

Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
Wakefield, Massachusetts  
The Second Sunday of Advent



December 8, 2024  
10:00 AM  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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

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

If this is your first time with us or your first time back in a while, please fill out the visitor’s card in the pew or the Narthex (the entrance hall). We are a friendly family, so please introduce yourself to everyone, especially our rector, Reverend Brett.

**A Note about Communion**

The most important thing to know is that *you are welcome*. God invites you to be fed. All are welcome at the altar rail. Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward, and we will come to you.

The options for receiving wine include the chalice or intinction (dipping cup, a separate cup). In our tradition, we believe that taking communion in one kind – taking the bread – bestows the full benefit of the sacrament. Therefore, you may choose not to take the wine. If you would not like to receive, we encourage you to come forward, cross your arms across your chest, and allow the clergy to bless you. We offer consecrated gluten-free wafers and a non-alcohol alternative; simply let the clergy know.

Remember: this is God’s table and you are welcome to meet God here!

**A Note about Children**

We *love* all our children. Most Sundays, we have childcare for the littlest ones alongside our Kids’ Club in their special place off the Parish Hall. We encourage your children to gather with their peers there, guided by our team of leaders. Once a month, usually the first Sunday, our children join us in the sanctuary to lead us as ushers and readers and assist Rev. Brett at the altar during Communion.

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

PRELUDE: *Come now, savior of the nations*, BWV 659

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #76 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

○ ANTIPHON II: *O Adonai* (Choir)

*O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel,  
who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush  
and gave him the law on Sinai:*

*Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.*

Exodus 3:2, 24:12

## WELCOME

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Gail & Darryl Abbey

*Celebrant:* You know what time it is. A voice has cried out from the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord." It is time to make things ready, in our lives and in our world, for the Word to be flesh again. It is time to prepare to live as God showed the ancestors of our faith, through the teaching of the prophets and the stories we have passed down until now. Prepare to make all things ready, for Christ to be born in our hearts again, that we might remember who we are, who God intends us to be. Prepare the way of the Lord.

*Light the first and second candle*

*Family:* God of our Ancestors, we repent of where we have gone astray. Help us to listen to the voice that cries out from the wildernesses, the margins of our world. Help us to listen to Your voice call us to prepare for justice, Your voice that calls us into the hard work of reparation, Your voice that calls us to pursue the path of peace. **Amen.**

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

*People* And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE #S92

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

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

High Voices  
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ,

have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy

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

High Voices  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy

All  
up - on us. Lord,

have mer - cy up - on us.

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

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together.

**Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON MALACHI 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 16 The Song of Zechariah LUKE 1: 68-79

*The Canticle will be read responsively by whole verse.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

## SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so

that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #67 vs. 1&3 *Comfort, comfort ye my people*



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken





and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olcarius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

## GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 3:1-6

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 *Planning for Rites and Rituals*

*At the Parish Prayer List of names, the congregation is invited to repeat each name after the Litanist in solidarity with those who have asked us for prayer.*

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Prepare your hearts for his arrival, praying, “Fill the valleys, make low the hills; come, great Redeemer, come.”

*Silence*

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;  
**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the following churches of the Alewife Deanery: St. Paul’s Church, Bedford; All Saints’ Church, Belmont; St. Mark’s Church, Burlington; The Officers of the Diocese; the Racial Justice Commission.

*Silence*

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;  
**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who dwell in the darkness and the shadow of death, to guide us into the way of peace. We pray for healing for those on the parish prayer list, including: Allison, Phoebe Babb, Kristin Baird, Bill, Bruna, Heather Cameron, Cathie Cardelucci, Lydia Cedrone, Ann Daily, Dave, John DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Peggy Elkins, Jonathan English, David Fieldhouse, Claudette Forss, Connor Gallagher, Kristen Goddard, Louise Haldeman, Lester Hartman, Karen Dodd Howard, Harvey Jacobvitz, Jeffrey, Jerry, John, Jordan, Debra Katt-Lloyd, John & Theresa Kelly, Kevin MacKenzie, Keith & Joanne Manville, Mark Martino, Nancy McAllister, Melissa, Becky Miller, Sebastian Miller and Family, Marcia Muir, Jim & Sara Murphy, T.A.N, Steve Newman, Becca Oberg, Jim O’Reilly, Emma Parese, Pat & Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Cecilia Powers, Kirk Ronaldson, Linda Shapiro, Carol Slaughter, Bill & Jan Walsh, and Kelly Wood.

*Silence*

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of those calling us to be better stewards of your creation. We thank you for all you have made, especially those things that sustain and better our lives.

*Silence*

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, our hearts cry out to you, Lord, for all those in the path of political violence, both here and across the globe. We pray especially for those in the fierce war zones in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, and the Sudan, and for those on all sides experiencing conflict. Intercede, we pray and show us a path toward peace for all people.

*Silence*

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty. We give thanks for your tender care.

*Silence*

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, you remember your children. You do not leave us in sorrow or affliction. Crown your children with glory; clothe them with righteousness.

*Silence*

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, you have raised up for us salvation through your Son. Keep us, with all your saints, in the eternal life of Christ. We especially remember Tommy Nestor and Richard Berry; in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given today.

*Silence*

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;  
**Come, great Redeemer, come.**

CONFESSION

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

### THE OFFERTORY

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *People, look East!* Eleanor Farjeon

*People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.*

*Angels, announce to man and beast  
Him who cometh from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

DOXOLOGY (all singing) HYMN #60 verse 6

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

THE HOLY EUCHARISTIC – *Prayer 3 from Enriching our Worship*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

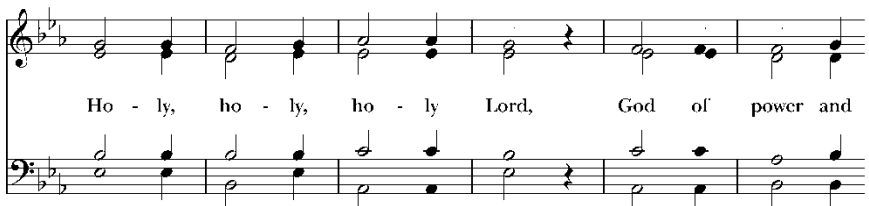
**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus #S130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is simple and homophonic, with the bass staff providing a steady accompaniment of chords and single notes.

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The people stand or kneel.*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave us your son Jesus, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory,

and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People*

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

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

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

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**Celebrant:** We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**People:** We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

## Agnus Dei #S164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your 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 #75 *There's a voice in the wilderness crying*



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a —  
2 O Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
3 but the word of our God — en - du - reth, the —



call from the ways un - trod; Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst — of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The —  
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
flowers of the field they — per - ish, like  
feed his — flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
grass our works de - cay; the power and pomp of  
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!  
na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;  
lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt. Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988). Copyright © 1938, H. Hugh Bancroft.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

O ANTIPHON III: O Radix Jesse (Choir)

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples;  
before you kings will shut their mouths,  
to you the nations will make their prayer:  
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.  
- Isaiah 11:10; 45:14; 52:15; Romans 15:12

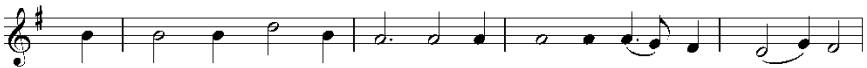
CLOSING HYMN #65 Prepare the way, O Zion



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Advent chorales from the Orgelbüchlein, BWV 600 & 601

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please join us after the service for coffee hour in the Parish Hall  
hosted by The Melville Family.

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

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## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

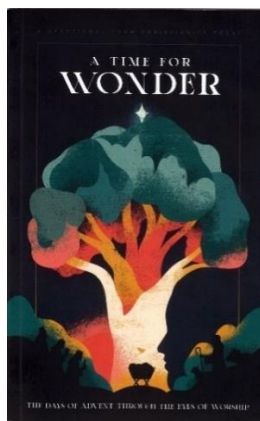
Celebrant:	The Rev. Brett R. Johnson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Lector:	Audra Bartz
Litanist:	Elizabeth Downs
Eucharistic Minister:	Amy Walsh
Altar Guild:	Denise Mallen, Nicole Russo and Amy Walsh
Usher:	Dawn Jackson
Advent Wreath Lighters:	Gail and Darryl Abbey
Streaming Coordinator:	Kim Collins
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



*The flowers decorating our altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her friend, Tommy Nestor by Christina Ventura and in loving memory of his father, Richard Berry by Justin Berry.*

### ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Rev. Brett has a limited number of copies of *A Time For Wonder*, a daily Advent devotional. If interested, please see Rev. Brett or Lisa for a copy.



Cover picture can be found at: <https://www.crosswalk.com/special-coverage/christmas-and-advent/second-sunday-advent.html>

The **Calling all Angels Advent Book Study** continues Monday night at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. You can still join even if you missed the first session. Look for an email from the church on Monday with a link to join.

What would you do, if you weren't afraid?

JOIN Julie Bernardin and Faith Hodgkins as they co-lead an Advent Book Study for us with:

CALLING ALL ANGELS: AN ADVENT STUDY OF FEARLESSNESS AND STRENGTH

WHEN: 7PM Monday Evenings in December via Zoom Starting December 2nd

STEP INTO ADVENT WITH THIS CAPTIVATING STUDY AND DEVOTIONAL, WHERE ANGELIC ENCOUNTERS COME TO LIFE, FORTIFYING THE TIMELESS MESSAGE OF OVERCOMING FEAR.

St. Ann's EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
(holding, be loved, flourish)  
(please pre-purchase book and pre-register for zoom link eecw@verizon.net)

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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

## CHRISTMAS CHEER & CARE BAGS

The Pastoral Care Committee is once again coordinating putting together 16 gift bags for those on the Pastoral Care List and we hope you can help. We will be putting the gift bags together on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> between the two services and welcome help from anyone who is available to help put the bags together or deliver them that day.

We are also looking for items to be donated to include in the gift bags or monetary donations so we can shop for items. If you can help please contact Audra Bartz at [audrabartz@gmail.com](mailto:audrabartz@gmail.com) or 617-797-5369 so we don't have multiple duplicates.



## WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The Wakefield Food Pantry most needed items for the month of December are white tuna fish and any kind of Chef Boyardee canned pasta.

## CANTERBURY HEALTHY FAMILIES DONATION DRIVE

Canterbury is once again participating in a gift giving program for the children of Healthy Families, a program for young parents and their children in Wakefield and the surrounding communities. This program is a heartwarming opportunity to help those in need during the holiday season. Donations will be accepted through Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in a box in the Narthex. Healthy Families is requesting donations of:

**NEW BOARD BOOKS** for ages 1-3  
**DIAPERS** all sizes

## WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY MESSIAH SING

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. at First Parish Congregational Church, One Church St. Wakefield. All are welcome.  
Singers, please bring a score if you have one.



Join our family around the table for gluten free lasagna, salad and dessert!

Childcare will be provided for the littles!

Join our monthly gathering to feed our bodies & souls.  
Let's be together and learn something new—  
from Scripture to social justice to seasonal crafts.

**December 12th**

**A Seasonal Craft with Nikki Nash-MacIsaac**

**Supper at 6:00 p.m.**

**Crafting from 6:45-7:30 p.m.**

**Please pre register at [eecw@verizon.net](mailto:eecw@verizon.net)**

Please let the office know if you plan to attend or sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex.  
Thank you.



*Nourish your body; inspire your soul.*

TO SUPPORT HOUSING FAMILIES  
HOLIDAY DRIVE

EMMANUEL'S  
ANNUAL HOLIDAY

## GIFT CARD DRIVE FOR TEENS

• DROP OFF  
• AT BACK OF  
• CHURCH IN  
• EMMANUEL  
• OR OFFICE  
• WHEN OPEN

ALL GIFT  
CARDS  
DUE BY  
SUNDAY,  
DEC. 15TH

MOST DESIRED GIFT CARDS—

- WALMART
- TARGET
- VANILLA VISA
- GROCERY STORES
- UBER & LYFT
- AMAZON

# BLUE CHRISTMAS

A quiet, heartfelt service for those seeking  
peace and solace during the holiday season.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the  
darkness has not overcome it."  
— John 1:5

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 18TH  
AT 7PM

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH 5 BRYANT STREET, WAKEFIELD, MA 01880

## PARISH SCHEDULE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2024

Sunday, Dec. 8	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:45 AM	Kids Club
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Monday, Dec. 9	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour,
	12:00 NOON	Evening Prayer Lunch at Brothers, Wakefield
	7:00 PM	<i>Calling All Angels</i> Book Study
Tuesday, Dec. 10	12:00 Noon	Wakefield Interfaith Clergy
	2:00 PM	Bread of Life Dinner
Wednesday, Dec. 11	12:00 NOON	Staff Lunch
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Thursday, Dec. 12	6:00 PM	Soul Supper
Sunday, Dec. 15	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Christmas Cheer and Care Bag assembly.
	9:45 AM	Nursery Care
	9:45 AM	Kids' Club
	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.*





**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 Alquonuian-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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