



EMMANUEL CHURCH  
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

Emmanuel Episcopal Church has been serving the urban community of greater Boston as a dynamic center for spiritual discovery and renewal since 1860. We explore Christian tradition and foster inquiry through the celebration of liturgy, music, and the arts. We strive for justice and peace. Emmanuel Church welcomes all people without exception to our Eucharistic table. We honor individuals of every age, gender, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation, and religious background, and we respect the dignity of every living being.

**December 29, 2024**

**10:00am—Holy Eucharist in the Lindsey Chapel**

Presiding and Preaching: The Rev. Pamela L. Wertz

Guest Organist: Jennifer Velázquez

Subdeacon: Karen King

Crucifer: Mary Blocher

First Reader: Liz Levin

Second Reader: William Fitzner

Prayer Intercessor: Carolyn Roosevelt

Greeters: Galen Gilbert, Lucille Heenan

Altar Guild: Paul Curtis, William Fitzner

Sexton: Dennis Gaskell

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<https://forms.gle/hxpUdqMnEX12JvLT9>

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Founded in 1860, Emmanuel Church is located on land once used by the matriarchal Massachusetts Tribe for fishing in the estuary of the Quinobequin (now Charles River). Acknowledging this is an expression of our appreciation and a small, first step on the Way of Love, toward respect and accountability to Indigenous or First Peoples, who continue to suffer as a consequence of genocide and forced removal perpetrated by white ancestors of European descent. Our next steps have to do with actions to end violence directed toward them, which occurs when their histories are erased, cultures are trivialized, labor is exploited, and resources are seized. As the current occupiers of this territory, we must amplify First Peoples' voices, honor their dignity, and repent of our complicity in their oppression.

Read more about our Land Use Acknowledgment on our website:

<https://www.emmanuelboston.org/mission/social-justice/land-acknowledgement/>

**The Holy Eucharist**  
**The First Sunday after Christmas - Year C**

Prelude Lied, Op.31, No.17

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn** Once in Royal David's City

Hymn 102

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

IRBY

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
 \*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
 4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
 \*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
 3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
 4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
 6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Words: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.;  
 st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)

Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

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## The Word of God

Presider: Blessed are you holy and living God.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

### The Collect for Purity

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

### Gloria

Hymn 96

An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.

Glo - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - -

- - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five systems of music. The first two systems are vocal lines with lyrics. The third system is a piano accompaniment for the first phrase, with the vocal line above and the piano line below. The fourth system is a piano accompaniment for the second phrase, with the vocal line above and the piano line below. The fifth system is a piano accompaniment for the third phrase, with the vocal line above and the piano line below. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and a more active treble line with chords and melodic fragments.

## The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **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, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## The Lessons

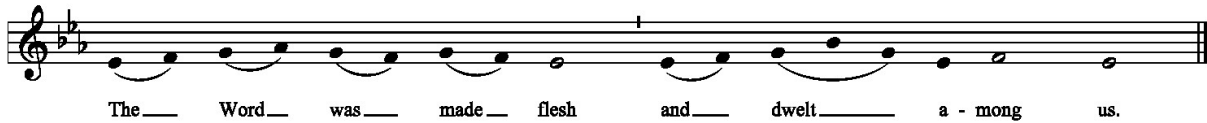
**First Reading** Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21



- 13 Jerusalem will worship you, O God,  
and Zion will praise your name;
- 14 For you have strengthened the bars of our gates  
and have blest our children within us. [ANT.]
- 15 You have established peace on our borders and satisfied us with the  
finest wheat.
- 16 You send out your command to the earth,  
and your word runs very swiftly. [ANT.]
- 17 You give snow like wool;  
and scatter hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 You scatter your hail like bread crumbs;  
who can stand against your cold?
- 19 You send forth your word and melt them;  
you blow with your wind and the waters flow. [ANT.]
- 20 You declare your word to Jacob,  
your statutes and your judgments to Israel.
- 21 You have not done so to any other nation;  
to them you have not revealed your judgments. Alleluia! [ANT.]

**Second Reading** Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn** God the sculptor of the mountain (St.1-2)

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

WLP 746

SANDRIA

1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,  
 2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,  
 3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,  
 4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,

God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:  
 God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:  
 God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:  
 God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:

you are womb of all cre - a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.  
 you are gate of all de - liv' - rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.  
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.  
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.

Words: John Thornburg (b. 1954). Music: *Sandria*, Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

**The Gospel Reading** John 1:1-18

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel Hymn** God the sculptor (St.3-4)  
*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

WLP 746  
SANDRIA

**The Sermon**

Ms. Werntz

**The Creed**

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

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. 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.

**Prayers of the People** *(Please add your intercessions and thanksgivings in the silence)*

Beloved of God, as we gather in this Christmas season, let it be our great joy to let God's Word take us back to Bethlehem and our Lord's birth. Let us hear in story and song the joyful proclamation of God's limitless and unfailing love born in the baby Jesus. And let us pray for the needs of the world: for peace on the earth; for goodwill; for unity within the church and among all peoples.

*Silence*



Let us remember in Jesus' name the many blessings of our lives. Let us pause to give thanks and praise to God for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. Let us give thanks for tasks that demand our best efforts, and for accomplishments that satisfy and delight us. Let us give thanks, also, for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on God alone.

*Silence*

Let us remember in Jesus' name those of all ages who are poor and without help, those who are hungry and oppressed, sick and sorrowing, captive or in prison, those who are lonely and those who are difficult to love; and let us pray especially for those who do not know God or who have turned away from God's love.

*Silence*

Finally, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us but upon another shore, and in a greater awakening—that great cloud of witnesses, that multitude that no one can number, with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore.

*Silence*

Presider: Grant these our prayers, O Holy God, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

All: **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **Offertory Sentence**

I beseech you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love. (Eph. 4:1-2)

*During the Offertory, we invite you to donate online using our CashApp cashtag \$EmmanuelBostonGive.*

*If you are visiting or new to Emmanuel, we also invite you to take this moment to complete the Welcome Card online, linked on the inside cover of the bulletin. Paper Welcome Cards and gifts may be brought to the box at the chancel steps at the end of the service.*

**Offertory Anthem** A New Year Carol

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

**Offertory Hymn** Unto us a boy is born  
(Please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn 98  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -  
 2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and  
 3 He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in  
 4 Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to  
 \*5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -

1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the  
 2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that  
 3 Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at  
 4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -  
 5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the

1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - - tion.  
 2 he all men sur - pass - - - - es.  
 3 Beth - lehem in his fu - - - - ry.  
 4 to the joys a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
 5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - - tion.

Words: Latin carol, 15th cent., tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt. Music: *Puer nobis nascitur*, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; harm. Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943).

**The Great Thanksgiving**

BCP, Prayer D, p. 372

*Presider* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Presider:** It is truly right to glorify you, O God, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



Presider: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

O God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

O God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All: **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Presider: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the love of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All: A - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

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

All: **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 *(Silence is kept)*

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## Fraction Anthem

S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Communion

*All who desire a deeper relationship with the Holy One may come to the table.*

**Post-Communion Prayer** *(Please rise in body or spirit)*

BCP, p. 365

Subdeacon: Let us pray.

All: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Blessing**

Presider:

Howard Thurman

When the song of the angel is still, when the star in the sky is gone, when kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their sheep, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people, to make music in the heart.

(BOS Advent)

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

**Closing Hymn** It came upon a midnight clear  
*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

Hymn 89  
CAROL

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King.” The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: *Carol*, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900).

### Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Organ Flourish on “Joy to the World”

Michael Dell

*Welcome Cards may be brought with any gifts to the box at the chancel steps at the conclusion of the Postlude.*

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# Emmanuel Church Announcements

## *Today and Upcoming*

### **Pledging to Emmanuel Church**

If you value the worship and programs of Emmanuel Church, and the clergy and staff that support them, please make a pledge for 2025.

A pledge is an indication of the financial support you intend to offer for 2025. A pledge may be fulfilled in one gift, quarterly, monthly, or weekly. A pledge may be fulfilled in advance of 2025 (and so designated) or at any time during 2025.

The amount of your pledge depends entirely on you. Every pledge counts as 1, and the total number of pledges reflects the number of households committed to supporting the parish. No amount of money is too small or too large! For reference, in 2024 Emmanuel received 81 pledges, and the median pledge amount was \$2,500. For a parish of our size, we hope to receive 100 pledges in 2025.

### **We are 3/4 of the way there.**

A pledge may be made by completing a pledge card or emailing the parish administrator (parishadmin@emmanuelboston.org). You may also pledge online using our secure giving platform ServantKeeper by using the QR code above.

Thank you!



### **Christmas Continues at Emmanuel**

**Second Sunday after Christmas, Sunday January 5, 10:00am** in the Lindsey Chapel (no livestream)

Emmanuel Music will offer Bach Cantata *Liebster Jesu, mein Verlangen*, BWV 32

### **The Bach Institute | Upcoming Events**

The Bach Institute, sponsored by Emmanuel Music and hosted by Emmanuel Church, seeks to share the deep knowledge and experience of the Emmanuel Music ensemble in performing the sacred cantatas of J.S. Bach. Drawing on fifty years of practical experience offering these profound works in a worship context, we bring a unique perspective on the communicative power and timeless relevance of this music, as well as insights into technique, interpretation, and pacing.

The Bach Institute January 2025 Intensive takes an important leap forward with its proposed focus on "Bach and Society." This year the Institute seeks to engage members of Emmanuel and Boston's wider community by exploring the message in Bach's music and its power to challenge and transform our lives. Bach's cantatas speak vividly and poignantly about the human condition; our aspirations, our failings, and how to create right relationship to God and to our neighbor. This year's Bach Institute will explore how a just society might work from the perspective of the cantata literature.

All programs are free - reservation required for each program at <https://www.emmanuelmusic.org/learn-engage/the-bach-institute>

### **SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EVENTS**

Jan. 11, 11:30am, Cantata Open Rehearsal (in-person only)

John Harbison rehearses BWV 123

followed by 1:00pm, Conversation: John Harbison discusses BWV 123

Jan. 12, 10:00am, Cantata BWV 123

(in-person and livestreamed), John Harbison conducting

Jan. 13, 7:00pm, Pamela Dellal, Ryan Turner,

and guest Adrian Anandawan, Artistic Director of Shelter Music Boston

(in-person and livestreamed), Conversation: Bach and Society (I)



Jan. 15, 7:00pm, Ecclesia Ministries TBD, Pamela Werntz, and Common Art artists (in-person and livestreamed) Conversation: Bach and Society (II)

Jan. 16, 7:00pm, Heidi Braun-Hill, violin (in-person and livestreamed)  
Masterclass: featuring the Bach Institute 2025 Fellows

Jan. 18, 11:30am, Cantata Open Rehearsal (in-person only)  
Ryan Turner rehearses BWV 72  
followed by 1:00pm, Conversation: Ryan Turner and Pamela Dellal discuss BWV 72

Jan. 19, 10:00am, Cantata 72 (in-person and livestreamed)  
Ryan Turner conducting, featuring the Bach Institute 2025 Fellows

Jan. 19, 7:00pm, Bach Institute Showcase Concert  
(in-person and livestreamed), featuring the Bach Institute 2025 Fellows and Common Art artists

SNOW DATE Jan. 20, 7:00pm, Bach Institute Showcase Concert

### **An invitation from puppeteer Sara Peattie: The First Night Procession is on again!**

Large and small flying birds, adorable chickies, glowing stars and lanterns to carry, and a great shining Wise Owl.

Meeting at City Hall Plaza, Cambridge Street side, next to the  
Government Center T station, at 5 PM Dec. 31 New Years Eve.

The parade leaves at @6 PM, over by 7 PM, with cookies and hot chocolate at the Puppet Lair in the alley behind Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., with fireworks on the common.

RSVP to [puppetco@puppetco-op.org](mailto:puppetco@puppetco-op.org) or to Sara at (617) 378-5715 Or just come and bring friends and family

**Have you moved in 2024?** If you moved recently or if you are new to the Emmanuel community and would like your contact information to be included in the parish directory, please let the Parish Office know at [parishadmin@emmanuelboston.org](mailto:parishadmin@emmanuelboston.org).

## *Ways to Get Involved*

**Looking to make a world of difference in your Christmas giving this year?** Episcopal Development and Relief, which helps people around the globe, has many ways for you to change lives in honor of those you love. You can empower our global neighbors with water, bicycles, business training, and more. For more information, go to the website: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/gifts/catalog>

**Bible Study via Zoom:** Bible Study meets virtually on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 am in all odd-numbered months. These lively conversations take place via Zoom. Our next Bible Study will take place in January. If you would like to participate, please contact the Parish Office.: [parishassist@emmanuelboston.org](mailto:parishassist@emmanuelboston.org)

**Do you know someone who is in the hospital, or confined at home?** The Care Commission provides pastoral ministry by writing notes, making visits, and more. Pastoral care needs are being coordinated by Pavel Hradecky ([pavel.hrx@gmail.com](mailto:pavel.hrx@gmail.com)) and ( Deacon Bob Greiner ([deacon@emmanuelboston.org](mailto:deacon@emmanuelboston.org))). If you have a need, please contact him.



## *New to Emmanuel?*

**Welcome to Emmanuel Church!** You honor us with your presence. We are a faith community with a long history of challenging assumptions, of outreach, good preaching, and mission. We also have a long history of attracting deeply thoughtful people to engage in faith, doubt, music and art, conversation and fine liturgy. If you would like to learn more, please contact the Parish Office so we can connect.

**In Episcopal liturgy**, please stand in body or spirit when indicated. If you prefer to kneel during the prayers, please do. Please join in with the text in bold, when indicated. Hymns and responses to the liturgy usually found in the Hymnal 1982, Book of Common Prayer, and others are included in the bulletin. Our scripture readings are prescribed by the Revised Common Lectionary and are taken from the NRSV translation of the Bible. Psalm translations often come from the St. Helena Psalter.

**Our commitment to expansive language** dates from January 19, 1986, when the vestry vowed that our worship should "...speak of God, Christ, and our humanity in both male and female images." Thirty-five years later, we continue to expand our language to embrace non-binary and gender-fluid words for people and the Divine, as well as non-anthropomorphic words for the Divine that are theologically coherent and biblically grounded. In accordance with this commitment, we welcome everyone to make changes in the language of the liturgy and in the hymns to that which is more fully inclusive. Our rector considers the disturbances this causes to be signs of the Holy Spirit, even as she acknowledges that words will always be insufficient to describe the Mystery of Life and Love.

In the sixth century, the **"filioque" clause** referring to the Holy Spirit crept into the Nicene Creed in the Church in the West (Roman) without consultation or agreement from the Church in the East (Orthodox): "...Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father **and the Son**." The Episcopal Church meeting in General Convention in 1994 agreed to remove the clause in the next revision of the Book of Common Prayer. In the meantime, since Emmanuel Church prints the creed text in our bulletins, we have removed the clause and adjusted musical settings to put the Episcopal Church's intention into practice.

In a typical week, Emmanuel Church provides sanctuary and hospitality for as many as fifteen hundred people who are living on the various margins of our society because of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, disability, addiction, immigration status, religion, and so on. Coming together to help lift heavy hearts and carry heavy burdens is what we do, and many hands make light work. Every single one of us has some capacity to join in this vital mission, thanks to Love.

In our worship service, **there are periods of silence** which serve as transitions and moments of reflection within a rich liturgy. In scripture, silence lets Elijah hear the still small voice of God, and the Revelation to John speaks of the silence in heaven. You are encouraged to embrace this silence as an integral part of "God with us."

Whoever you are, wherever you've been, whatever you've done, **you are welcome to participate in communion here**. At this time communion may be received by bread alone or by praying the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

**Children are welcome** to participate fully in the service.

**The Cantata**, offered by Emmanuel Music's professional choir and orchestra from September to May, is most often one of Johann Sebastian Bach. The texts come from various sources: text in bold represents chorale text; text in italics represents direct scripture quotes; both are in conversation with the rest of the service. The **shape of our worship** service with the cantata has been compared to a labyrinth, where the Great Thanksgiving is at the center. The path into the center and the path back out is guided by scripture, prayers and meditations, through speech, music, and silence. Notes about the music can be found near the announcements.

It is our practice to remain seated through the **Postlude**. You are encouraged to respond "Amen" at its conclusion.

**Monetary gifts may be made** by dropping your donation in the box by the pulpit, mailing it to the church, or electronically via our secure giving platform ServnatKeeper: <https://www.emmanuelboston.org/giving/giving-money/>

CashApp.is another method to give electronically. Our cashtag is \$EmmanuelBostonGive. Please be sure to indicate if your gift should go towards your annual pledge or another special designation. If you are new to giving to Emmanuel Church and are using CashApp, please contact the Parish Office with your contact information.



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