



# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | 10:00 A.M.  
HOLY EUCHARIST

**HYMNALS WE USE: H82 (Blue); LEVAS (Black and Red); WLP (Green)**

## PRELUDE

### THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING RITE

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant*

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

*People*

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

## ENTRANCE HYMN

Lord, you give the great commission

WLP #780

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

*A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.*

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,

and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 112:1-9

*Beatus vir?*

1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!  
2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.  
4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.  
5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting  
remembrance.  
7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.  
8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.  
9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

### THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

*A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*  
WLP #779

### SEQUENCE HYMN

The church of Christ in every age

### THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

#### ANNUAL ADDRESS

The Rev. Jonathan Eden

#### THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand as you are able.*

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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Standing or Kneeling, the Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Intervenor*        In the light of this season, we bring our prayers before God.

For the Holy Church of God throughout the world, and for work and ministry within our Diocese, remembering especially: St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain; Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry; St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury; Building Bridges Ministries; and all Retired Clergy, that we may be witnesses of Christ's Gospel of love to all people.

*People* **Enlighten the Church, O God.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Julia, Ian and Mary, our Bishops; and for all Bishops, that they may shine as beacons of hope to a sometimes hopeless world.

**Enlighten our Leaders, O God.**

For the clergy, and all who minister in the church, that they may proclaim with zeal, and pastor with tenderness.

**Enlighten our Ministers, O God.**

For this community of faith, that we may awaken to the needs and gifts of those around us and become servants of others for Christ's sake.

**Enlighten our Imaginations, O God.**

For Donald, our President, and Maura, our Governor, and Michelle, our Mayor; that they and all persons in public authority may be people of trust and serve the common good.

**Enlighten our State, O God.**

For ourselves, that we may take to heart the plight of the poor and the outcast, those who are homeless and destitute, and any who suffer due to human greed.

**Enlighten our Conscience, O God.**

For those among us who are sick and infirm, especially Bobbie, Joshua, Ed, Rick, Jim, Catherine, Carla, Chris, Alexis, Ken, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Kenneth, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, and those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*), that they may be delivered from their pain and distress and restored to wholeness of life.

**Enlighten our Darkness, O God.**

For those who live in fear for their lives, their families, and their homes, especially all those in this country and around the world whose dignity, safety, and belonging are threatened, that their cries for mercy may be heard and their lives of dignity restored.

**Enlighten our World, O God.**

For those who have died, especially those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*), that they may know God's peace and perfect freedom in a kingdom that is forever.

**Enlighten our Hopes, O God.**

That God's light may shine in the hearts of all people and that our hearts may be turned to one another that your name may be glorified not only with our lips but in our lives.

**Enlighten our Hearts, O God.**

As you were manifested in a stable stall, as you were manifested in a miracle of water and of wine, as you were manifested in the radiance of the transfiguration,

**Enlighten our Lives and be manifested to the world through us.**

*Celebrant* O God, hear the prayers of your people, and what we have asked in our need, grant us in your light, all for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, whose love through humble service

*Please stand as you are able.*  
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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### RITE II B

*Celebrant* May God 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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

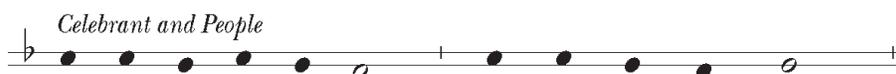
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*Celebrant*



As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*



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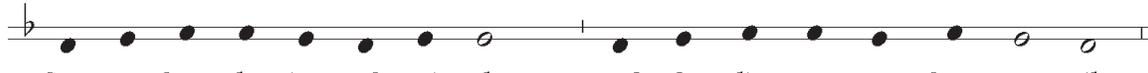
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



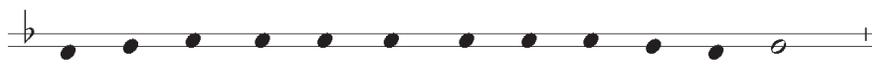
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

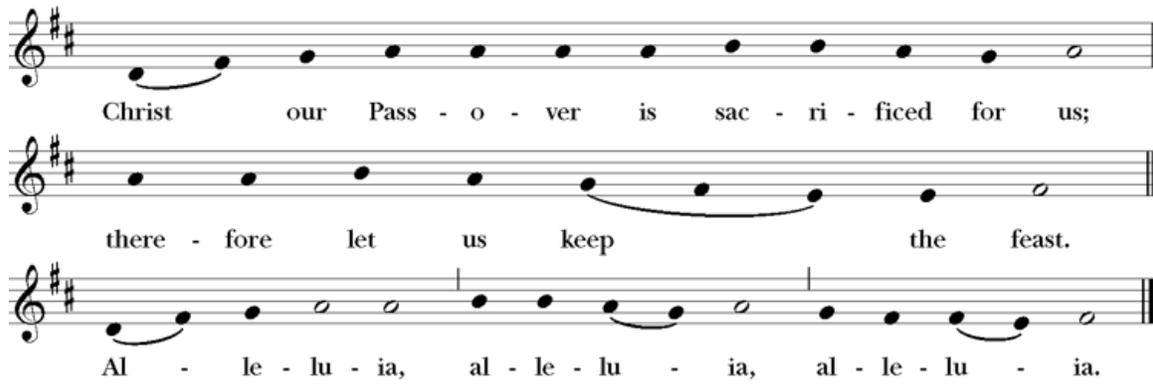
*A period of silence is kept.*

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

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

May Jesus Christ, whose coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who was present at the dawning of creation and at the holy child's nativity, present us holy and acceptable to God's kingdom which is forever. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

LEVAS #114

**DISMISSAL**

*On this Sunday, we will move the Dismissal to close the Annual Meeting.*

*This reminds us that our Liturgy, which can be translated as "work or service for the people," will continue through the meeting.*

*All are welcome to join us for Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall at the conclusion of the Postlude.*

*The Annual Meeting will begin at approximately 11:30.*

**POSTLUDE**

# WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH

We are glad that you have joined us today, and pray that you will know God's presence through our worship and in this community. Wherever you are in your journey with God or toward God, you are welcome here. Indeed, you are invited and welcome in our pews and in all the things we do as a community each week. We would also love to be in better touch throughout the year. Please reach out to our Priest in Charge, the Rev. Jonathan Eden, at [therev.jonteden@gmail.com](mailto:therev.jonteden@gmail.com) or at 617.798.0770 for more information.

We meet every Sunday at 10:00 AM for worship. By scanning the QR Code or going to the web address below, you can find out more about who we are and what we're doing, follow us on social media, and check our e-news. You will also find ways to donate easily and quickly to Emmanuel. Your presence and support are very important to us, and crucial to making sure we are always here for you.



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## CALENDAR

**Annual Meeting**

Today at 11:30 a.m.

**Shrove Tuesday – *Mardi Gras* Celebration**

Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday – Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes**

Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 p.m.

**Adult Ed – Episcopal 101**

Sundays in Lent: February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 29, 11:30 a.m.

To learn about more our offerings and news, please see our latest Newsletter, on our website under "News & Events."

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please be in touch with The Rev. Jonathan Eden.