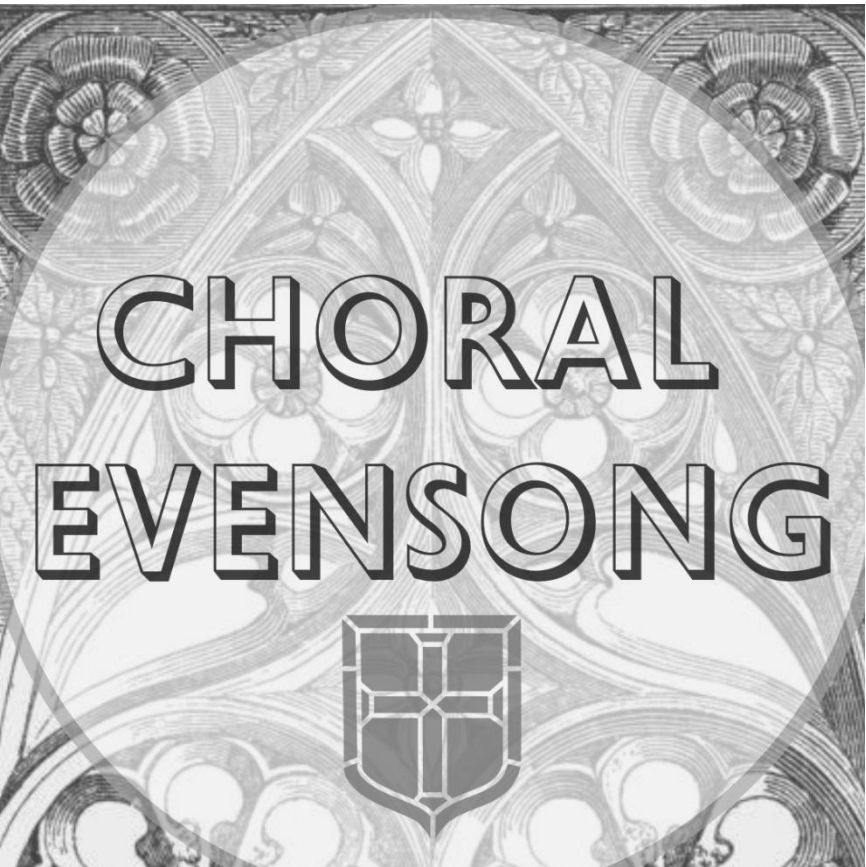


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CHORAL EVENSONG

For the Feast of St. Teresa of Avila

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

October 15, 2026

Seven o'clock in the evening

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

Careful observers will notice that the word "Evensong" is not found in our Book of Common Prayer, despite our advocacy of its traditional Anglican and Episcopal bona fides! This is a quirk of history.

"Evensong" was the name given for the Evening Prayer liturgy--that is to say, Thomas Cranmer's admixture of the Catholic Vespers and Compline offices--in the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549. In later books, that name was dropped, but it remains a term of affection for Evening Prayer when it is sung--either chanted, or sung by a choir.

Choral Evensong, as we've received it, is a confluence of several streams of liturgical history: the sung offices of Medieval monasticism, Reformation emphases on daily public prayer and Scripture reading in the vernacular, and choral music from the

Anglican golden ages of the 16th century and the turn of the 20th, the latter coming on the heels of the Gothic Revival and Oxford Movement, which are responsible for Evensong's timeless aesthetic context.

It is a living tradition, with composers continuing to apply their art to the call-and-response Preces and Responses, the Anglican chant Psalmody, and the Gospel canticle dyad (Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis) which are the musical core of the liturgy.

In the great English and Welsh Cathedrals, children and adults continue to offer Evensong daily to pilgrims from near and far.

While in the United States there are few churches offering it frequently (St. Thomas Fifth Avenue and Washington National Cathedral being major exceptions), parishes and cathedrals mark special occasions throughout the year with Evensong, finding it a wellspring of Anglican identity, and a complimentary setting to the Sunday morning Eucharist for worshippers to "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" the Scriptures, in Cranmer's immortal words.

Tonight at Emmanuel, let us open together this liturgical treasure-house, as we pray once more: "O Lord, open thou our lips..."

Luca Cantone, Organist and Music Director

A note about St. Teresa of Avila:

Teresa of Avila was one of two women declared a “Doctor of the Church” in 1970, primarily because of her two mystical contemplative works, *The Way of Perfection* and *Interior Castle*. Even in her childhood, she took much pleasure in the study of saints’ lives, and she used to delight in spending times of contemplation, repeating over and over “For ever, for ever, for ever, for ever, they shall see God.”

In her autobiography Teresa tells that, following her mother’s death, she became quite worldly. To offset this, her father placed her in an Augustinian convent to be educated, but serious illness ended her studies. During convalescence, she determined to enter the religious life; and, though opposed by her father, she became a postulant at a Carmelite convent. Taking recourse in two great penitents, Augustine of Hippo and Mary Magdalene, she became increasingly meditative. She began to receive visions—whether from God or the Devil she could not know—and struggled to reject them.

Teresa established a reformed Carmelite order of the “discalced” religious, who wore sandals or went unshod. Despite many setbacks she traveled for 25 years through Spain. Energetic, practical, efficient, as well as being a mystic and ascetic, she established 17 convents of Reformed Carmelites. Even imprisonment did not deter her.

Despite the demands of her administrative and missionary work, Teresa found time to write the numerous letters that give us rare insights into her personality and concerns. She shows us a practical organizer, a writer of native genius, a warm devoted friend, and, above all, a lover of and the beloved of God. Her death, following two years of illness, was peaceful. Her last sight was of the Sacrament brought for her comfort; her last words, “O my Lord! Now is the time that we may see each other.”

edited from *Holy Women, Holy Men* (2010, Church Publishing).

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #34 *Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation*

- 1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
- 2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of
- 3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
- 4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
- 5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



- 1 day - time ra - dant with the sun - light and to the night give
- 2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
- 3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
- 4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
- 5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



- 1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.
- 2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
- 3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
- 4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
- 5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now and for ev - er.

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WELCOME Book of Common Prayer (1928)

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all

men such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

INTROIT *O Lord, the maker of all thing - William Mundy (1521-1591)*

*O Lord, the maker of all thing,
We pray thee now in this evening
Us to defend through thy mercy
From all deceit of our enemy.*

*Let neither us deluded be,
Good Lord, with dream or fantasy;
Our hearts waking in thee thou keep
That we in sin fall not on sleep.*

*O Father, through thy blessed Son,
Grant us this our petition,
To whom, with the Holy Ghost always,
In heaven and earth be laud and praise.*

*Paraphrase of the Compline hymn, Te lucis ante terminum, attributed to
Henry VIII (1491-1547)*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

THE PRECES

William Smith (1603-1645)
arr. for 4 voices

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a flock; *
show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up thy strength, and come and help us.

3 Turn us again, O God; *
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, *
and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts; *
show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt; *
thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou madest room for it; *
and when it had taken root, it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, *
and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.

11 She stretched out her branches unto the sea, *
and her boughs unto the River.

12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedge, *
that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?

13 The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up, *
and the wild beasts of the field devour it.

14 Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven, *
behold, and visit this vine;

15 And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted, *
and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.

16 It is burnt with fire, and cut down; *
and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, *

and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

*18 And so will not we go back from thee: **

O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.

*19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts; **

show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

GLORIA PATRI

*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, amen.
(Coverdale translation, BCP 1928)*

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON: 1 SAMUEL 3:1-18

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."

Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

OFFICE HYMN #27 O blest Creator, source of light



1	O	blest	Cre	-	a -	tor,	source	of	light,
2	You	joined	the		morn	and	eve	-	ning
3	Lest	we,	be	-	set	by	doubt	and	strife,
4	E	-	ter -	nal	Fa -	ther,	help	us	rise
5	De	-	fend	us,	Fa -	ther,	through	the	night,

1 you gave the day with splen - dor bright,
 2 you found it good and called it 'day,'
 3 for - get your bless - ed gift of life,
 4 and strive to gain the heaven - ly prize;
 5 and with your Son, and Spi - rit bright—

1 when on the new and liv - ing earth
 2 But now the threat - ening dark - ness nears—
 3 and an - guished and in mind dis - tressed,
 4 for you a - lone can make us strong
 5 the Tri - ni - ty whom we a - dore—

1 you brought all things to glo - rious birth.
 2 we pray you, I'a - ther, calm our fears.
 3 be crushed by guilt, by sin op - pressed.
 4 to turn from sin and cease from wrong.
 5 be with us now and ev - er - more.

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MAGNIFICAT for *Truro Cathedral*

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

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: ROMANS 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS *for Truro Cathedral* Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

*LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.*

*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*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.*

APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Officiant</i>
The Lord be with you.	And with thy spirit.	Let us pray.
Our Father, who art for ever and ever.	A - men.	

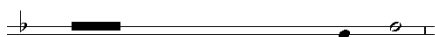
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The Lord's Prayer

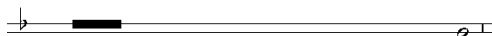
All chant in monotone

*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 debtors,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 Amen.*

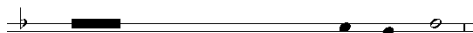
<i>Cantor or Officiant</i>
V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
<i>People</i>
R. And grant us thy salva-tion.
V. Endue thy ministers with right-eous-ness;
R. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.



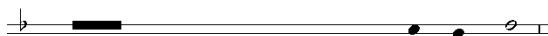
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



R. For only in thee can we live in safe-ty.



V. Lord, keep this nation un-der thy care;



R. And guide us in the way of jus-tice and truth.



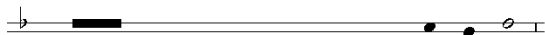
V. Let thy way be known up-on earth;



R. Thy saving health among all na-tions.



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot-ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta-ken a-way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spi-rit.

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THE COLLECTS (chanted) with Choral Amens by William Smith (1603-1645)

O God, who by the Holy Ghost didst move Teresa of Avila to manifest to thy church the way of perfection: Grant us, we beseech thee, to be nourished by her teaching, and enkindle within us a lively and unquenchable longing for true holiness; through Jesus

Christ, the joy of loving hearts, who with thee and the Holy Ghost
liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Officiant: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake.

All: Amen.

HOMILY THE REV. BRETT R. JOHNSON

ANTHEM *Prayer of St. Teresa*

Carminé Lappano (b. 1977)

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassionately on this earth.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good;
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

*Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Amen.*

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER *A Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila*

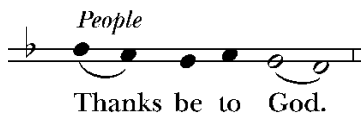
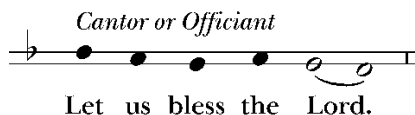
Lord, grant that I may always allow myself to be guided by you,
always follow your plans, and perfectly accomplish your holy will.

Grant that in all things, great and small,
today and all the days of my life,
I may do whatever you require of me.
Help me respond to the slightest prompting of your grace,
so that I may be your trustworthy instrument for your honor.
May your will be done in time and in eternity
by me, in me, and through me. **Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised
through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered
together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now,
O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for
us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the
world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL #S31



THE BLESSING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

CLOSING HYMN #24 *The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*



1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
 2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
 4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
 on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
 on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
 em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
 keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
 si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
 ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

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POSTLUDE Voluntary on *Innisfree Farm*

Michael Burkhardt
(b. 1957)

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*Our freewill offering is to support the music ministry
of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.*

A prayer attributed to St. Teresá of Avila

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*



OUR MISSION:

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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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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