

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts
The Third Sunday in Lent



March 23, 2025
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.

*The congregation is invited to rise at the sound of the bell
for a silent procession.*

SILENT PROCESSION

INTROIT *A Hymn to God the Father*

John Donne

*Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.*

*Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.*

*I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, thou hast done;
I fear no more.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for 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.

TRISAGION #S102 *Holy God* (sung 3x)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two lines of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,'. The second system also has two lines of music with vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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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 God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall

say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 63:1-8

The Psalm will be sung by the choir.

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

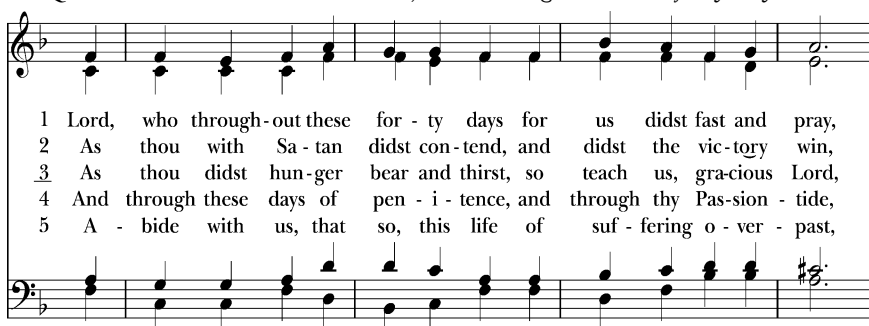
I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

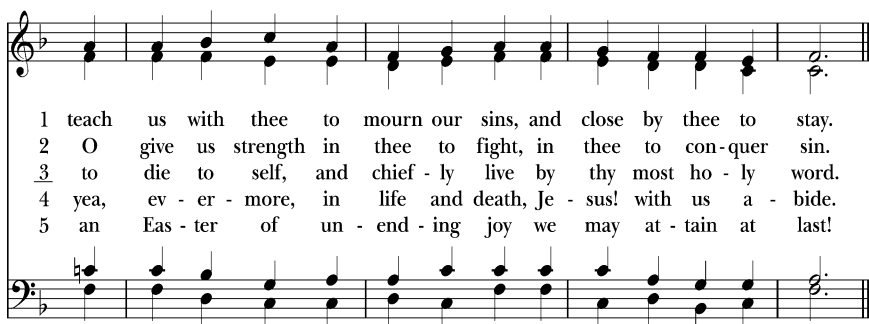
The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #142 *Lord, who throughout these forty days*



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
 5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,



1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

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GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 13:1-9

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

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in

Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. BOB DAVIDSON

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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 II

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*People are encouraged to add their own petitions during the period of Silence
Please stand or kneel as able*

*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 ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Julia our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Merciful God, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the following churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery: Trinity Chapel, Oak Bluffs; Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans; and the Boston Episcopal Charitable Society. We ask for your love and wisdom to guide our vestry as they meet this week. Pray for the Church.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

We also ask for ourselves that you strengthen our resolve to counter the sins of racism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, anti-immigrant, anti-LGBTQ+, and misogyny, eliminate the proliferation of assault weapons, and address the crises of loneliness and mental illness in our nation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; merciful God, our hearts cry out to you for all those in the path of political violence, both here and across the globe. We pray especially for those in fierce war zones and for those on all sides experiencing conflict. Intercede, we pray and show us a path toward peace for all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake. Today we pray for the Wakefield Veterans Relief Fund, our Coffee Hour recipient this month.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially Allison, Phoebe Babb, Kristin Baird, Bruna, Heather Cameron, Cathie Cardelucci, Lydia Cedrone, Mary Collins, Ann Daily, Dave, John DeNatale, Peggy Downs, Jonathan English, David Fieldhouse, Peter Foley, Claudette Forss, Connor Gallagher, Kristen Goddard, Louise Haldeman, Lester Hartman, Karen Dodd Howard, Devon Hoyt, Jeffrey, Pete Jeffrey, Jack Jephson, Jerry, Jordan, Debra Katt-Lloyd, John & Theresa Kelly, Ken Leach, Fred MacArthur, Kevin MacKenzie, Keith & Joanne Manville, Mark Martino, Suzanne McAllister, Don McCarter, Melissa, Becky Miller, Sebastian Miller, MJ, The Morelli Family, Jim & Sara Murphy, T.A.N, Steve Newman, Jim O'Reilly, Emma Parese,

Pat & Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Tony R., Kirk
Ronaldson, Cheryl Santarelli, Carol Slaughter, Trudy, Bill & Jan
Walsh, Jane Wilkins and Kelly Wood.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of
God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. We especially remember Marcia Muir
in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given today and Doris
Morelli grandmother of the Morelli (Nestor) family who passed away
on Friday.

Pray for those who have died.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

I invite your prayers or thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been
honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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

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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 *Thee We Adore* T. Frederick H. Candlyn

*Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, Thee,
who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail.
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.*

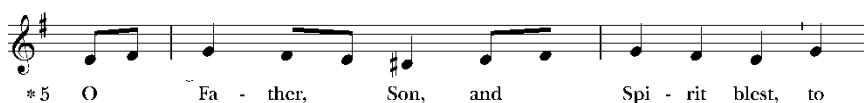
*O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to men doth here afford!*

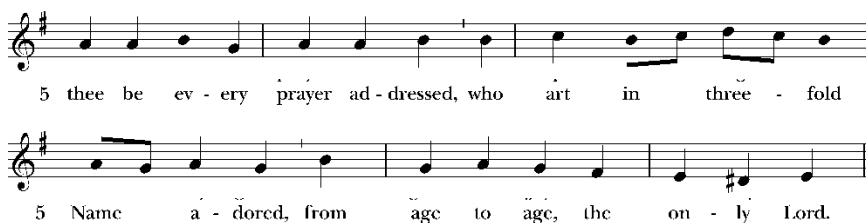
*O may our souls forever feed on Thee,
And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.*

*Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
Cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from Thy presence flow.*

*O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face,
The vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.*

DOXOLOGY #143 vs.5 *The glory of these forty days* (all singing)





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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.

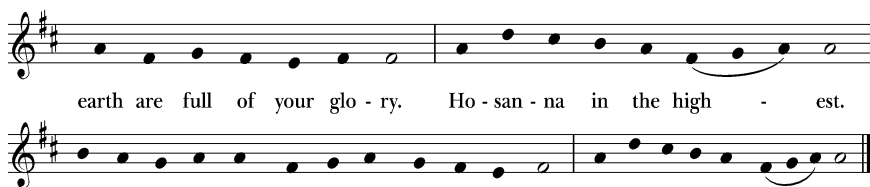
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 #S124





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The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

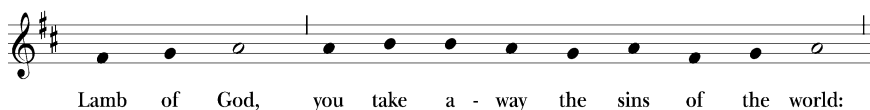
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

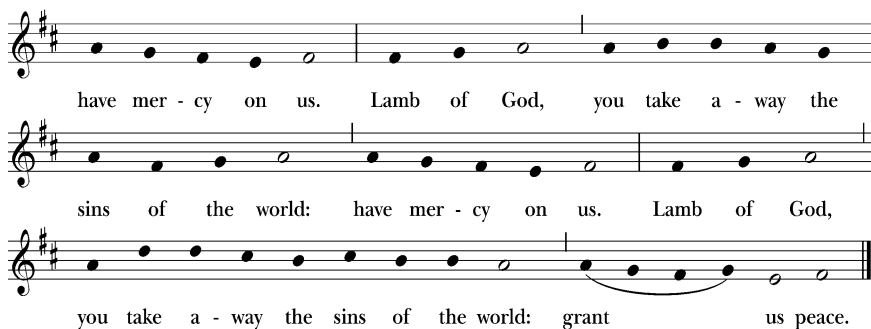
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI #S161





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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.

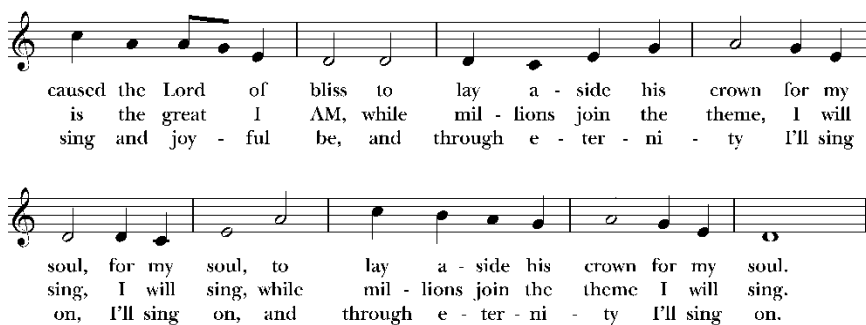
Choir members will receive communion first.

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

COMMUNION HYMN #439 What wondrous love is this

Unison

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and
won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



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.

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Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN #143 *The glory of these forty days*



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.

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*The service ends in sacred silence as we go into the world
with no organ Postlude.*

**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 Veterans Relief Fund.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Bob Davidson
Organist & Music Director	Luca Cantone
Lector:	Elizabeth Downs
Litanist:	Andrea Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers:	Amy Walsh
Usher:	Eddie Parsons & Dave Sullivan
Altar Guild:	Jen Miles & Cynthia Peach
Vestry Greeter:	Jeff Melville
Streaming Coordinator:	Gary Wilkins
YouTube Editor:	Kim Collins
YouTube Scheduler:	Denise Mallen



*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of her stepdaughter, Marcia Muir by Mary Muir.*

**Today we welcome back the Rev. Bob Davidson while
Brett is away. Please be sure to take time and welcome
him back. And remember to wear your name tag!**

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

The Lenten book study *How We Learn to be Brave* will continue
Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in-person in the choir room at the
church or on Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out on Monday.
All are welcome even if you missed the first session or haven't
finished reading up to Chapter 4.

LENT-TO-EASTER DEVOTIONAL

Rev. Brett has ordered copies of *The Road to Joy: A Lent-to-Easter
Devotional*. If any parishioner is interested in following this path
with him, please pick up a copy in the Narthex.

HEALING PRAYER OFFERED EVERY SUNDAY DURING LENT

Mary Muir will be available on all Sunday's during Lent as a healing prayer resource at a prayer station to the left of the main altar after both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services and during communion at the 10:00 a.m. service. With all the world challenges and stress in our own lives, Healing Prayer is a powerful response. Many are feeling overwhelmed and without a sense of hope and inner peace. There is something we can do to release the stress impact and find healing, hope, encouragement and connection. Since early Christianity, healing prayer's purpose is a practical way to bring these concerns and challenges to God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Just answer one question: *What is something on your mind and heart today you would like to bring to the Holy Spirit for Healing?* The healing prayer minister then offers compassionate prayer support by offering a short intercessory prayer on your behalf.

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



LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Deep, thoughtful, and a little bit fun!

**TUESDAYS
6PM - 7PM**

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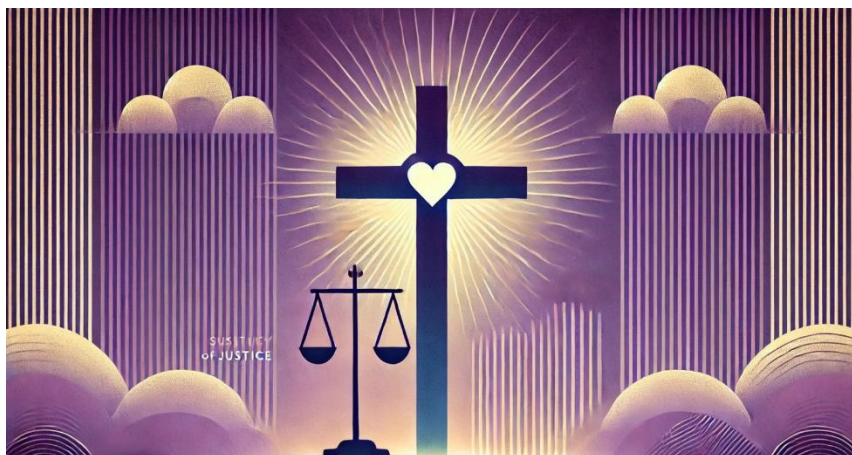
All are welcome.



Join us on Tuesdays at 6PM for a Bible study that's accessible, engaging, and maybe even a little entertaining (yes, Bible study can be fun!). Led by Deb Plummer and Nicole Russo, we'll dive into the weekly lectionary readings, explore their meaning in our everyday lives, and probably crack a few jokes along the way.

We're both deep thinkers with a playful side, so expect a mix of laughter, meaningful discussion, and spiritual growth. Whether you're brand new to Bible study or have been at it for years, all are welcome.

No prep, no pressure—Let's explore faith together!



REPENTANCE AS RESISTANCE

A Lenten Quiet Day with Steve Garnaas-Holmes

*How to cultivate a heart ready
for transformative resistance.*

**APRIL 5TH
9AM TO 2:30PM**

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RSVP TO
eecw@verizon.net

All are welcome.

Lent invites us to reflect on both personal and communal sin. This retreat will explore how Jesus calls us to repentance—not just as individuals, but as a community shaped by unjust systems.

Through scripture, prayer, and reflection, we'll consider how Jesus resisted the temptations of power and confronted injustice, showing us how repentance can transform our hearts and the world around us.

Come as you are—ready to reflect, pray, and grow.

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

Gift Cards
to benefit

*Dinah's
House*

Donate to
Emmanuel's Lenten

GIFT CARD DRIVE

Dinah's House
empowers
women through
educational
opportunities and
self-sufficiency
skills training.



Gift Cards Needed:

Any amount Market Basket
\$10 Uber



URBAN BRIDGES



Trinity
Church
Haverhill

Drop Off Dates:

Sunday(s) March 30,
April 6 & 13.

Drop-off Location:

Emmanuel Narthex
5 Bryant Street, Wakefield MA

PARISH SCHEDULE
WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2025

Sunday, March 23	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
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
Monday, March 24	7:00 PM	Lenten Book Study – Zoom <i>How We Learn To Be Brave</i>
Tuesday, March 25	6:00 PM	Lectionary Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Canterbury Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 26	10:00 AM	Brightview Service
	3:00 PM	Wardens Meeting
	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
Thursday, March 27	7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Sunday, March 30	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
	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	12:00 noon	Inquirers' Class

WAKEFIELD FOOD PANTRY

The Wakefield Food Pantry most needed items for the month of March are: boxed pasta (not elbows) and spaghetti sauce.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

APRIL 2025

PALM SUNDAY April 13

Blessing of Palms and Reading of The Passion

In person 8:00 a.m.

In person and via YouTube 10:00 a.m.

HOLY WEDNESDAY April 16

Evening Prayer via Zoom 6:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 17

Agape Supper 6:00 p.m.

Worship in person and via YouTube 7:00 p.m.

*Stripping of the Altar, Garden of
Repose and Foot-Washing*

GOOD FRIDAY April 18

Contemplative Prayer Service 12:00 Noon

In person and via YouTube

Quiet, informal prayer from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Church, Lynnfield

HOLY SATURDAY April 19

Great Vigil of Easter 7:00 p.m.

In person and via YouTube

Easter Sunday **April 20**

Rite I Worship with Hymns 8:00 a.m.

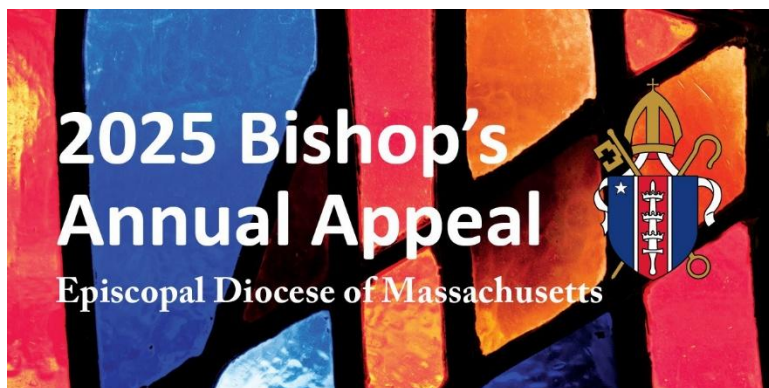
Rite II Festival Choral Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

In person and via YouTube

Children's Easter Egg Hunt following

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE REV. BRETT R. JOHNSON, RECTOR
LUCA CANTONE, ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR



As a diocesan community, we have been asked to support the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. In this year's Appeal, Bishop Julia Whitworth highlights three areas of our life together: Strategic Curacies, Collaborative Ministries, and Equipping Churches for Growth:

"Each of us, in this generation, is called to give to the witness of the Church in our own time, both locally in our worshipping communities and collectively in our diocese to strengthen and expand the work to which God calls us. I want to highlight three areas of our life together which this year will be strengthened by your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth

- **Strategic Curacies...** so we can not only ordain but retain more talented new clergy who will be serving the Church in decades to come.
- **Collaborative Ministries...** to create full-time positions and/or provide clergy housing.
- **Equipping Congregations for Growth...** opportunities for congregational growth and evangelism, sustainable use of our church properties, and deeper commitment to ministries that serve our neighbors and transform our communities.

The appeal newsletter and donation envelopes are available in the Narthex.



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

Rector: The Rev. Brett R. Johnson 978-206-1788

Organist and

Music Director Luca Cantone 332-209-8432

Co-Warden: Kim Collins 339-224-8455

Co-Warden: Beth Martin 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 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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