



Emmanuel Newsletter
Sunday, February 7, 2021

Dear Friends,

Set us free, and give us the liberty of abundant life... These words are in the Collect for Sunday, February 8th. The lessons this week, point to a kind of freedom seldom understood. It is the freedom that is derived of true Faith. As we sit in 'confinement' during this pandemic, it might be difficult to think of ourselves as having 'the liberty of abundant life!'

And yet we read in Isaiah 40: 21-31:

"Have you not heard?...[the Lord] gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Surely, we are weary of the imprisonment forced upon us by the pandemic. The readings this week give us hope. God gives us the strength we need to carry on.

The Gospel of Mark tells us how Jesus found the strength to do all the work he was called to do. He was healing in the synagogue and when his fame spread hundreds of people came to him for healing. Even Jesus was exhausted. So he went away quietly to pray. To regain his strength and refocus his energy. What is important for us to notice is that when the disciples came to him and said, "People are waiting for you!" and urged him back to the synagogue, Jesus replied that it was time to move on to another village. In other words, for Jesus it was more important to spread the message to others everywhere than it was to heal everyone in that place.

What do we hear in this? REST, save your strength when you feel exhausted. PRAY. We do these restorative things so that we can continue the work of helping others - our neighbors - national and international. When we focus on that which is from God, we will be able to "run and not be weary". We shall "walk and not faint."

On Saturday, February 6th I will celebrate the Holy Eucharist and consecrate hosts for everyone to use on Saturday, Feb. 20th. The consecrated hosts will be distributed at Emmanuel church OUTSIDE by Terri Halliday on February 14th between 12 and 1 p.m. along with a small packet of blessed ashes for private imposition. PLUS a little St. Valentine's Day gift from your priest! The ashes are for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17; the hosts for Feb. 20-21. A video service for Ash Wednesday will also be available on our website: info@emmanuelwr.org.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Joyce Caggiano

JOIN US Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom for our service, followed by an unrecorded coffee hour.



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 F, Louise B., and Anita 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.)



NOTE: LIVE ZOOM SERVICE IS AT 5:00 PM this Saturday, February 6, 2021.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99184962400?pwd=K1ZORm1jeE5iTDNUY2ZnNEk1NHRuZz09>

Meeting ID: 991 8496 2400

Passcode: 741655

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jIdhA

Have a comment? Email us at: info@emmanuelwr.org



- 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. Or just email us with your pledge amount. 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.



Hymns will be sung during our service this week:

Hymn #423	Immortal Invisible
Hymn #773 WLP	Heal Me, Hands of Jesus
Hymn #529	In Christ there is no East or West



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**THE PARISH OF EMMANUEL CHURCH
WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
128th 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. The first signature on the left is "Susan M. J." and the second signature on the right is "John Gooley".

Susan Kryczka and John Gooley, Wardens

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I want to help support the work of Emmanuel Church in 2021

I estimate that during the year I will give:

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Name_____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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I understand that this giving estimate may be modified
at any time simply by notifying the treasurer

Signature Date

Pledge/envelope number _____

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

\$_____per week or

\$_____per month or

\$_____per year