

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



“Presentation in the Temple” by Rembrandt, 1628

Sunday, February 2nd, 2025
9:15 am



Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is printed in bold. This symbol ✠ denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.

Mask-wearing is optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish. Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

The feast of the Epiphany falls on the 6th of January each year, following the 12 days of Christmas. This festival appears to have developed in the early part of the 4th century and its name comes from a Greek word meaning “appearance” or “manifestation” since Epiphany is associated with the manifestation of Christ to the world.

The season following the Epiphany is of variable length because it continues until the beginning of Lent. The first Sunday after the Epiphany is special because it commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. The last Sunday after the Epiphany (the Sunday before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday) is also special as we celebrate the Transfiguration.

The Gospel appointed on Epiphany (which is rarely a Sunday, so we don't often hear it) is the well-known story of the magi following a star to worship the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem. So we will keep our decorative glass stars over the choir pews and organ to remind us where we are in the calendar. We will also be using Eucharistic Prayer C, with its references to space, galaxies, and planets.

About Today's Service

February 2nd marks a feast on the church calendar that we don't often get to observe on a Sunday: The Presentation of our Lord. This is an ancient Christian celebration, documented at least as far back as the late fourth century in Jerusalem. Set 40 days after the birth of Jesus at Christmas, it recalls Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the Temple to perform the ritual sacrifice required of Jewish mothers after childbirth.

The Candlemas rite probably developed several centuries later in Rome and included a procession of candles and the singing of the Nunc dimittis, which were the words spoken by Simeon in the Temple that we will hear in today's Gospel reading. It became the custom of the church to bless all of the candles to be used during the year on that day -- something we will do today. In addition, you are invited to present your own candles from home to be blessed, in recognition of Jesus being the light of the world.



*Please note that this service is being livestreamed and recorded.
Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.*

Prelude

Largo from Xerxes
G.F. Handel (1685-1789)

Candlemas Procession

The congregation gathers in the back of the church

The Celebrant greets the people with these words

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the Incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

Let us pray.

O eternal God, who has created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon: We humbly ask you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use. Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The following canticle is then said, during which the candles are lit

Celebrant Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.
People **Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.**
Celebrant Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised.
People **Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.**
Celebrant For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see.
People **Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.**

The Presider then says the following prayer

Let us pray.

O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. **Amen.**

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

During the procession, all carry lighted candles; and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung. In a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following is said.

Let us pray.

O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the Only begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following antiphon and psalm are appropriate as the procession approaches the Altar

We have waited on your loving-kindness, O Lord, in the midst of your temple.

Psalm to be read responsively

Psalm 48:1-2, 10-13

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

We have waited on your loving-kindness, O Lord, in the midst of your temple.

When people have found their pews, the Celebrant goes to the usual place, and the Eucharist begins with the Collect of the Day.

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

After the Collect, all extinguish their candles.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson • A reading from the Prophet Malachi

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 84

The choir introduces the refrain, sings the verses, refrain by all.



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. *Refrain by all*
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
They will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way. *Refrain by all*
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. *Refrain by all*
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked. *Refrain by all*

- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you! *Refrain by all*

The Second Lesson • A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn • Hymnal '82 #440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

All are invited to stand and sing.

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Deacon

XThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Rev. Kate Spelman

After the sermon there is a brief time of silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed

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All are invited to stand and recite together.

**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.
X We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor We long for the promise of God to be fulfilled. Standing with Anna and Simeon, we pray to our God for the redemption of the world, saying “Let our eyes see your salvation.”

For the Church and our call to work for reconciliation in Christ’s name, we pray,

People Let our eyes see your salvation.

For those in civil authority, that they may make decisions for the common good, we pray,

People Let our eyes see your salvation.

For all those in places of strife, war and conflict; for those who suffer from systems of oppression and injustice; embolden us to respond with your love, justice, and mercy, we pray,

People Let our eyes see your salvation.

For those who are without shelter, for those who hunger, for victims of inclement and violent weather; and for all those who are sick and suffering; open our hearts to respond in Christ’s name, we pray,

People Let our eyes see your salvation.

✠For all those who have died and know already the salvation that Christ promises; for all those who mourn, we pray,

People **Let our eyes see your salvation.**

For the many blessings of our lives, for ourselves and all those we love, we pray,

People **Let our eyes see your salvation.**

Deacon Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession & Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

The Holy Communion



Offertory Hymn • *Hymnal '82 #259*

Hail to the Lord who comes



1 Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his tem - ple gate;
2 but, borne up - on the throne of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,
3 There Jo - seph at her side in rev - erent won - der stands;
4 O Light of all the earth, thy chil - dren wait for thee!

not with his an - gel host, not in his king - ly state;
watched by her du - teous love, in her fond arms at rest,
and, filled with ho - ly joy, old Si - meon in his hands
Come to thy tem - ples here, that we, from sin set free,

no shouts pro - claim him nigh, no crowds his com - ing wait;
thus to his Fa - ther's house he comes, the heaven - ly guest.
takes up the prom - ised child, the glo - ry of all lands.
be - fore thy Fa - ther's face may all pre - sent - ed be!

The Doxology • *Hymnal '82 #380 (verse 3 only)*

All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p.369

Celebrant The Lord 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 our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus • Hymnal '82 #S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. **X**Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant and People

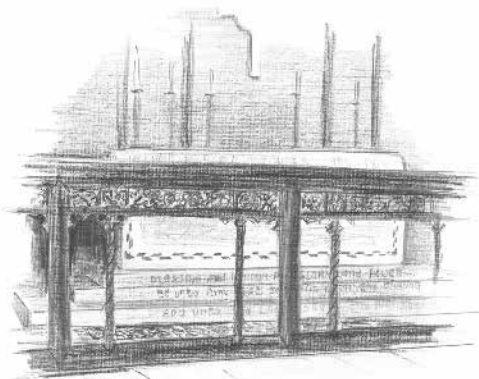
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

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.**



Fraction Anthem • Hymnal '82 #333

Now the silence

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty
hands up - lift - ed Now the kneel - ing Now the plea
Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing
Now the power Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing
Now the Bo - dy Now the Blood Now the joy - ful
cel - e - bra - tion Now the wed - ding Now the songs
Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing Now the Spi - rit's
vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - an - y
Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

The Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This is God's Table and not our own. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the rail. The cup can be discarded on the table in

the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.

Communion Hymn • Hymnal '82 #489

The great creator of the worlds



1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,
2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,
3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;
4 He sent him down as send - ing God; in flesh to us he came;
5 He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he trod;



1 his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath given.
2 but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.
3 in kind - ness, as a king might send his son, him - self a king.
4 as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a hu - man name.
5 he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all
their truest life to find,
in love God sent his Son to save,
not to condemn mankind.

Prayer after Communion

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All are invited to stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing X

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The Dismissal

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Deacon
 People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Cantilene
 Malcolm. Archer (b. 1952)

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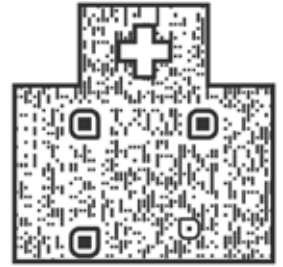


The Life of Christ

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Today, Sunday, February 2nd with Candlemas procession

- 9:15am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) with Children's Church
- 10:30am, Breakfast Brunch followed by our Annual Meeting
- * the open offering today will go to the Deacon's Discretionary Fund, for the Elizabeth Rimkus Grant



Sunday, February 9th

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)
- 11:30am, Formation: Living Compass Wellness Circle

Birthdays: Allison Gilbert, Doug Gregory, David Williams, Michael Busch, Angela Duncan, Dorren Gertsen-Briand

In our prayers: Rich, Glen, Rose, Jimmy, Natalie, Kathryn, Jim, Colleen, Jeff, Kurt, Mike & Renee, Molly & Jim.

Next in Formation: A Living Compass Wellness Circle, starting January 26

Join us for a six-week program, the group will be led by Stacy Jackson, BSW CADC, and Mary Borge, LCPC. We'll begin with a self-assessment of the state of our Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind, and then discuss how our faith informs our wellness and daily decisions. You'll learn how to assess your current state of balance and well-being, learn important lessons about change, and set weekly goals for the changes you feel ready to make. Join us for as many sessions as you can! (NOTE: Formation will not meet on 2/2, when Emmanuel holds its Annual Meeting)

Emmanuel Is Collecting Its Next Welcome Pack - Goods Due 2/16!

Emmanuel is once again preparing to welcome new refugee neighbors with a collection of goods. Join us in purchasing items for a family by going to <https://signup.com/go/ZxeXsiF> - or, if you prefer, you can also make a monetary donation to our efforts - mark your check "Exodus," or choose that selection in the drop-down menu on Tithe.ly If you are purchasing items, please bring them to church no later than Sunday, 2/16.

Feed My Starving Children, on Saturday February 15th from 2:00-3:45pm. we have 15 spots reserved for the Aurora location. We will meet at Emmanuel at 1:00pm and carpool together. Please use the church shaped QR code, soon to reserve your place. Thank you - it is always a fun and rewarding ministry.

Calling New Vestry Nominees! Are you interested in joining our Vestry? We will be looking for a couple of new members to serve alongside existing members. If you are interested, please let Rev. Dave or either warden know. Our **Annual Meeting** today after the one service at 9:15am.

Elizabeth Anne Rimkus Memorial Grant for the Arts, Deacon Bill will talk today about the scholarship opportunities he offers students from Nazareth. Full details are available on the next page and we thank you for your generosity.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to celebrate or remember a loved one with flowers on the altar, given to the Glory of God and...your chosen person, memory, event, you can sign up using the flower chart in the hallway for any number of Sunday's. The cost is \$50 per Sunday and you would be able to take them home after the 10am service if you wish. Please let the office know your dedication for the week(s) you have selected.

Elizabeth Anne Rimkus (Class of 1995) Memorial Grant for the Arts

Since 1996, the grant has been awarded to 31 recipients. The purpose is to help defray costs in the early year of their college/university pursuits in the arts. In "Thank you!" letters and emails from many of the recipients, have successfully gone on in their varying fields of art. Sad to say, the grant has been poorly funded and now requires "the family" to provide the monies each year. The hope is that generous people will help to establish a fund here at Emmanuel much like that of the David E. Weaver IV Fund and disburse it when I am gone.



Elizabeth was on the first Nazareth Soccer team and became a true soccer player who gave the game her best efforts and encouraged other on her team. As a result, the Soccer coaches in 1995 put together an award in her memory known as the "Heart-of-the-Team" award to the graduating player who showed the same determination, "spunk", and loyalty to the team as Elizabeth did. In 1996 I was made aware of this award and have provided each year since, a plaque and a monies to the recipient to help with their equipment needs in the sport... or whatever. -Deacon Bill Rimkus, 2025

Early on, Art became an important aspect in Elizabeth's life and at Nazareth, under the guidance of Mrs. Garside she blossomed. At fifteen, Beth produced several pieces... among them her first self-portrait... a class assignment... and went on to complete two more, the last one finished just months before she died. In looking at these self-portraits it seems as though she had been trying to define who she was and who she was becoming. On her own she explored photography and took some amazing photos. She also created with words through her poetry and prose. She was a member of the Poetry Club, on the Staff of *Sequela* (Naz's Literary Magazine)... a member of the Cable Club and sang in the choir.

She loved her sisters, her German Short-hair Mysty, reading, music and soccer... especially soccer! Beth was a member of the first soccer team at Nazareth when the school re-instated the girls' soccer program. Beth was also active in her church as an Acolyte and in her community as a Candy Striper at McNeal Hospital. She also participated in her Dad's ministry at the British Home on Sunday mornings; she was loved by the residents there and often accompanied her Dad on visitations to the sick.

With graduation nearing, Beth and her Dad researched several colleges and what caught her interest the most was Bennington College in Bennington, Vermont... a small but prestigious liberal arts institution where she could develop her artistic talents... And so Elizabeth submitted her portfolio. Beth was killed on March 16, 1995, six weeks before graduation. We received the Acceptance Letter from Bennington several days after her death.

ELIZABETH ANNE RIMKUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ARTS RECIPIENTS

Since the pandemic

2021- Juliana Iacono Industrial Design Virginia Tech

2022- Maureen "Molly" McGee Fine Arts/ Speech Pathology Marquette University

2023- Gavin Dimit Theater Auburn University

2024- Gianna Ramirez Computer Science/Art Dominican University

ELIZABETH ANNE RIMKUS MEMORIAL SOCCER AWARD "The HEART of the Team" Award

Since the pandemic

2021- Gabriella DiBrizzi

2022- Lorraine Healy

2023- Sophie Hynes

2024- Ariana Gutierrez

Full list of recipients since 1996 available at the back of the church

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AT THE TABERNACLE

Friday, February 7th

7pm TO 10pm

\$25 per person

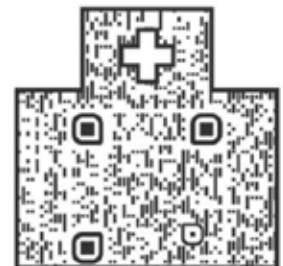
Beer and Wine for Sale

BYO Snacks

\$200 per table - 8 People per table

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hall
203 S. Kensington, La Grange**

Spaghetti Dinner Served 6:30 - 7PM



Weekly Worship Schedule

Tuesdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
Thursdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
	at 8:00pm	Compline (online)
Sundays	at 8:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (without music)
	at 10:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

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Serving Today

Jeffrey Ammons, *Lector* Ailysh Cooper & Jake Goes, *Altar Guild*
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