



**Emmanuel Newsletter**  
**Sunday, January 31, 2021**

Dear Friends,

The Gospel of Mark (1:21-28) tells the story of Jesus casting out unclean spirits from a man who came to the synagogue. In our modern jargon, we use the word exorcism for ‘casting out demons’. Some of us may recall the movie, “Rosemary’s Baby” in which an exorcism is performed. In fact, there have been many dramas using this theme – the battle against evil.

There is one important difference between the Hollywood versions and that which is in our Gospel. Mark’s Gospel ascribes to the unclean spirits, ability to identify Jesus as “the Holy One of God”. In a certain unusual sense, the unclean spirits have helped to Jesus’ ministry by dramatically telling those in the synagogue that day that Jesus is the Messiah.

The questions to explore this week in our Dialogue Sermon is how we do, as active, engaged Christians, SEE God in our world. I would like to suggest that when we see evil, we know it because we know its opposite. And we know it because we also know what is good and right. Like a black spot on a white background, evil is visible because it is exposed in contrast to the good. I believe we recognize evil from a powerful inner voice endowed by God. A voice that shouts against evil and empowers us to proclaim the divine message of hope and love. When we see evil, we leap to embrace the goodness of God and to act with courage casting it out and replacing it with love.

Amanda Gorman wrote in her inaugural poem, “there is always light if only we are brave enough to see it; if only we are brave enough to BE it.” Jesus casts out demons. We see it because of the light of God’s spirit. Now we need to take the message out into the world and “be that light.”

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Joyce Caggiano

**JOIN US Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom for our service and dialogue sermon, followed by an unrecorded coffee hour hymn sing!**

**Stay tuned for information about Emmanuel’s gifts for Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday!**

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### PRAYER LIST

We ask that you keep in your prayers the following persons: Merilee H; Paul B; Mary D; Beth C. Jenny C; Dianna C; Joseph C; Catherine and Brant D, Carla R, Maureen, Fand Anta Caggiano and her family.

(Please email us the names of those who need special prayers---info@emmanuelwr.org. Only first names and last name initials will be used.)

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**NOTE: LIVE ZOOM SERVICE IS AT 5:00 PM this Saturday, January 31, 2021.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96401396636?pwd=WDEzQVJ4UXErNFF0TDNLQlYzSXV5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 964 0139 6636

Passcode: 114109

**After 7:00 pm on Saturday, view the TAPED service anytime via our YouTube site:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB\\_XbZ8h9jldhA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jldhA)

Have a comment? Email us at: [info@emmanuelwr.org](mailto:info@emmanuelwr.org)

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- Please note the pledge card on page 5 for 2021. In order to produce a budget for the church, we need to estimate pledges for the coming year. If you have not already, please download and fill out the pledge form and either send it to the church or scan and email it to [info@emmanuelwr.org](mailto:info@emmanuelwr.org). Thank you!
- Please note page 4 of this newsletter announcing Emmanuel Church's Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 10:00 am. The meeting will be via Zoom. All invited.



#### **SINGING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR**

We sing informally during our Virtual Coffee Hour following our live Saturday Zoom service. It is not recorded. We invite you to stick around for the fun after the service.

Among the hymns we expect to sing this week are:

593 - Lord, make us servants of your peace - all vs.

493 - O for a thousand tongues to sing - vs. 1,2,3,6.

603 - When Christ was lifted from the earth – all vs.



**WARRANT**

**THE PARISH OF EMMANUEL CHURCH  
WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS  
128<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
Sunday, February 28, 2021, 10:00 am  
(via Zoom)**

The 128th Annual Meeting of the Parish of Emmanuel Church, 21 Stratford Street, West Roxbury Massachusetts, will be held via Zoom Video Conferencing on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 10:00 am to act on the following:

- 1) The election of Officers of the Parish
- 2) The election of the persons to serve on the Vestry
- 3) The election of two Delegates and one Alternate Delegate to represent the Parish at the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
- 4) The election of five Delegates to represent the Parish in the Neponset River Deanery and such other delegates as may come before the meeting
- 5) The presentation and receipt of reports from all Parish Officers and organizations and, the conducting of such business as may appropriately come before the assembly.

Two handwritten signatures in black ink are shown. The first signature is "Susan M. Kryczka" and the second is "John Gooley".

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Susan Kryczka and John Gooley, Wardens

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WEST ROXBURY MA 02132**

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Signature Date

Pledge/envelope number \_\_\_\_\_

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Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
21 Stratford St  
West Roxbury MA 02132

2021 Pledge: I expect to give to my church during the coming year:

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