

The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024

A Very Eventful Sunday and Information About the Upcoming Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter Schedule & Post Service Event

See Below for Information Provided by Gail Halpin-Evans, Kafi Belfon and Fr. Jon Eden

REGIONAL CANON 3/10 VISIT – BRIEF RECAP AND WHAT'S NEXT

Last Sunday, the Rev. Canon Greg Perez joined us as preacher and spent time with us during Coffee Hour and at our Adult Education time. Congregants enjoyed Rev Canon Perez's thought-provoking sermon reflection on John 3:14-21. After the service, everyone had the pleasure of visiting with him and he shared with us a little about his start in the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church in Texas and how was received as a priest in the Episcopal Church and ultimately came to our Diocese and to his current position. He explained that in his role as a Regional Canon, he is our liaison to the diocese and also looks after the well-being of the clergy in his region. He also let us know about the Priest-In-Charge role and process as we work to change Fr. Jon's role from Bridge Priest to Priest-In-Charge.

Rev. Canon Perez explained that the Priest-In-Charge contract is for a 3-year period, during which time the priest and the parish work regularly with a consultant who is provided by the Diocese. Together, we get to know each other, identify what God calls us to be and to become, to set mutual ministry goals and finally, to discern whether our vision and the priest's vision align so that both can decide if calling the Priest-In-Charge as Rector makes sense at the end of the 3-year period. (Fun fact: Emmanuel was the 2nd parish in the Diocese to try what was then an untried pilot concept of Priest In Charge. Spoiler alert – it was successful not only for us, but also for many other parishes in our Diocese more than 25 years later!)

We shared with him a bit about who we are. We discussed the beauty of lay-led Morning Prayer which Emmanuel offers monthly. Some may remember our delegates 'reports from Diocesan Convention and Deanery that the Diocese is encouraging collaboration with other parishes (such as the shared Holy Week services we experienced last year and plan again for this year.) There is no immediate action needed from parish members at this exact moment, as we await the assignment of our consultant. You will be asked to provide feedback through surveys and

meetings. You will be hearing more in the near future, and we hope that all of our parishioners will prioritize becoming involved in our exciting journey.

The Emmanuel Event-Planning & Outreach Committee announces its Easter Sunday event:

Lift Ev'ry Gift! An Easter Celebration

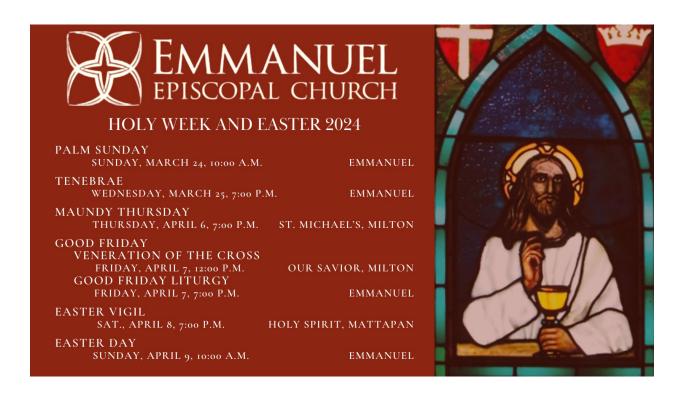
and welcomes you to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord through poetry, song, dance, spoken word, and instrumental music. It's going to be an uplifting experience!

We invite you to showcase your gift on Easter <u>Sunday</u>, 31 <u>March 2024</u>, after Service. If you would like to participate, please reach out to any of the following people by <u>Sunday</u>, 24 <u>March 2024</u>:

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FROM

FR. JON EDEN



Holy Week and Easter with Emmanuel Church, West Roxbury

Emmanuel Episcopal Church 21 Stratford Street, West Roxbury (617)-323-1440 www.emmanuelwr.org

Church of the Holy Spirit 525 River Street, Boston (617) 298-0577 www.chsmattapan.org Church of Our Saviour 453 Adams Street, Milton (617) 698-4757 www.cos-milton.org

St. Michael's Church 112 Randolph Avenue, Milton (617)-698-1813 www.stmichaelsmilton.org

Thank You.

Fr Jon Eden and the Emmanuel Vestry

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS TO EMMANUEL

If you wish to contribute toward the flowers which will decorate our Sanctuary for Easter, please mark your donation as "Flowers" and provide the name(s) in whose memory or honor you are giving, together with how you want the "donated by "name(s) to appear. There are forms on the table at the back of the church. The deadline for names to be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin is <u>Palm Sunday</u>, <u>March 24th</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Halpin-Evans (ghe9876@aol.com)

Watch Emmanuel via Facebook/YouTube

Can't make it to church? No problem. You can catch the live service or later on Facebook or YouTube.

Pray for and Support Ukraine



The war continues and winter is upon us, prolonging the suffering of the Ukrainian people. We prayer for Ukraine and its people. Our prayers truly help, as they keep us mindful of God's love for us and his miracles.

Please consider donating to one of these curated and trusted organizations raising money for UkrainE: https://www.helpsaveukraine.org/

СЛАВА УКРАЇНІ!

Pray also for peace in the Middle East



We pray for those who are homebound or ill, especially Emerson, Gail, Barbara, Kenneth, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Peter, Felix, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Barbara, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, and Christopher,

Please email us the names of those who need special prayers <u>info@emmanuelwr.org</u>. Only first names will be used.