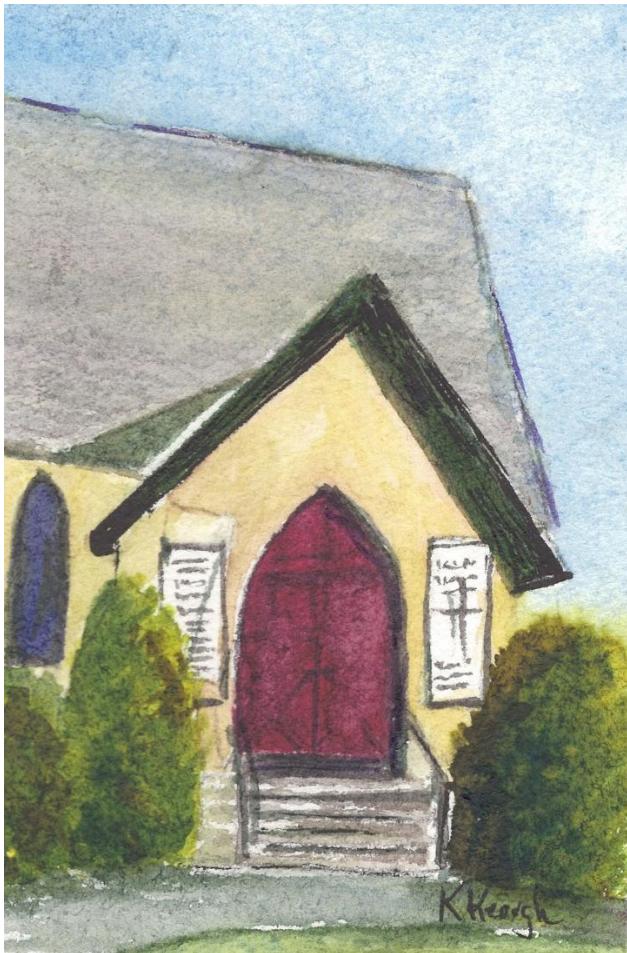


Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



February 8, 2026
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.

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

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #594 *God of grace and God of glory*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever!

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.

GLORIA #S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -

receive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
 to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
 and delight to know my ways,
 as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
 and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
 they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry

and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112:1-9

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

SECOND LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the

Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #600 vss. 1,2&3 O Day of God, draw nigh

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time-less jud - ment now to match our pres-ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead-fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

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GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 5:13-20

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

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

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON THE REV. DEBORAH PHILLIPS

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 - FORM VI

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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.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world. 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.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation. 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.

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Julia our Bishop; Mary and Ian our Assisting Bishops and for all bishops and other ministers. Merciful God, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the following churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery: St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain (Boston); Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry; St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury (Boston); Building Bridges Ministries and Retired Clergy.

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Geoff Blackett, Donna Boudreau, Debbie Bourne, Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John and Richard DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Matthew Dyer, David Fieldhouse, Connor Gallagher, Mary Gasson, Kristen Goddard, Louise Haldeman, Heidi, Karen

Dodd Howard, JD, CJ, Jack Jephson, Ted Jobe, Ginny Johnson, Tim Kelsey, Larry, Ken Leach, Carol Lynch, Kevin MacKenzie, Keith Manville, Mark Martino, Don McCarter, Sara Murphy, Neil, Steve Newman, Judith Oder, Jim O'Reilly, Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Dustin Pollard, Mo Pollman, Susan Quinn, Rebecca, Linda Russo, Timothy Springer, Trudy, Vanessa, Amy Walsh, Bill & Jan, Kelly, and Alan Wright.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Today we also pray for The Community Dining Room, our coffee hour recipient this month.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We especially remember Claudette Forss, dear family member of Colleen and Tim Moran whom we have been praying for and who passed away last week.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

CONFESSiON - *Enriching Our Worship*

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

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.

Celebrant: 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 *From All the Earth Send Up the Song!*

*From all the earth send up the song!
Shout glad hosannas loud and long!
Serve joyfully! Our God adore.
Acclaim God's honor ever more!*

*Great God, Creator, Source of all,
Both keeps and guards us when we fall.
One flock in our Good Shepherd's fold,
We feast on bounties yet untold.*

*The gates of glory beckon here.
Come, bless God's name.
Give thanks! Draw near.
God's mercies last through all our days.
New psalms, spring forth in grateful praise.*

*Our God is true from age to age.
Our God is good beyond our gauge.
God is faithful, ever sure.
God's kindness, love, and grace endure!*

***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.
Amen***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – *Eucharistic Prayer B**Expansive Language*

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.

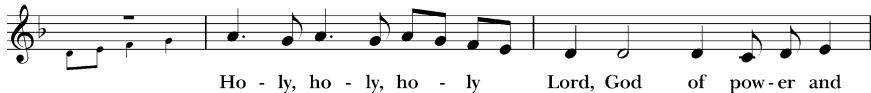
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS #S129



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The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

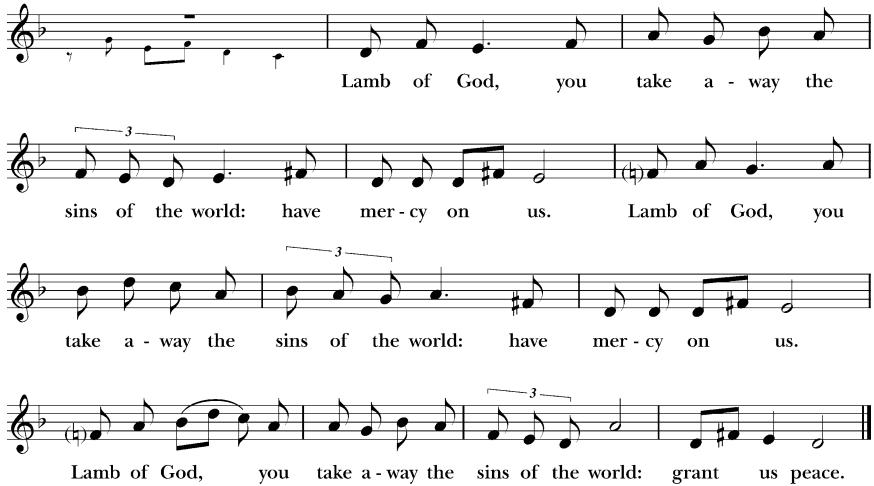
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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. 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

AGNUS #S163



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

COMMUNION

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

Prayers for healing are also offered.

Choir members will receive communion first.

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

COMMUNION HYMN #609 *Where cross the crowded ways of life*

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thec still holds the
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths whre hide the
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
 5 where thy feet have (trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
 3 tudes to sec the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
 4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and

courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Be careful as you go out into God's creation,
for it does not belong to you.

Be gentle with yourself and with one another,
for you are the dwelling place of the Most High God.

Be alert and hesitant,
for sometimes God is but a whisper.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with your always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN WLP #782 *Gracious Spirit, give your servants*

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
4. Tri - unc God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
 People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

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**Please join us after the service for coffee hour in the parish hall
hosted by Dawn Jackson and Michele Toppi.**

*This month's coffee hour recipient is the
Community Dining Room - St. Luke's-San Lucas
Episcopal Church, Chelsea*

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Deborah Phillips
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Lector:	Audra Bartz
Litanist:	Nicole Russo De Souza
Eucharistic Ministers:	Dawn Jackson and Amy Walsh
Usher:	Eddie Parsons
Altar Guild:	Lisa Ventura and Amy Walsh
Vestry Greeter:	Nicole Russo De Souza
Streaming Coordinator:	Lisa Ventura
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



Today we welcome The Rev. Deborah Phillips as our celebrant while Rev. Brett is away. Debbie has recently retired from Grace Church in Salem. We are delighted that she is with us today. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and extend our friendly Emmanuel welcome.

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.

Please note: Rev. Brett is away until February 11th. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please call Lisa Ventura 781-526-9777 and she will put you in contact with the covering priest.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN EPISCOPALIAN?

Are you curious about the beliefs, history, worship, and practices of the Episcopal Church? Have you been feeling the call of God to become a member of the Episcopal Church? Are you interested in The Episcopal Church or learning more about confirmation (youth) and reception (adults). Periodically, we have a series of short classes for those who are curious. Before we begin classes, Rev. Brett will have a short introductory meeting and informal conversation on Sunday, February 15th after the 10:00 a.m. service for you to discern if you'd like to join. Please let Rev. Brett or Lisa know if you are interested. Remember, all are not just welcome; all are *wanted and belong!*

10:00 A.M. COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Coffee Hour hosts are needed after the 10:00 a.m. service on **February 15**, throughout March, and beyond in 2026. Connect with a friend, invite your Team members, go solo—anything works! Thank you so much for providing fellowship and sustenance to our beloved tradition. If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall or contact Colleen Moran or Lisa Ventura to sign up.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We currently have openings for altar flowers on February 15th, 22nd, and all of March. If you would like to remember a loved one, celebrate someone's special day or give thanks for someone or something in your life, please consider donating to our weekly altar flowers. Donations for altar flowers in any amount are welcome. If you are interested or have questions, please email Lisa Ventura at lventura@emmanuelwakefield.org or call her at 781-526-9777.



KidS Korner

Important Dates:

Sunday February 15th: No Kids Club- Presidents' Day Weekend

Sunday March 1st: Intergenerational Sunday

Announcements:

Check out the Soup-er Bowl flyer that Dave so kindly made for us! No matter who you root for, we can all agree that donating to the pantry is a win for everyone! Items can be dropped off in the Kids Club area and children will stock the pantry with all the goods.

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The Wakefield Food Pantry most needed item for the month of February is jarred pasta sauce.



Teen Healthy Relationships: Parent Workshop

Learn how to:

- Help your teen navigate their relationships
- Identify signs of unhealthy relationships
- Break the stigma: Ways to approach tricky topics as teens enter new types of relationships

VIRTUAL
FEBRUARY 10, 2025
7:00-8:00 PM

Scan to Register

OR visit
<https://melroseallianceagainstviolence-bloom.kindful.com/s/teen-healthy-relationships-parent-workshop>

Hosted & presented by:

MELROSE ALLIANCE AGAINST VIOLENCE

WAKEFIELD ALLIANCE AGAINST VIOLENCE

RESPOND working to end domestic violence

Leaping in the Light of God

Soul Supper Thursday February 12, 6pm

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Dinner at 6pm, program at 6:45pm
RSVP: lventura@emmanuelwakefield.org



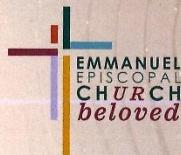
Join us for an evening of deep conversation, community, and exploration as we gather around questions of faith, calling, and liberation.

**Where is God calling us to be?
Where is God calling us to go?**



Guest Speaker: Dr. Brian Litzenberger

Dr. Litzenberger is a clinical psychologist and consultant for the Diocese of Massachusetts. He brings wisdom from his work in formation, mental health, and parish ministry to help us explore these questions in community over a shared meal.



All are welcome!

Please let the office know if you plan to attend or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Also, if you can contribute an item for the dinner, please let Lisa Ventura in the office know. Thank you!

Please note that if you can't make it in person, you can join us on Zoom for the discussion. The Zoom link will be sent out that day.

Hosted by Ruth's Way

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

Love in Action

Saturday, February 14
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Come and learn more about the resources and services available in the Wakefield community and surrounding areas. Local organizations are welcome to participate and be a part of a community that CARES!

*Emmanuel Episcopal Church
5 Bryant Street, Wakefield*

More information:
Nicole O'Brien, 857-361-9913

6 Week Lenten Book Study Series
Mondays via Zoom 7-8pm
Begins February 16!

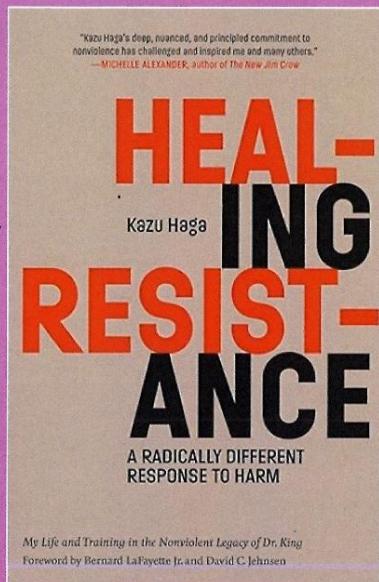
Nonviolence was once considered the highest form of activism and radical change. And yet its basic truth, its restorative power, has been forgotten.

Join us as we introduce and explore the healing principles of nonviolent philosophy and practice.

The program will be led by seminarian Karen Aalto, and no pre-preparation is required to participate.

The book is available for purchase [online](#).

Please contact Lisa in the church office for the Zoom link.



belong...be loved...flourish

Rev. Brett has purchased a couple of copies of this book.
If you need one, please let Lisa in the office know.

Pancakes & PJ's

FOR SHROVE TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.



COME IN YOUR PJ'S
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you to Eric Dannenberg who has volunteered to coordinate this event. We are looking for volunteers to help with cooking, serving, set-up and clean-up. If you can help, please let Lisa in the office know.



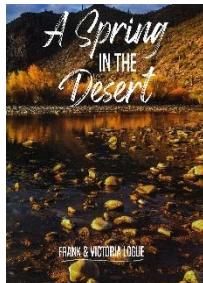
ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18TH

7:30 AM service at Emmanuel w/Communion & Imposition of Ashes

12:00 noon Traditional BCP service at St. Paul's, Lynnfield

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



Jesus stepped out of the water of baptism into uninhabitable wilderness, emerging forty days later to offer the water of life for those thirsting for God's presence. A little more than two centuries later, a group of Christians withdrew from a spiritually barren Roman Empire to find their faith blossom in the stony soil of the Egyptian desert.

Frank and Victoria Logue offer a Lenten journey inspired by the many passages of scripture that use images of water in the desert as a sign of the healing and wholeness that come through God alone. To this they add the distilled wisdom of the Desert Mothers and Fathers and the surprisingly rich inspiration of the plants and animals that thrive in an arid land. Along the way, they will share the ways our faith speaks to the barren places in our lives and how those times of drought can be a source of strength.

Rev. Brett has purchased several copies of the devotional. Please ask him or Lisa if you would like a copy. The daily writing begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18, 2026.

LENTEN QUIET DAY HOPE AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

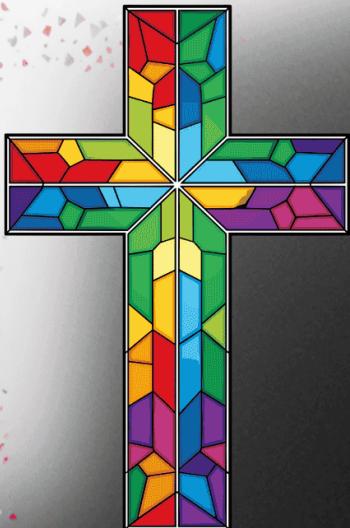
with The Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes
Pastor, Poet, and Author of *Unfolding Light*

Saturday, February 21, from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Emmanuel Episcopal Church

In times of political upheaval, climate crisis, and uncertainty, how do we cultivate hope?

What if hope isn't just a feeling, but a spiritual practice—an act of resistance rooted in something absolute?

Join us for a day of prayer, contemplation, and community as we explore hope as a Lenten discipline.



Open to all
lventura@emmanuelwakefield.org

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or let Lisa in the office know.

Join us for a Lenten Quiet Day
as we rediscover the Good News
and let it empower us.

Saturday, February 28
10am – 2pm
Lunch provided

Please RSVP at
carol@gracemedford.org

Tell me
something
good

Grounding
ourselves in
the good news
this Lent

While Still Far Off...

A Lenten Quiet Day on the Compassion of God



Through Scripture, silence, reflection, and Eucharist, experience the compassion that restores our souls and sends us forth renewed.

Companions of the Society of the Holy Cross
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newburyport
Saturday, March 7, 2026, 9:30am - 2:30pm

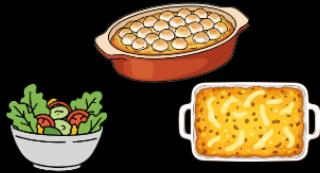
Led by The Reverend Brett R. Johnson

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You're Invited to

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CASSEROLE NIGHT



03.20.2026

7 - 9 pm

\$20 pp
Kids Free

- Homemade Comfort Food
- Friendly Competition
- Great Prizes

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PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Sunday, February 8	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
Monday, February 9	6:00 PM	Grief Support Group
Tuesday, February 10	4:30 PM	Canterbury Executive Comm.
	6:00 PM	Pastoral Care Team
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, February 11	2:00 PM	Wardens' Meeting
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Thursday, February 12	6:00 PM	Soul Supper
Saturday, February 14	11:00 AM	Ruth's Way Community Resource Fair
	1:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, February 15	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour

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



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OUR MISSION:

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community dedicated to spiritual growth through worship and education for adults and children.



OUR VISION:

Emmanuel embodies Christ's light in service to all. Here, through God's love and grace, all are accepted, purpose is found, and together we flourish.



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

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Emmanuel sits on the traditional land of the 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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