ALTAR FLOWERS

Each week beautiful flowers grace our altar. **We have an opening on December 6th.** Donations in any amount towards altar flowers are always welcome to help defray expenses to the church's flower budget. If you would like to remember or celebrate your loved ones with flowers on the altar, please speak to Lisa Ventura 781-526-9777 or lventura@emmanuelwakefield.org.

JOIN US TUESDAY!





KIDS KORNER

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 15th: Youth Ministry after communion
November 22nd: Youth ministry after communion
November 29th: No Kids Club in Observance of Thanksgiving
December 6th: Intergenerational Service
December 11th: Advent Adoration Prep at 5:00pm in Parish Hall
December 20th: Advent Adoration during 10:00am service

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please help us keep the food pantry stocked! The need is increasing and we need all hands on deck to make sure our community stays nourished in all ways. We are getting closer to finalizing a plan to help raise money for the food pantry and finding more ways to support our neighbors. We are so excited for our Advent Adoration presentation; please check emails for all the details and ways you can help!

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ANNUAL BOY SCOUT WREATH SALE

On Sunday, November 29th, Boy Scouts from Troop 701 will be selling evergreen wreaths after both services.



WHAT IS ADVENT?

The church's new year begins on the first Sunday in Advent, November 29, 2026. Happy church new year, everyone! Get your Advent party hats ready! The word "advent" comes from the Latin word "*adventus*," which means "coming." This makes sense considering Advent is our season of preparation, hope, and expectation for the coming of Jesus' birth on Christmas. If you look at the lectionary (our scripture readings) for the season of Advent, you might notice that the season is also preparing for the "second coming" of Jesus when we will see the kingdom of God on earth, as it is in heaven. So, Advent is a season that does something pretty cool and complex with time; it anticipates and prepares for the inbreaking of God-with-us / Emmanuel / Jesus which happened historically 2,000ish years ago, is happening right now, and will fully come to fruition in the future.

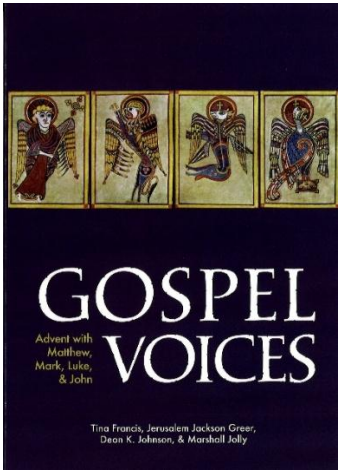
Together as a church family, we will prepare ourselves by: singing Advent hymns, lighting candles on the Advent wreath, and wrapping up our book study on *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. You may find it meaningful to have a special Advent devotional to help you access the posture of preparing the way of the Lord, here and now, in hope. Keep a lookout for the updated 2026 list of Advent resources.
Lauren Rigsby, Postulant Intern



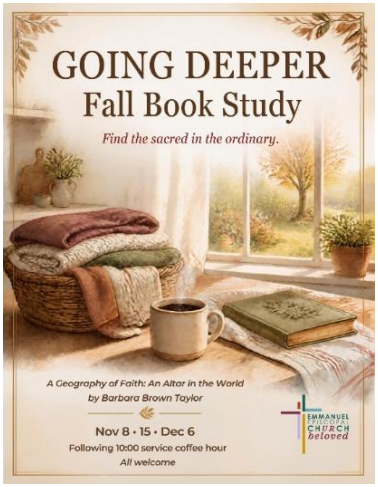

Greening of the Church
Many Hands, Merry Hearts!
Help the Altar Guild decorate Emmanuel for Advent and Christmas!
Saturday, November 28
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Come for a little or stay for the whole morning.
Bring your kids and join the fun!
Coffee • Hot Cider • Hot Cocoa • Donuts
Let's make our church beautiful for Christmas — together!
All parishioners are welcome.


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ADVENT 2026 DEVOTIONAL AND RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL PRACTICE



Every year during this holy season, God invites us to step away and contemplate Christ's coming with awe and wonder. We prepare our hearts in quiet gratitude. Each year I suggest resources for you, and this year I have purchased several copies of the newest release from Forward Movement, *Gospel Voices: Advent with Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John*. You can also find a list of resources for spiritual practice in Advent 2026 in the Narthex. I have most of these books in my office for you to look at and borrow. What a gift it is to journey together during these short, sacred weeks!
Gratefully, Brett+



The final session **of our fall** book study ***A Geography of Faith – An Altar in the World*** by Barbara Brown Taylor will be held **on Sunday, December 6th** after the 10:00 AM service.

This session will be led by Lauren Rigsby and will focus on Chapter 12.

We would love to have you join us even if you haven't read the book!



Advent invites us to slow down, and December rarely lets us. This year, set aside a Saturday to do it on purpose.

Join us for an Advent Quiet Day led by The Rev. Dr. Bill Blaine-Wallace, an Episcopal priest, pastoral counselor, and spiritual director who has ministered in parishes, hospices, and mental health settings. Bill lives in rural Maine with his spouse on a farm that's also home to rescued donkeys, and he is passionate about creating space for conversations that matter.

Through the day, Bill will guide us in reflecting on St. Francis: praying alone in the woods, standing between those who fight, forgetting what others think, and offering and receiving motherly love. Each session pairs a short reflection with silence and conversation. A light breakfast starts the day, and we'll share a soup lunch together. The day is offered by free-will offering.
Please RSVP to lventura@emmanuelwakefield.org.

Soul Suppers at Emmanuel

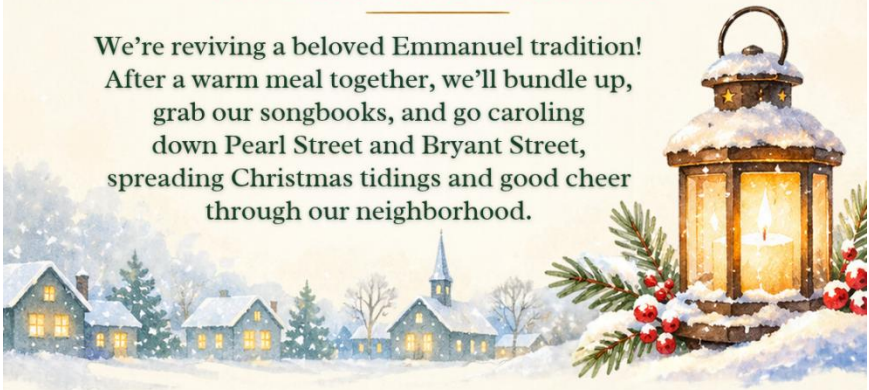
THURSDAY, DEC 10 | DINNER AT 6:00 PM
PROGRAM AT 6:45 PM
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ALL ARE WELCOME!
FREE CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED

Caroling

in Our Neighborhood

An Emmanuel Tradition

We're reviving a beloved Emmanuel tradition! After a warm meal together, we'll bundle up, grab our songbooks, and go caroling down Pearl Street and Bryant Street, spreading Christmas tidings and good cheer through our neighborhood.



RSVP to lventura@emmanuelwakefield.org

The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth, Bishop Diocesan
Will be visiting Emmanuel on Sunday, December 20th,

As I announced, we are overjoyed that our Bishop Diocesan, the Rt. Rev. Julia Whitworth, will be joining us on Sunday, December 20th, the final Sunday of Advent. Please mark the date on your calendar. At her request, we will have one service at 10:00 a.m. during which she will preach and preside. After the service, we gather with her for a festive brunch led by our Special Events team. During this reception, she will share her vision and take questions. Afterward, she will meet with the vestry for an hour.

In the day's instructions, one of the great benefits she is offering is the opportunity for baptism, confirmation, receptions, and reaffirmation of vows. I realize the timing is short, so I invite each of you to consider if the Holy Spirit is calling you to one of these sacred commitments.

Baptism is "the full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church." (*BCP, 298*). Adult baptism is a real thing! If you have not been baptized, this may be your opportunity!
Confirmation is a personal declaration of faith in God, an offering of life to God's will, and a commitment to life within the community of Christ. Again, it is not merely for 10th-graders!
Reception is for those baptized in another tradition who would like to be received into The Episcopal Church.
Reaffirmation of Vows is another option for those who feel called to reaffirm the commitments they have made in the past. This is a declaration of your wish to recommit yourself to the Christian life of faith.

If you discern that the Spirit is calling you to any of these paths, our time is short. Please see me, and we will meet to prepare properly.

I am so eager to have Bishop Julia spend time with you, beloved Emmanuel. She already loves you through me and will be able to

PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Sunday, November 22	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 & Rite of Renaming
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	5:00 PM	Solemn Choral Evensong Parish of All Saints, Ashmont, MA
Tuesday, November 24	7:00 PM	Wakefield Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple Emmanuel
	7:00 PM	Canterbury Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 25	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Thursday, November 26	***HAPPY THANKSGIVING!***	
Saturday, November 28	9:00 AM	Greening of the Church
	4:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, November 29		Advent 1
	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist – Rite II
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Emmanuel Episcopal Church is a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community dedicated to spiritual growth through worship, education and service.

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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Postulant Intern: Lauren Rigsby	210-275-3115
Co-Warden: Kim Collins (she/her)	339-224-8455
Co-Warden: Beth Martin (she/her)	781-308-3474

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

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