

The  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
of the  
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

May 17, 2026 ✠ 10:00 AM

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## WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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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!

**Vestry Person of the Day:** The photo pinned to the bulletin board as you entered today is of our “Vestry Person of the Day” or VPOD. In addition to ensuring that the coffee is brewed, the VPOD also coordinates with nursery staff and the greeters to ensure everyone has what they need to welcome all parishioners and visitors. They are also responsible for securing the church at days end. Most critically, however, the VPOD is responsible for serving as the point of contact in the event of a medical or other emergency and to coordinate any form of response that may be needed. If you need assistance—or need help getting someone else assistance—notify an usher or the VPOD.

**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.

**Giving to Epiphany:** If you would prefer to give electronically today, please scan this QR code. Visit [epiphany.org/ways-to-give](http://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 giving platform and secure online community.



**Recording/Livestreaming may be in progress:** Liturgies and meetings at Church of the Epiphany may be live-streamed and/or recorded so that we may include those who cannot be with us physically. If you prefer to sit in a location where you will be less visible to the camera, please let an usher, clergy, or staff person know.

**For the latest news and events at Epiphany**, visit our website at [epiphany.org](http://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.

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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**—Hail the day that sees him rise

Robert Williams  
Arr. Rebecca Groom te Velde

**Processional Hymn 410**—Praise my soul the king of heaven

*Lauda Anima*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant*

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. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise 214**—Hail the day that sees him rise

*Llanfair*

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

**O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

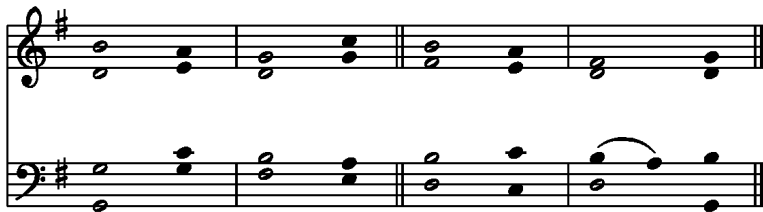
Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Exurgat Deus*

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be / **scattered**; \*  
let those who hate him flee be-/fore him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a-/way; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of / **God**.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before / **God**; \*  
let them also be merry and / **joyful**.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the / **heavens**; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice be-/fore him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of / **widows**, \*  
God in his holy habi-/tation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into / **freedom**;  
but the rebels shall live in dry / **places**.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your / **people**, \*  
when you marched through the / **wilderness**,
- 8 The earth shook and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of / **Sinai**, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of / **Israel**.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in-/heritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was / **weary**.
- 10 Your people found their / **home in it**; \*  
in your goodness O God, you have made provision for the / **poor**.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the / **earth**; \*  
sing praises to the / **Lord**.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient / **heavens**; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty / **voice**.
- 35 Ascribe power to / **God**; \*  
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the / **skies**.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy / **places**! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be / **God**!

**The Second Lesson**

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader     The Word of the Lord.

People     **Thanks be to God.**

Children (up to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7**—Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

**The Gospel**

John 17:1-11

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Carmie McDonald

*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.**

**Prayers of the People for Easter**

God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

We praise you, Almighty God.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to the work of reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, in awe of your glory.

We praise you, Almighty God.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair. Lead us to find ways to be present with them and reflect your love for them.

We praise you, Almighty God.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

God of light, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty.

We praise you, Almighty God.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence.

We praise you, Almighty God.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

*Celebrant's concluding collect*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

### **The Welcome**

**Offertory Anthem**—O clap your hands

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Epiphany Choir*

*O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible. He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God; sing praises. Sing praises to our King; sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth. Sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen. God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness. Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.* *Text—from Psalm 47*

**Presentation Hymn 174**—At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer B, Expansive Language

*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.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand during the Easter Season*

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

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

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

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

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

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*

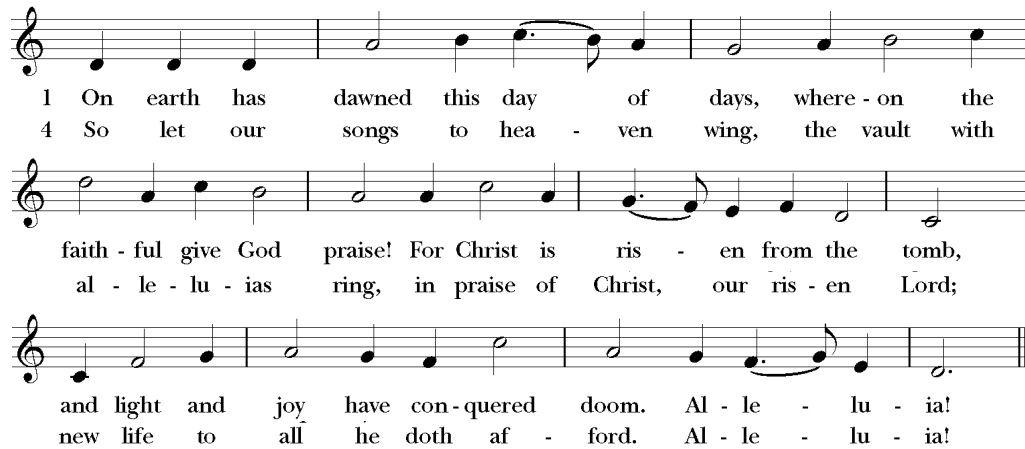
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

### The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept*

### Fraction Anthem Hymn 201, verses 1 & 4

*Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag*



1 On earth has dawned this day of days, where - on the  
4 So let our songs to hea - ven wing, the vault with  
faith - ful give God praise! For Christ is ris - en from the tomb,  
al - le - lu - ias ring, in praise of Christ, our ris - en Lord;  
and light and joy have con - quered doom. Al - le - lu - ia!  
new life to all he doth af - ford. Al - le - lu - ia!

### 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 Hymn 315—Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray

Song 1

*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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### Postcommunion Prayer—*Celebrant and People*

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.

## Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us heirs through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, bestow upon you the riches of divine blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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

**Hymn 182**—Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

*Truro*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Voluntary**—At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Robert Hobby



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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Names of friends and family are listed for a month. Contact the parish office if you would like them listed for another month.*

**For members who are bidding our prayers:** Darwin Embser (partner of Larry Wilcox) • Lynda Smith • Joy Boyden • George Ross • Lisa Gray • Richard Shirah • Larry Wilcox • Mike Curry • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Philip Anderson • Louise Bedrossian (wife of Bob Thompson) • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Sally Brockington

**For friends and family:** Ginger Hogg, sister of Leify Smith • Daiga Dunis & Kim Wallen, friends of Susan & Loren Williams • Sara, sister of Susan Moody • Melinda Little, cousin of George Ross • The McCord & Bloom families, relatives of Pam Tipton • Rachel Williams, daughter-in-law of Susan & Loren Williams • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • Danny Nodine, brother of Larry Nodine • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

**For members who desire our continuing prayers:** Jewel Allen • Mary McCall Cash • Wende Crowe • Pat & Bill Graves • Bruce Fort • Esther Harbert • Robin Hairston • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Ellen Mintzmyer • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Beth Towers • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Wes, Kelly & Lillian Wright • Colleen

**For those who have died:** Rose Mallard, cousin of Randy Shearin • Betty Porter, grandmother of Christen Erskine

**For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 5/17-23:** Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Colleen & Peter Morich

**For those celebrating birthdays the week of 5/17-23:** Anne Widiger • Chris Moser • Dave Thompson • Patrick Bryant • Martha Rummel • Brynn Schneberger • Katy Graves • Leigh Anne Nipper • Jim Case • Michele MacLeod

*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](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org) so that we can update our records.*

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THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR AND THE SANCTUARY LIGHT ARE 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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to reserve dates that have meaning for you.

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## TODAY AT EPIPHANY

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

Children up to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**NOTE | Today is the last day of formation classes for the season.** Classes will resume the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13. Stay tuned later in the summer for more information on our fall formation offerings.

### FORMATION | **Adults | Sabbath**—*Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • parish hall*

Join us for this six-part course as we explore the biblical concept of Sabbath and what it means to embrace God's rest in the midst of our busy lives and restless world. In doing so, we will come to understand the ancient idea of Sabbath as more than just downtime on the weekend. Rather, we will discover Sabbath as a disruptive and life-giving invitation to think differently about our priorities, the pace of our lives, and what it means to be created in the image of a God who rests. Each week will consist of a video presentation by Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio followed by conversation facilitated by Epiphany clergy and lay leaders.

### FORMATION | **Children**—*Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • locations vary*

Visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to register your children and youth for formation.

- Room 206—Godly Play for children 3 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- Room 205—Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade—a lectionary based curriculum for older children

### FORMATION | **Youth**—*Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • lower-level classroom (donut den)*

The Youth (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) curriculum, *Current: Seeking God Together*, explores 13 spiritual practices that can deepen and transform our relationship with God and others using interactive, age-appropriate strategies to help children and youth connect with God and the church as whole.

### YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group**—*Sunday at 5:00 p.m.*

Today our youth group students will be setting the stage for this year's intergenerational field day! At hype night, they will decide on team names, decorate signs, and come up with chants. At field day, our referees will decide which team is "most hype" and award points for the team with the most spirit!

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Free Micah 6:9 Yard Signs**—*while supplies last*

One of our neighbors, weary of all the negativity in the world now, made a yard sign with a quote from Micah for neighbors, family, and friends. He has offered them to us for our parishioners as well. They are located in the gallery. If they run out and you would still like one, use QR Code posted in the gallery or email the office at [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org) to request one.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Art Ministry**—*now showing for the month of May*

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes paintings by local artist, Phyllis Kalu for the month of May. Phyllis is a contemporary visual artist specializing in acrylic painting, known for her vibrant and expressive works that bridge community, creativity, and spirituality. Reminder—25% of all sales benefits Epiphany. Please use the Art Ministry QR code to pay. Learn more about the artist and the art ministry at [epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery](http://epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery). *Phyllis is visiting with us on today. Please greet her in the Gallery.*

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## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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*Due to persistent scams, parishioner contact information is not published. Please use the parish directory in Realm.*

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### WORSHIP | **Weekday Services**—*visit [epiphany.org/worship-services](http://epiphany.org/worship-services) for details*

- Weekday Morning Prayer—9:00 a.m. online, request the login link from the parish office.
- Tuesday Morning Prayer (Holy Eucharist 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel.

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

5/19—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 Dave Thompson through Realm to get on the email list.

### PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Earth & Soul**—*3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. • Hybrid*

5/19—This group focuses on practicing Celtic Spirituality, where we gather to discuss and experience the

beauty of nature and celebrate the divine in all creatures, including ourselves. Led by the steering group of Carol Bartlett, Nan Ross, and April Maa. Contact April for more information, to be placed on the email list, or to receive a link to the virtual meeting. In-person meetings are in Room 201. To learn more about Celtic Spirituality in general, one resource is [www.earthandsoul.org](http://www.earthandsoul.org).

**PASTORAL CARE | Caregiver Support Group**—3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. • Zoom

5/19—The Caregiver Support Group meets monthly over Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is co-facilitated by parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist. Use Realm to contact Nancy to join this group.

**PARISH GROUPS | Trivia Group**—Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. • Wild Heaven in Avondale Estates

5/19—All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group on Tuesdays at Wild Heaven in Avondale. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Contacts: Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

**PARISH GROUPS | The Munch Bunch**—3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. • Thinking Man Tavern

5/20—Give yourself a mid-week-treat and join friends and friends-to-be for lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Thinking Man Tavern on Howard Avenue in Decatur. No agenda. No reservation needed. Just fun. Contact: Laura Keys.

**MUSIC | Choirs for Adults & Youth**—Wednesdays

5/20—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.

**FORMATION | Contemplative Book Group**—Thursday at 11:00 a.m. • Room 201

5/21—The Contemplative Book Group is reflecting on *Fully Alive – Tending to the Soul in Turbulent Times* by Elizabeth Oldfield on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in Room 201. Oldfield's book provides a framework for exploring ways we can stay "fully alive," resilient, kind, open, generous, and brave, in these turbulent times. This is the final meeting for this book.

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## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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**WORSHIP | Day of Pentecost**

5/24—Sunday, May 24 is the 50<sup>th</sup> day of Easter, the Day of Pentecost. It commemorates the Holy Spirit's descent upon the followers of Jesus after his ascension.

- Remember to wear red: The use of red at Pentecost is a symbolic representation of the flames of fire that descended on those who were gathered that day, so remember to wear red as a visual representation of the Holy Spirit's presence and the birth of the Church.

**PARISH LIFE | Parish Picnic**—join us after the service

5/24—Please join Parish Life for a picnic style lunch served after the service. Joel Fowler and his crew will be grilling beef tenderloin, hot dogs, and veggie burgers. Please sign up to bring a table ready dessert or side dish to share. Parish Life will provide beverages (tea, lemonade, and water). Cost for the tenderloin is \$10 and \$3 for the hot dogs and veggie burgers. Family maximum cost is \$35. Register by Wednesday, May 20 using the link at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp). Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Intergenerational field games will take place in the meadow.

**PARISH LIFE | Intergenerational Field Day**

5/24—Intergenerational field games will take place in the meadow during the parish picnic. Adults and children of all ages are invited to participate. You may want to bring a change of clothes and some comfortable shoes for this event. Bring lawn chairs to watch the games!

**PARISH LIFE | Expanded Coffee Hour**—Sign up to host a Sunday!

BEGINS 5/31—We hope you will join us after the service on Sundays for an Expanded Coffee Hour during the summer. Anyone is welcome to bring some simple breakfast items. Individuals and families may bring a dish or groups can sign up. Parish groups are welcome to set up displays, handouts, or fliers to promote their ministries. The sign up can be found at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

**MUSIC & FORMATION | The Bach/Biber Project**—Sunday, May 31 at 4:00 p.m. • Nave

5/31—Join us for the 6<sup>th</sup> and final performance of the Bach/Biber Project with violinist Judith Cox and organist Julie Ryder. Donations welcome, and a reception in celebration of this 3-year cycle will follow. For more information, visit Bach/Biber Project at [bachbiberproject.com](http://bachbiberproject.com).

**MUSIC | Summer Choir**—Contact Julie Ryder at [music@epiphany.org](mailto:music@epiphany.org) if interested

6/7—The Summer Choir is open to adults and youth; we rehearse one anthem on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. and then sing it during the 10:00 a.m. liturgy (no vestments, no weekday commitment, lots of fun and fellowship). Join us upstairs in the Music Suite beginning Sunday, June 7.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Trip to Camp Mikell**—June and July

This year, our youth are invited to attend Camp Mikell's Intermediate Camp (June 16–22 for rising 7<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> graders) and Work Camp (July 12–18 for rising 10<sup>th</sup> graders through recent graduates). Money raised during youth fundraisers will help offset registration costs, and we will travel together to and from Toccoa. Taylor will join students for check-ins and some evening meals. Visit [campaikell.com](http://campaikell.com) to register and experience the Mikell magic this summer!

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Vacation Bible School**—June 27, July 11, July 25

This year's VBS will take a new shape! Families with children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to gather for three Saturdays this summer for a shared experience of storytelling, service, and Sacrament. Join us on June 27, July 11, and July 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information about youth counselors and adult volunteer opportunities.

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## PARISH GROUPS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

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**PASTORAL CARE | The Community of Hope's Circle of Care**—4<sup>th</sup> Mondays • parish hall

5/25—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.

**PARISH GROUPS | Fireside Sit & Sip**—monthly at 7:00 p.m. • Courtyard

6/4—The Fireside Sit & Sip group is for women primarily in their 40s, 50s, and 60s to come together just as you are. Bring a camp chair and join us around the fire pit in the courtyard to sit, sip, and enjoy conversation. Please RSVP at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) and sign up to bring drinks or snacks. Use Realm to Kathy Corcoran or the Rev. Carmie McDonald. Future Dates: No gathering in July. Mark your calendar for Thursday, August 6.

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

6/4—The group meets online each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss. It is led by trained psychotherapist, Nancy Thompson. Please contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

**PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Book Group**—2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m. • Parish Hall for May & June

6/8—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. **For June:** Deacon King Kong by James McBride. All are welcome. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf.

**PARISH GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**—2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 9:30 • parish hall

6/9—During the summer, the ECW monthly meeting program goes on hiatus, however the ladies continue to meet to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. Please join us in the kitchen on second Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. for the months of June, July, and August.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Gateway Center Meal Ministry**—meals served 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays of the month

6/10–12—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter once a month. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

**FORMATION | Contemplative Practice**—2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays in the Choir Loft at 4:00 p.m.

6/14—Come gather with us on second Sundays at 4:00 p.m. 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 and Amy Dills-Wright. Contact Amy if you have any questions.

**PARISH GROUPS | Social Justice Action Group**—Virtual Only Group

This social advocacy group promotes social and cultural change. The group identifies community events in which we can participate, and provides a curated list of local community happenings via Realm Groups. Join via Realm Groups to view current opportunities of social justice action in our area.

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**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](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org).