



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Second Sunday in Lent
The Feast of George Herbert

February 25, 2024 ✠ 10:00 AM

THE FEAST OF GEORGE HERBERT

Poet and Priest – 1633

George Herbert is famous for his poems and for his prose work, *A Priest to the Temple, or, The Country Parson*. He described his poems as “a picture of the many spiritual conflicts that have passed betwixt God and my soul, before I could submit mine to the will of Jesus my Master; in whose service I have found perfect freedom.”

Herbert was born in Montgomery, Wales, on April 3, 1593, a cousin of the Earl of Pembroke. Through his official position as Public Orator of Cambridge, he was brought into contact with the Court of King James I and Prince (later King) Charles. Whatever hopes he may have had as a courtier were dimmed, however, because of his associations with persons who were out of favor with King Charles I—principally John Williams, Bishop of Lincoln. Herbert had begun studying divinity in his early twenties, and, in 1626, he was ordained as a priest. In 1630, King Charles provided him with a living as rector of the parishes of Fugglestone and Bemerton. His collection of poems, *The Temple*, was given to his friend Nicholas Ferrar and published posthumously. Two of his poems are well-known hymns: “Teach me, my God and King” (*The Hymnal 1982*, #592) and “Let all the world in every corner sing” (*The Hymnal 1982*, #402; #403). Their grace, strength, and metaphysical imagery influenced later poets, including Henry Vaughan and Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Herbert was unselfish in his devotion and service to others. His words, “Nothing is little in God’s service,” have reminded Christians again and again that everything in daily life, small or great, may be a means of serving and worshiping God. *from Lesser Feasts and Fasts*

Hymns and Choir Anthems for George Herbert’s Feast Day

Although the poetry of George Herbert is found in more than ninety hymns, only four appear in *The Hymnal 1982*. Today, we sing three of those hymns, and a verse of the fourth hymn is found in the Epiphany Choir’s communion motet. The poems were published after Herbert’s death in *The Temple*.

Hymn 402 “Let all the world in every corner sing” is called “Antiphon” in *The Temple*, and its presentation on the printed page leads scholars to believe that it was intended to be sung, though no original music for it has been identified. The antiphon (or refrain) is a universal call for praise, verse 1 bids nature to sing God’s praise, and verse 2 is praise from the people in corporate worship and in personal devotion.

The offertory anthem “Lord, who hast formed me” is Herbert’s poem “Trinitie Sunday.” Each of the three verses is three lines long and addresses each part of the Trinity: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Although there are plenty of “3’s” in the structure and many allusions to the Trinity, the focus and feeling is one of penitence.

Hymn 592 “Teach me, my God and King” encompasses four verses of the six-verse poem “The Elixir.” The choir sings verse 1 which tells the measure of our service to God in not only what we do by why we do it; subsequent verses put a finer point on this idea.

The communion hymn 487 “Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life” is the poem “The Call,” which is the fourth movement of Ralph Vaughan Williams’ “Five Mystical Songs.” Each movement in this song cycle is a setting of a George Herbert text; the final movement is the text of hymn 402. Herbert’s text in “The Call” expands John 14:6, (I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me) by incorporating additional metaphors: Light, Feast and Strength and Joy, Love and Heart. Our final hymn 382 “King of glory, King of peace” is entitled “Praise” and is the second poem to appear in *The Temple*. There were originally seven four-line stanzas, but in this case six stanzas are used in the three-verse hymn. The text is deceptively simple in vocabulary but relays the immensity of Herbert’s endless devotion.

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Whether you just stopped in to visit, or you are looking for a place of belonging, we welcome you. In our worship, formation, fellowship, and community engagement work, we strive for justice and peace and to honor the dignity of every human being. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, we are glad you are here. We believe God loves you—no exceptions!

Communion of the People: All God's people are welcome to share in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail or at the standing station on the floor level. At the altar rail you have the option to drink from the chalice, to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister to intinct for you, or to cross your arms after you receive the bread to indicate that you do not wish to receive the chalice. At the floor station, communion is received by intinction by the Priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest; the priest will bless you. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

For the latest news and events at Epiphany, visit our website at epiphany.org or subscribe to our weekly newsletter. There are newcomer cards available in the pew in front of you and on the newcomer page of our website. We hope that you will fill one out while you're here and hand it to one of the clergy so we can welcome you personally.

Children of all ages are invited to participate fully in our liturgy. We welcome wiggles and giggles as signs of life and understand that sometimes children need to move about during worship. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available. Ask an usher to help you locate those near the entrance to the worship space.

If you do not have a nametag, please sign up on the clipboard on the welcome table in the Gallery. For today, there are stick-on nametags available.



In addition to the passing of the plate, you can make your offering today using this QR code. Visit epiphany.org/ways-to-give to learn about other ways to give to our parish or to make a pledge. You'll also find more information about Realm, our secure online community.

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*You are invited to enter in silence as you prepare for worship
Use the water in the font as a remembrance of your Baptism*

Voluntary—Fantazia in four parts

Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1625)

The Procession—The People stand

A Penitential Order

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept

Minister and People

**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 our Savior 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.*

Holy God—S 100

BCP 356
David Hurd

standing

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 Collect for the Feast of George Herbert

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, who called your servant George Herbert from the pursuit of worldly honors to be a poet and a pastor of souls: Give us grace, we pray, joyfully to dedicate all our powers to your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Ecclesiastes 4:13–5:7

Better is a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish king, who will no longer take advice. One can indeed come out of prison to reign, even though born poor in the kingdom. I saw all the living who, moving about under the sun, follow that youth who replaced the king; there was no end to all those people whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God; to draw near to listen is better than the sacrifice offered by fools; for they do not know how to keep from doing evil. Never be rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be quick to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven, and you upon earth; therefore let your words be few.

For dreams come with many cares, and a fool's voice with many words.

When you make a vow to God, do not delay fulfilling it; for he has no pleasure in fools. Fulfill what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not fulfill it. Do not let your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake; why should God be angry at your words, and destroy the work of your hands?

With many dreams come vanities and a multitude of words; but fear God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23—*Spoken by all, seated*

Dominus regit me

- 1 **The LORD is my shepherd; ***
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures ***
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 **He revives my soul ***
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; ***
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 **You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ***
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ***
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Children (up to 3rd grade) are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn for the reading of the Gospel and Children's Chapel

Sequence Hymn 402—Let all the world in every corner sing

Augustine

The Choir sings the opening Antiphon, all repeat. All sing the Antiphon after the verses.

Antiphon

Let all the world in ev-ery cor-ner sing, my God and King! King!

The Choir sings the verses

1 The heavens are not too high, his praise may thith - er fly; the
 2 The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but,

Repeat Antiphon

earth is not too low, his prais - es there may grow.
 a - bove all, the heart must bear the long - est part.

The Gospel

Mark 9:2-8

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

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

The Sermon

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant With Christians from across time and around the world, we say together the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed—*Celebrant and People*

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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People for Lent

In this season of repentance and renewal, let us pray for the concerns of the Church and the world, saying
“Lord, in your mercy, renew us.”

For the whole Church of God, and for all its members:

May the Church truly become the unified body of Christ, hearing and living out God’s call in the world. We
pray for all baptized Christians in their ministries, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Robert, our bishop
and for all clergy and other ministers.

Lord, in your mercy,
Renew us.

For our nation and every nation:

May all people learn to live together in peace, respecting one another’s differences and autonomy. May all
leaders be ever mindful of their responsibilities to their own people and to others in the world. We pray for
our President, Congress, Courts, state and local officials, and for all leaders around the world.

Lord, in your mercy,
Renew us.

For this community and all communities:

May we live together in love and harmony, striving for the building up of all members, for wholeness and justice, striving until none are left behind.

Lord, in your mercy,

Renew us.

For the concerns of the whole world:

May those who face natural disaster find grace and relief; may those who face conflict and war find a loving spirit; and may all of us come to treat our neighbors as ourselves so that we and all this world may truly come to be God's new creation.

Lord, in your mercy,

Renew us.

For all those who are in any pain or sorrow:

May they come to know your love and care and be brought to wholeness; for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for the poor, the persecuted, and those in prison; for those who are lonely, homeless, or hungry; for all those we now remember.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

Renew us.

For all the blessings of this life:

May we truly celebrate the life we have been given and our time with one another; for new beginnings, anniversaries, and birthdays, and for all the joys of this life; we thank you for all other thanksgivings we now offer, silently or aloud.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

Renew us.

For all who have died:

May those who now live in the joy of God's presence find their rest in God's peace. We pray for those we now name, silently or aloud.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

Renew us.

Celebrant's concluding Collect

God, whose desire it is for all people to turn to you and be renewed in your love, grant these prayers in your mercy and according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Welcome

Offertory Anthem—Lord, who hast formed me
Epiphany Choir

Philip Godfrey

Lord, who hast form'd me out of mud,
And hast redeem'd me through thy blood,
And sanctifi'd me to do good;

Purge all my sinnes done heretofore:
For I confesse my heavie score,
And I will strive to sinne no more.

Enrich my heart, mouth, hands in me,
With faith, with hope, with charitie;
That I may runne, rise, rest with thee.

Text – George Herbert, from the poem “Trinitie Sunday”

Presentation Hymn 144—Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness

Cornhill

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant 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 every-where to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

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

Celebrant and People

Sanctus S131—Holy, holy, holy Lord

Gerald R. Near

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 the one who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people may stand or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and creator of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer—*traditional language*

**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

A period of silence is kept.

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

The Communion of the People

All God’s people are welcome to share in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail or at the standing station on the floor level. At the altar rail you have the option to drink from the chalice, to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister to intinct for you, or to cross your arms after you receive the bread to indicate that you do not wish to receive the chalice. At the floor station, communion is received by intinction by the Priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest; the priest will bless you. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

The Healing Rite

During the Communion of the People, prayers for healing and anointing with oil are offered in the Chapel for those desiring them on their own behalf, or upon the behalf of another. All are welcome.

Communion Motet—Teach me, my God and King

Arlen Clarke

Epiphany Choir

Teach me, my God and King, in all things Thee to see, and what I do in anything, to do it as for Thee.

*Text – George Herbert from “The Elixir”
 for additional verses, see Hymn 592, The Hymnal, 1982*

Communion Hymn 487—Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

Sung by all

Eucharistic Visitation

Celebrant We, the church of Jesus Christ, send you forth bearing these holy gifts so that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People We who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Solemn Prayer—Celebrant

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 382—King of glory, King of peace

General Seminary

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

LITURGICAL & EVENT CALENDAR THROUGH EASTER

Asterisk () denotes services that will also be live-streamed*

Season of Lent

February 25—Second Sunday in Lent • 10:00 a.m.*
March 16—Lenten Quiet Day • 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

— EACH WEEK DURING LENT —

Sunday Holy Eucharist • 10:00 a.m.*
Weekday Morning Prayer • 9:00 a.m. (Zoom only, request link from office)
Tuesday Morning Prayer/Eucharist 1st Tuesdays • 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday Noonday Prayer • 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday Eucharist with Healing • 12:15 p.m.
Thursday Family-Friendly Compline • 7:00 p.m. (Zoom only)

Holy Week

March 24—Palm Sunday • 10:00 a.m.*
Weekday Morning Prayer • 9:00 a.m. (Zoom only, request link from office)
March 26—Tuesday Morning Prayer • 7:00 a.m.
March 26—Emmaus House Stations of the Cross
March 27—Noonday Prayer • 12:00 p.m.
March 27—Eucharist with Healing • 12:15 p.m.
March 27—Tenebrae • 7:00 p.m.
March 28—Agápe Supper (RSVP) • 6:00 p.m.
March 28—Maundy Thursday Liturgy • 7:00 p.m.*
March 29—Good Friday Liturgy • 12:00 p.m.*

Easter Sunday – March 31

The Great Vigil of Easter • 6:00 a.m.
Easter Day Services • 9:00 a.m.* & 11:00 a.m.*
Easter Breakfast • 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt • 10:15 a.m.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Names of friends and family are listed for four weeks. Contact the parish office if want them listed for another month.

For members who are bidding our prayers: Wayne Urban • Rob Godsall • Kim Boswell • Brett Boatright • Laura, John & Sarah Keys • Robin Hairston • Audrey Banfield • Beth Towers • Mary McCall Cash • Wende Crowe • Judy Jarady • Sally Brockington

For friends and family: Sara Kolhbrenner, sister of Susan Moody • Mary Donovan, friend of Laura & John Keys • Erin Bauslaugh, friend of Laura & John Keys • Betty Tuzzolino, aunt of Loren Williams • Jeff Smith, family member of George & Liefy Smith • Jan & Emily Corder, friends of Liefy & George Smith • Dave Hunter, family of Liefy & George Smith • Eric Getchell, friend of Jeremy Davis • Maril Revette Stratton, friend of Marjorie Timmer • Kristin Shinall Runnion, family of Doug Runnion • Carrie Wade, partner of Chris Belcore • Megan Byrnes-Laird, niece of Tracey & Brandon Laird • Larry Holland, friend of Lisa Carlson • Susan Habib, mother of Peter Habib • Anda Tomel, friend of Susan Scott • Sherri Sharp, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder • Nick Brown, son of Colleen Morich • Gary Davis, father of Jeremy Davis • Diana Lawrence, niece of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

For members who desire our continuing prayers: Jewel Allen • Alma Fuller • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Tom Mundy • Floyd Parker • Pat Spivey • Ann Rowles • Shirley Sugden • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Kathy Walmsley • Colleen

For those who have died: William Kemp, friend of Jeremy Davis • Reginald Smart, friend of Anne Warner • Julie Miller, aunt of Loren Williams • Linda Lucido, friend of Christin Erskine

For those in the armed forces: Stewart Mundy

For those celebrating birthdays for the week of 2/25-3/2: Bill Gary • Barbara Nama • Claire Tobin • Claudia Tillman • Pamela Councill • Henry Guy • Wayne Richardson • Maggie Reetz • Owen Kavanagh • Amanda Kay Seals • Mike Towers • Jim Hoesterey • Eloise Wierwille • Wren Ballou • John Keys • Ben Morrissey • Rachael Walsh • James Weigle • Lydia Welty

For members awaiting the adoption of a child: Jessica, Duane & Abram Burns

For racial justice: For African American communities in Atlanta and for Emmaus House and others like them, finding ways to create affordable housing, encourage appropriate development, and increase local employment and educational opportunities.

For our endangered world: The Ogeechee River—the most polluted river in Georgia.

Did we miss your anniversary or birthday? Send the full date of your anniversary and/or your date of birth to the parish office at parishadmin@epiphany.org so that we can update our records.

TODAY AT EPIPHANY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Children's Chapel—during the service

Children up to 3rd grade are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn and follow the cross to chapel after the reading of the Gospel. They return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join them.

ADULT FORMATION | Bishop Wright's Lenten Series "Letting Go"—11:30 a.m. • parish hall

During Lent we are engaging with Bishop Wright's five-part Lenten series to help guide us in this season of sacrifice and self-examination. The theme of this year's series is "Letting Go." Members of the Epiphany community help facilitate group reflection on the videos.

CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION | Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • locations vary

Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register your children and youth or check out the bulletin boards on the 2nd floor.

- **Room 205**—Godly Play children (3 years old through 2nd grade)
- **Room 206**—3rd and 5th grade
- **Lower-Level Classroom / Donut Den**—Youth (6th to 12th grade)

GIVING | United Thank Offering (UTO)—make a practice of thank offerings during Lent

In 1889, two Episcopal women envisioned a way to collect small thank offerings in homes as a personal expression of gratitude. Today, UTO contributions from Episcopalian around the world support more than 5,300 Episcopal missions and ministries. UTO boxes/envelopes are in the Gallery. Make checks out to The Episcopal Church Women, noting UTO in the memo. Ingathering will be Sunday, April 7.

DEVOTIONALS | From Living Compass—free in the gallery, limited supply

If you are looking for a Lenten devotional to read as a spiritual practice during Lent, pick up one of the Living Compass booklets in the gallery: *Living Well Through Lent 2024: Practicing Forgiveness with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. Prefer a digital practice? A free PDF version is also available at livingcompass.org. You can also sign up to receive a daily email of each reflection for free.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group

TONIGHT (2/25) we'll have Youth Group at Epiphany from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. We'll be discussing our identity as people created in the image of God, and will be exploring our own identity as creators with art supplies.

Dinner will not be provided this week.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in honor of Amanda Kay Seals and in celebration of her birthday, by Zac Toy.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

Altar Arrangements & the Sanctuary Light can be given in honor of an anniversary, birthday, or in memory of a loved one. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to reserve dates that have meaning for you.

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

WORSHIP | Weekday Services—visit epiphany.org/worship-services for details

- Weekday Morning Prayer—9:00 a.m. online
- Tuesday Morning Prayer (Holy Eucharist 1st Tuesdays)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel
- Wednesday Noonday Prayer—12:00 p.m. in the side chapel, a Healing Eucharist follows at 12:15 p.m.

PASTORAL CARE | The Community of Hope's Circle of Care—Last Mondays at 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. • parish hall 2/26—Members gather to pray, learn, and provide each other with mutual support as they reflect on their emotional and spiritual responses to pastoral encounters. If you or a loved one would like to receive a pastoral visit or home communion by one of the trained caregivers, please contact Ann Fowler / annfowler@me.com.

PARISH GROUP | Men's Breakfast Group—Tuesdays following the 7:00 a.m. service

2/27—The Men's Breakfast Group gathers for breakfast and discussion following the 7:00 a.m. Tuesday service and are typically on their way by 8:00 a.m. Contact: John Yntema / yntema@yahoo.com

FAMILIES & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Young Family Service Project—2nd & 4th Tuesdays

2/27—In coordination with Children & Youth Ministries and Community Engagement, service project activities for children, youth, and families take place on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.

MUSIC | Choirs for Children & Youth—Tuesdays • Music Suite upstairs

2/27—Beginning Choristers (pre-K-2nd grade) meet Tuesday evenings from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

2/27—Junior Choir (3rd grade-unchanged voices) meet from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

WORSHIP | Family Eucharist Service—fourth Tuesdays of the month

2/27—The Tuesday Family Eucharist Service takes place on 4th Tuesdays after choir practice at 6:15 p.m. in the parish hall. Arrive by 6:00 p.m. if you'd like to eat pizza together, or come at 5:00 p.m. to take part in the Family Service Project. Email Emily Elder / eelder@epiphany.org to RSVP.

NOTICE | Endowment Grant Applications are due February 28, 2024

Deadline 2/29—Endowment Fund Grant Applications are available online from the homepage and in the gallery tract rack. Grants may be for capital improvements; scholarships or grants to members; or community outreach projects.

MUSIC | Choirs for Adults & Youth—Wednesdays • Julie Ryder / music@epiphany.org

2/28—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.

2/28—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.

COMPLINE | Thursdays during Lent—Zoom only

2/29—During Lent this year, we invite the whole parish—and especially our younger families—to consider praying Compline once a week (or however often makes sense for your schedule). A short, family-friendly Compline prayer session will be held every Thursday evening during Lent, from 7:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. over Zoom. Please click on the meeting link at epiphany.org.

PARISH GROUPS | Chez Epiphany Cooking Class—Thursday, February 29 • kitchen & parish hall

2/29—The next cooking class with our chef-in-residence Joel Fowler will be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on February 29. The topic for this session is hands-on Puff Pastry! We'll make a basic rough puff pastry together and then put it to use. No pastry skill or experience needed. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes the class and the meal we have together from what we cook. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register.

THE RITE OF RECONCILIATION is available during the season of Lent. This rite, also known as confession, invites the confession of sin to God in the presence of a priest, followed by the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution. Contact the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright at adillswright@epiphany.org or the Rev. Carmie McDonald at cmcdonald@epiphany.org if you would like to schedule a time for this sacramental rite.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Non-Food Pantry Drive**—*During the month of March*

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) sponsor a pantry drive in March and October for Emmaus House for items not covered by the Food Stamp Program. This time for the month of March, we are collecting bar soap and liquid hand soap. Collection bins are in the gallery.

WORSHIP | **Training for Eucharistic Ministers (EM)**

3/3—EM training/refresher session on Sunday, March 3 at 8:30 a.m., in the nave. All interested persons are welcome.

PARISH GROUPS | **Young Adults**—*will meet the 1st Sunday in March*

3/3—Risotto with the Rector: In March, Epiphany's Young Adults will meet on the First Sunday of the month instead. Join us at the home of the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright for dinner, fellowship, and Compline. Please RSVP to Emily Elder / eelder@epiphany.org if you can make it and plan to bring a dessert to share.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Youth Art Show in April**

Deadline 3/4—Epiphany's Art ministry would like to showcase art made by our youth in April to exhibit their talent and creativity! If you have drawings, paintings, photographs, special crafts, or other 3D works, this show is for you! The works can be displayed only or offered for sale. If sold, a percentage of the sale will benefit the youth fund for their trip to Asheville. If interested in participating, let Emily Elder / eelder@epiphany.org know by March 4; all art pieces will be due March 31!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **The Feeding Ministry**—*meals served 2nd Fridays of the month*

3/6-8—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter on 2nd Fridays. To help prepare, cook or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

PASTORAL CARE | **The Grief Pastoral Care Group**—*1st Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.* • Zoom

3/7—The group meets each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss, led by parishioners Megan Fraijo-Paul and Nancy Thompson, both trained psychotherapists. Please contact Megan, meganspaul@gmail.com or Nancy, nthomps@emory.edu before attending for the first time.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Hunger Walk**

3/10—Support the Episcopal Community Foundation who, in partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank, fundraise to end hunger, then walk, run, and volunteer at this annual community event. Participate online or in person. Contact Ivy May / ivymay.debate@gmail.com for more information.

FORMATION | **Contemplative Practice**—*2nd Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in March & April*

3/10—Come gather with us for a time of reflection, meditation instruction, and gathering with others seeking a more grounded way of being in the world. Led by Bobbi Patterson, Elizabeth Ura and the Rev. Amy Dills-Moore. Contact: The Rev. Amy Dills-Moore, adillsmoore@epiphany.org.

PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Book Group**—*2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.* • parish hall, sometimes Zoom

3/11—All are welcome to join the Epiphany Book Group on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. This month they will meet in the parish hall. Contact Linda for the meeting link. Their book selection for March is *The Accidental Saints*, by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Contact: Linda Ryder-Wolf / linda.wolf.1962@gmail.com.

PARISH GROUPS | **The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**—*2nd Tuesdays of the month*

3/12—The ECW meets on 2nd Tuesdays in the parish hall at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards, they will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Our Quarterly Wednesday Dinner for Holy Comforter**

3/13—Holy Comforter is a unique worshipping community in the heart of Atlanta. About 60% of this congregation lives with mental illness. We will prepare a meal during the afternoon and take the meal to the

church, leaving at 6:00 p.m., prepare to serve after the 6:30 p.m. service. After serving, the volunteers join the parishioners for dinner. Sign up to participate at epiphany.org/rsvp. Contact: Jeanette Hanson / isjch@emory.edu.

FORMATION | Lenten Quiet Day—*Save the date*

3/16—A Lenten Quiet Day will take place at Epiphany on Saturday, March 16 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. More details coming soon!

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS | Parish Workday—from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

3/23—Please save the date for a work day that we will have on Saturday, March 23 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We hope you will be able to join your fellow Creation Caregivers of the Earth Guild and the Buildings & Grounds Committee as we spruce up our lovely grounds and interior spaces before Holy Week. All ages and all skill levels are welcome! We will provide snacks and beverages, but you will want to bring your reusable water bottle so we can avoid single-use plastics. If you have them, bring your work gloves, pruning shears, loppers, spades, clippers, and garden shovels.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Summer Advocacy Internship Program—*Interfaith Children's Movement (ICM)*

Deadline 4/1—ICM's advocacy program is open to youth ages 13 to 18. Youth learn how to tap into the power of their faith to make a difference in the world. Application deadline is April 1. For more information contact Kay Lee / kaylee17@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Dates for Vacation Bible School (VBS)—*Registration is open*

6/10-14—Save the date and register for this year's VBS, which will take place from June 10 to June 14. We will once again host VBS with St. Bart's and Holy Trinity Parish. For more details and to register, please visit the Epiphany RSVP page. Reach out to Emily Elder / eelder@epiphany.org with any questions, or if you'd like to volunteer.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—40 words or less—are due by NOON on Wednesdays. Longer versions may run in the *Friday eNews*. Email submissions to parishadmin@epiphany.org.