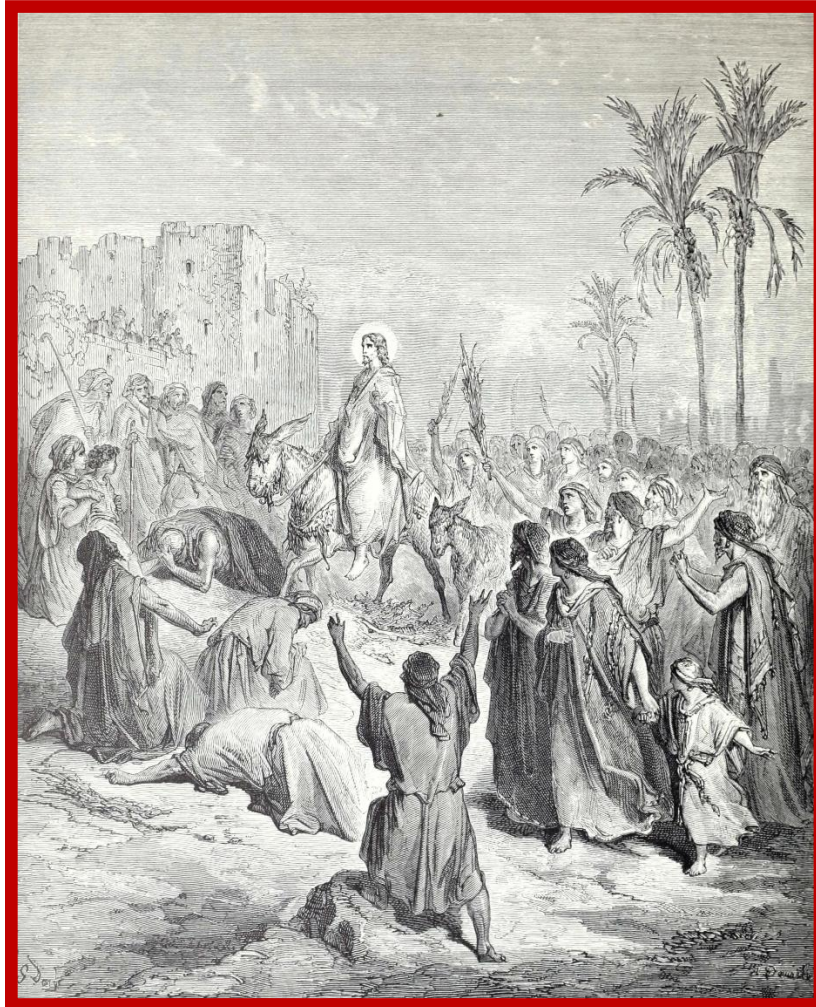


PALM SUNDAY

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND HOLY EUCHARIST



Jesus Enters Jerusalem, Gustave Doré

MARCH 29, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

EMMANUEL CHURCH
21 STRATFORD STREET | WEST ROXBURY, MA
617-323-1440 | WWW.EMMANUELWR.ORG



EMMANUEL

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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. For more information, please reach out to our Priest in Charge, the Rev. Jonathan Eden, at therev.jonteden@gmail.com or 617.798.0770.

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.



[HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/EMMANUELWR](https://linktr.ee/emmanuelwr)

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Please join us outside, in front of the Church (or in the Parish Hall if the weather is inclement)
for the beginning of today's service.*

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

People **Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (21:1-11):

¹When [Jesus and his disciples] had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

BLESSING OF THE PALMS:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People (*Loudly*) **HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen**

All sing the processional hymn, following the crucifer into the church.

HYMN

All glory, laud, and honor

H82 #154

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

STATION AT THE SANCTUARY STEPS

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that**

we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant
People

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city at unity with itself.

TRISAGION

H82 #S100

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant
People
Celebrant

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE:

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL NOTE ON THE PASSION GOSPEL:

On Good Friday it is a tradition to proclaim the passion narrative so that Jesus Christ's love for all is made clear. Over time, this narrative has been used to promote anti-Judaism. The responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus Christ cannot be attributed, in either preaching or teaching, indiscriminately to all Jews of that time, nor to Jews today. The Jewish people should not be referred to or represented as rejected or cursed by God, as this claim cannot be found in Scripture. Christians must remember that Jesus, his mother Mary, and his early disciples were Jewish. We must affirm the long-standing teaching of the church that Jesus Christ entered into suffering and death by his own free will as a sign of God's saving and reconciling love to the world.

THE PASSION GOSPEL**Matthew 27:11-54**

*The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion.
All read the part of the "Crowd" printed in bold*

Narrator The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus "You say so."

Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

Narrator But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Wife "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

Narrator Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

Narrator And they said,

All "Barabbas."

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Narrator All of them said,

All “Let him be crucified!”

Narrator Then he asked,

Pilate “Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

All “Let him be crucified!”

Narrator So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

Narrator Then the people as a whole answered,

All “His blood be on us and on our children!”

Narrator So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Narrator They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha

At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation stands and remains standing for the remainder of the reading.

Passersby (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Priests “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”

Narrator The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the after-noon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

Narrator that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the by

standers heard it, they said,
Bystanders “This man is calling for Elijah.”
Narrator At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,
Bystander “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”
Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,
Centurion “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

INVITATION TO HOLY WEEK

The Rev. Jonathan Eden

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand as you are able

O God, as your Spirit led your Son our savior into the wilderness, that his gifts for ministry might be revealed, may your Spirit lead us to the desert space, to become silence, removing all distraction as we pray. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

For all people: for neighbors and for outcasts, for friends and for enemies. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

For those with power and privilege and for the least among us, that all may know your love. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

For the whole of creation, that we may hold it sacred. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

For your Holy Church, especially Church of St. Mary of the Harbor, Provincetown; St. John’s Church, Sandwich; and all Ministries with Older Adults. For Julia, Ian, and Mary, our bishops, and for all those, ordained and laypersons, who minister. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

For those who suffer need or want. For the sick, the lonely, the anxious, and those who mourn. We pray especially for Robert, Logan, Bobbie, Joshua, Ed, Rick, Jim, Catherine, Carla, Chris, Alexis, Ken, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Mary, Michael, Parker, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Kenneth, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, and for those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*), We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

For all who have died, especially those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*). We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

O God, we offer these and all our prayers to you, that they, as the fallen grain of wheat, may bear much fruit. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Celebrant Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

My song is love unknown

H82 #458

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

Celebrant and People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he 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 him, 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,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 for ever. *AMEN.*

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

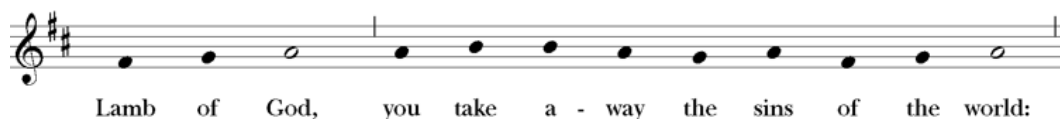
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

H82 #S161



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

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

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a parent. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. *Amen.*

HYMN

Sing my tongue, the glorious battle

H82 #166

On this day, there is no Dismissal or Postlude. The people disperse in silence.

Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher
Altar Guild, Altar Server, Gift Bearers
Organist

The Rev. Jonathan Eden
Weekly Volunteers
Esther Kwok

Lectors

Kafi Belfon
Michelle Brown
Ronald Brown-Goncalves
Edward Brown-Goncalves
Ed Fleming
John Gooley
Gail Halpin Evans

Anne Jackson
Lucy Kim
Lesley Quinchia
Eric Nyberg
Ema Sullivan
Matt Sullivan
Ken Thelen

Parish Directory

The Parish Office	Second Floor 21 Stratford St, WR 02132 617-323-1440 www.emmanuelwr.org	Office Hours	Mon 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
		Vestry Co-Wardens	Cathy McCarthy Ken Thelen
Priest in Charge	The Rev. Jonathan Eden therev.jonteden@gmail.com 617.798.0770	Treasurer	Kellon Belfon
		Clerk	Anne Jackson
		Vestry	Peggy Byrne, Frank Fleming Gail Halpin-Evans, Ema Sullivan

Parish Prayer List

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please be in touch with The Rev. Jonathan Eden at: therev.jonteden@gmail.com

Easter Flowers

Today is the last day to make a donation for Easter Flowers! Please use the sheet in the back of the Church to let us know if you would like to donate flowers either in “Honor of” or “In Memory of” someone this Easter.

Holy Week and Easter 2026

Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.	Tenebrae	St. John & St. James, Roxbury
Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday	St. Michael's, Milton
Friday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday	Emmanuel
Saturday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil	Holy Spirit, Mattapan
Sunday, April 5, 10:00 a.m.	Easter Day	Emmanuel
St. Michael's 112 Randolph Ave. Milton, MA 02186 617-698-1813	St. John and St. James 149 Roxbury St. Roxbury, MA 02119 617-445-8843	Church of the Holy Spirit 525 River Street Mattapan, MA 02126-3096 617-298-0577