

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts
The Second Sunday of Easter



April 12, 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 visitors’ 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, intinction (dipping cup, a separate cup), and the non-alcohol alternative; simply let the clergy know. 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. Our Altar Bread is Gluten Free.

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, like today, 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #205 *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing*

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 -

ccive 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON ACTS 2:14A,22-32

Lorelai Santarelli

Peter and the eleven other disciples were together in a crowd of people. Peter started shouting about Jesus:

Jesus from Nazareth was the sign that God was among you. You watched him do those signs. This is the man you handed over to the authorities who killed him. But God freed him from death, because

he was even stronger than death itself. King David, who lived a long time ago, even talked about him: "My heart is glad and full of hope because your Holy One was raised from death. You have shown me the good life, full of your presence". Fellow people of Israel, King David wasn't talking about himself. God had promised David that one of his descendants would be the Messiah. It was Jesus that God raised and we are all witnesses of that.

The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

2 **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 **Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 **I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

SECOND LESSON 1 PETER 1:3-9

Keira Berry

Blessed be God, the Father of our Savior Jesus Christ. God is so very merciful and has given us a whole new life of hope that will never die, because Jesus didn't stay dead. Our new life is one that will never die, and never get old. Even though right now things are really rough for you, and it feels like you are metal in a fire, you are getting stronger in Jesus Christ. Even though you have never met him personally, you still love him. And you believe in him, and have no end of joy because of your faith in him.

The word of the Lord

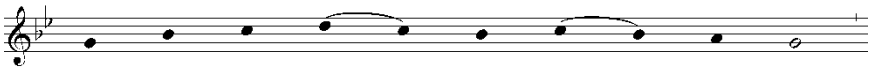
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #206 vss. 1,2&6 *O sons and daughters, let us sing*

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
 2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
 3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
 4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
 5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
 6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This hymn is for the Second Sunday of Easter and St. Thomas' Day.

Words: Att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). Music: *O filii et filiae*, melody from *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls*, 1623; acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Jillian Santarelli

These prayers were thoughtfully written by our Kids' Club and are in their words. In order to be inclusive, we ask that you respond verbally and with gestures to each prayer by saying:

We hold them in our hearts [place your hands over your hearts], and we lift them up to you, God [lift your hands up in the air].

Now, Let us pray

God, we pray that we can all put our hearts in the church to help those in need and that all people can feel accepted and welcomed in God's image.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

We pray that those in authority in our nation deeply think about their actions and the consequences before making decisions. We pray that we may become a country of peace over violence.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

God, we pray for those under attack in zones of danger and those who experience genocide and persecution in daily life. That you may protect them and help us to do the same.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

We pray for those in our community who don't have resources, those who are sick and in hospitals, those who have been wrong and those experiencing loneliness and thoughts of unworthiness. May we make visible those who are often forgotten.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

God, we pray for those who suffer, that they may find goodness, happiness, and peace even in their suffering.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

We pray for the people we love who have died. We look forward to seeing them in heaven.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, mercifully accept the prayers of all your children. May they know they are cherished by you and by all here at Emmanuel.

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

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.*

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

BLESSING FOR HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY AND PRAYER PARTNERS

Lizzy Barr, Mike Claya, Linda Freeman, Nikki Nash-Maclsaac, Tim Moran, Mary Muir, Nicole Russo De Souza, and Alison Shaw

Celebrant: Holy God, we give you thanks for the gift of this Healing Prayer Ministry, born of the Holy Spirit's prompting and rooted in the compassion of Christ.

Celebrant: Today we bless these your servants, who have said yes to this holy work.

All: May they be instruments of your healing love — present, gentle, and faithful.

All: May they hold with care all who come to them, offering a space of safety, warmth, and deep listening, where every person feels heard, supported, and met by your grace.

All: May this ministry grow and flourish, becoming a place of sacred encounter — with you, and with one another.

Celebrant: We ask this in the name of Jesus, who healed with a word, a touch, and a presence.

All: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE HANDMADE WOODEN CROSSES

A PRAYER FOR HEALING AND SAFETY FOR REV. BRETT

Holy God, we lift up Rev Brett to you as he prepares for his upcoming surgery.

May he deeply feel your sacred presence and fully trust in your Healing Power and faithfulness.

May Jesus our Healing be with him with every breath, ministering to him in mind, body, emotions and spirit.

We pray for the medical team as they are guided by the Holy Spirit toward a successful outcome and complete recovery.

May Brett, his loved ones, all who care for him and all who pray for him receive grace and a peace that surpasses all understanding.

All this we ask in your Holy and Sacred Name, Amen

May it be so. Thank You God.

THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *This Joyful Easter Tide* arr. Ronald Arnatt

*This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow:*

(Refrain)

*Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst His three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now has Christ arisen,*

*Death's flood has lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver: (Refrain)*

*My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number: (Refrain)*

DOXOLOGY

Tune #400

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 God thanks and praise.**

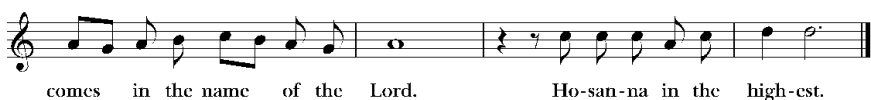
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 #S128 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the



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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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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 his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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

FRACTION HYMN #S-171

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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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 HYMN #209 *We walk by faith, and not by sight*

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt. Music: *St. Botolph*, Gordon Slater (1896-1979). By permission of Oxford University Press.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to

do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING *Book of Occasional Services*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, our Sovereign, our Savior, and our Shelter, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #180 *He is risen, he is risen*

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'He is risen, he is risen'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with four different versions of the first line. The first line is '1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with'. The second line is '2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and'. The third line is '*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -'. The fourth line is '4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened'. The music is in a 4/4 time signature.

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - dant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

DISMISSAL

Seminarian Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the resurrection of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude on *Good Christians all*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

**Please join us after the service for a Loaves and Fishes potluck
coffee hour in the Parish Hall**

This month's coffee hour recipient is Ruth's Way for Women

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Seminarian Intern:	Karen Aalto
Lectors:	Keira Berry and Lorelai Santarelli
Psalmist:	Kim Collins
Litanist:	Jillian Santarelli
Eucharistic Minister:	Eddie Parsons and Amy Walsh
Child's Cross Bearers	Kids' Club Members
Usher:	Dawn Jackson
Altar Guild:	Alison Shaw, Lisa Ventura and Amy Walsh
Vestry Greeter:	Eddie Parsons
Streaming Coordinator:	Pete McCann
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
her dear sister, Linda Sparks by Lisa Ventura.*

HEALING PRAYER OFFERED TODAY

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

EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

John Aalto, Donna Boudreau, Debbie Bourne, Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Lydia Cedrone, Wallie Cook, Patrick Joseph Crowe, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John and Richard DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Matthew Dyer, David Fieldhouse, Michael Flynn, Connor Gallagher, Mary Gasson, Kristen Goddard, Michelle Hager, Louise Haldeman, Heidi, Karen Dodd Howard, JD, CJ, Jen, Jack Jephson, Ted Jobe, Ginny Johnson, Tim Kelsey, Kevin, Ken Leach, Linda, Kevin MacKenzie, Keith Manville, Mark Martino, Don McCarter, Sara Murphy, Neil, Gayle Gammon Nelson, Steve Newman, Judith Oder, Jim O'Reilly, Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Dustin Pollard, JP Quinn, Rebecca, Linda Russo, Tommi-Lee, Trudy, Amy Walsh, Bill & Jan, Vicky Wegweiser, Kelly, and Alan Wright.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19th - WELCOME BACK REV. MANNY

Next Sunday we welcome back The Rev. Manny Faria who will lead us in worship while Rev. Brett is recovering from hip surgery. Many of you will remember Rev. Manny who served as our Bridge Priest before Rev. Brett was called to serve at Emmanuel. Our Seminarian, Karen Aalto, will also continue to serve during Rev. Brett's recovery.

If you have a pastoral care need or other needs during Rev. Brett's absence, please contact Lisa Ventura (781-526-9777) or lvventura@emmanuelwakefield.org who will put you in contact with the appropriate clergy or person to help.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES NOW AVAILABLE

Emmanuel is pleased to announce that assistive listening devices are now available for use during worship services and sanctuary events. Four lightweight receivers are located at the back of the sanctuary – simply pick one up before the service, put in the earbud, and adjust the volume to your preference using the buttons on the front of the device. Devices are fully charged and ready to go each week.

We hope this helps everyone fully participate in our worship together. Please see an usher or greeter if you have any questions or need assistance.


SPRING COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED AFTER 10:00 AM SERVICE

Hosts for the 10AM Coffee Hour are needed throughout the spring, beginning Sunday, April 26. If you have never hosted or are one of our dedicated veterans, thank you for signing up. Please consider partnering up if that makes it more appealing. You will see on the sign-up sheet that the Altar Guild is hosting the first weekend in May, all other committees are invited to pick a date to host as well. Many hands make light work!

You can sign up in multiple ways: via the clipboard on the refreshment table, the board in the Narthex or you can email either Colleen Moran (colleenm781@gmail.com) or Lisa Ventura (Lisa@emmanuelwakefield.org).

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

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



Kids Korner

Important Dates:
Sunday April 12th: Intergenerational Service
Sunday April 19th: No Kids Club- Spring Vacation week

Announcements:
We will be waiting to schedule a May intergenerational service until Rev. Brett has returned from surgery and feels well enough to be surrounded by the youngsters on the altar 😊
As always, please reach out with any concerns, questions or suggestions on ways we can support the local community!

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Would you like to remember or celebrate your loved ones with flowers on the altar? Flowers can be placed in memory of those who have passed away or in honor of, in celebration of, or in thanksgiving for those who bring joy to our lives. Donations for altar flowers in any amount are welcome. We have openings on April 19th and every Sunday in May.

If you are interested or have questions, please call Lisa Ventura 781-526-9777 or email the church office eecw@verizon.net. Not only do the flowers make our worship space more beautiful, but also after the service, the flowers are delivered to parishioners who are ill, need some cheering up, or are unable to come to church.

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



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PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2026

Sunday, April 12	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		Intergenerational Sunday
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	11:30 AM	Inquirers' Class
	11:30 AM	Healing Prayer Team
Monday, April 13	6:00 PM	Fundraising Team
Tuesday, April 14	6:00 PM	Pastoral Care Team
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 15	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Thursday, April 16	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Saturday, April 18	1:00 PM	Rainbow Recovery
Sunday, April 19	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

WOW! LOOK AT THAT!

“If we believe that our unity comes from looking together into a mystery and occasionally nudging one another and saying, “[Wow!] Look at that!” it can help us to feel how the unity we enjoy

(Brett: with radical diversity!)

is not primarily about institutional uniformity...

the unity is found in the common direction we are looking.”

Rowan Williams,

Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another

What does that word he keeps saying mean?

BASILEIA

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The **establishment of complete salvific communion** between humanity and God, among human beings, within human persons, and between humanity and the rest of creation.

"Full communion, full flourishing!"



Humanity
& God



Among
People



Within
Ourselves



With
Creation

Jesus' Mission:

"I must proclaim the good news of the **kingdom of God**" (Luke 4:43)

This *Basileia* is something Jesus longs for us to strive for **now**, even as it will not be ultimately fulfilled until the end of the age.



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.



- Bishop Diocesan: The Rt. Rev. Julia Whitworth (she/her)
- Rector: The Rev. Brett R. Johnson (he/him) 978-206-1788
- Seminarian Intern: Karen Aalto (she/her) kpaalto00@gmail.com
- Organist and Music Director: Luca Cantone 332-209-8432
- 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.

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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