



The  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
of the  
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*The Day of Pentecost*

May 24, 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.

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*You are invited to enter in silence as you prepare for Pentecost worship.*

*The lights will be off and will be turned on during the opening liturgy.*

*Pentecost, the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season, is one of the principal feasts of the Church. It celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, as Jesus had foretold in his teaching. It also marks the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Gospel message to all people and the baptism of believers. It is, therefore, a fitting day to welcome new Christians through baptism, and for us to renew our own baptismal vows. Pentecost also emphasizes that the Church is understood as the body of Christ, which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. It is customary to wear red to symbolize the “tongues, as of fire” that rested on Jesus’ first followers and inspire us as the Church today.*

*The service begins in the dark with the Service of Light. After the scriptures of God's light shining in the world and a prayer for Pentecost, the altar candles are lit from the Paschal candle and the church is filled with light as we sing “The Spirit of the Lord now fills the whole earth.”*

**Voluntary**—Contemplation on *Veni Creator Spiritus* (Come, Holy Spirit)

James Biery

*Con rubato*

*Andante*

*Adagietto*

## THE PROCESSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*The People stand*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

*Celebrant*


Eternal God, who led your ancient people into freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we who walk in the light of your presence may rejoice in the liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus’ sake. For the same God who said, “Out of darkness let light shine,” has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

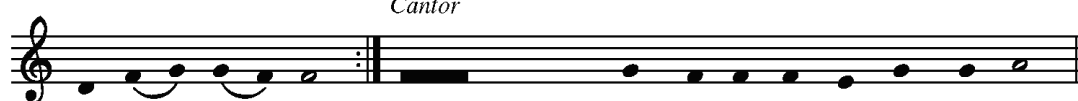
The altar candles are lit from the Paschal Candle

*Cantor; then People*




The Spirit of the Lord now fills the whole world, al - le - lu - ia,

*Cantor*




al - le - lu - ia. The Spirit who search-es e - ven the depths of God:

*People* *Cantor*




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Glory to the Fa - ther,

*People*



and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit. The Spirit of the



Lord now fills the whole world, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Processional Hymn 225—Hail thee, festival day

*Salve festa dies*

The opening refrain is sung twice

### The Collect of the Day

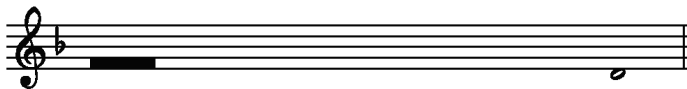
*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

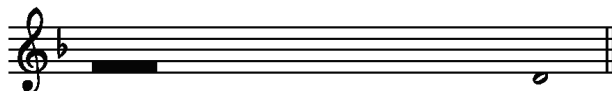
*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



V. The apostles spoke in other tongues, allelu - ia.



R. The wonderful works of God, allelu - ia.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs~ in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and you sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37**—*Sung by the Choir*

William Crotch

*Benedic, anima mea*

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*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 47**—On this day, the first of days

*Gott sei Dank*

## The Gospel

John 20:19-23

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

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright

*A period of silence is kept*

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows—All standing**

Dear People of God: Our Lord Jesus Christ sealed the Paschal Mystery of his death and resurrection by his gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. That same Spirit continues to give new birth to God's people through the waters of Baptism. Let us therefore, on this Fiftieth Day of Easter, join in renewing our baptismal covenant, by which we have committed ourselves to new life in the Risen Christ through the power of the Spirit.

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People for Pentecost

Friends, do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. Our God is with us, and in us; therefore, let us pray: “Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.”

Holy God, by your Spirit you gave birth to your Church; may our many members be the one Body of Christ in this world. And then lead us by your Holy Spirit in the ways of truth and love.

*Silence*

Spirit of the living God,  
**fall afresh on me.**

Holy God, you gave your disciples the ability to speak in the languages of the people: may we also speak about your deeds of power throughout the world, that all may know of your salvation.

*Silence*

Spirit of the living God,  
**fall afresh on me.**

Holy God, the earth is full of your creatures: may all who look to you be given food in due season. Open your hand in desolate places and fill the hungry with good things.

*Silence*

Spirit of the living God,  
**fall afresh on me.**

Holy God, you poured out your Spirit on the day of Pentecost: pour out your Spirit in our own time and place. Raise up prophets and dreamers; give us vision.

*Silence*

Spirit of the living God,  
**fall afresh on me.**

Holy God, you give the gift of healing by your Spirit: bring healing and wholeness to all those on our hearts and minds this day. In your wisdom and mercy, renew the face of the earth; bring renewal to those in need.

*The congregation is invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Spirit of the living God,  
**fall afresh on me.**

Holy God, you adopt us as your children, joint heirs with your Christ. In your mercy, keep us and love us. May we, and all who have entered into your joy, rest in your presence forever.

*Silence*

Spirit of the living God,  
**fall afresh on me.**

*Celebrant's concluding collect*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Peace

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

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

## The Welcome

## Volunteer Recognition

**Offertory Anthem**—Hail this joyful day's return

Neil Harmon

*Epiphany Choir*

*Hail this joyful day's return, hail the Pentecostal morn, morn when our ascended Lord on his Church his Spirit poured! Like to cloven tongues of flame on the twelve the Spirit came tongues, that earth may hear their call, fire, that love may burn in all. Lord, to you your people bend; unto us your Spirit send; blessings of this sacred day grant us, dearest Lord, we pray. To the Father praises sing; praise to Christ, our risen King; praise to thee, the Lord of Love, blessed Spirit, Holy Dove. Text—Hilary of Poitiers*

**Presentation Hymn 516**—Come down, O Love divine

*Down Ampney*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D, 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 truly right to glorify you, Holy One, 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,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord S 125**

Richard Proulx

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 or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy God, 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 serve all creation. 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.

Holy 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, Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus 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 Jesus 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's 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.

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

God our Creator, 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 our Savior 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 blood 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 Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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: Christ our Passover S 155

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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 504—Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

*Veni Creator Spiritus*

*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 and People

*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.**

### Pentecost Blessing—Celebrant

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Blessing of a Sabbatical

### Hymn 506—Praise the Spirit in creation

*Finnian*

## 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**—*Veni Creator*

*Andante religioso*

Maurice Duruflé



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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.*

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**For members who are bidding our prayers:** Darwin Embser (partner of Larry Wilcox) • 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 Liefy 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 the marriage of** Andrea & Sean Manning, who were married on Saturday, May 16 at Christopher Creek, Arizona. Andrea is the daughter of Nan Ross.

**For those celebrating birthdays the week of 5/24-30:** Sean Bennett • Lane Burnett • Carol Fuller • Pam Tipton-Thierry • Caroline Peacock • Liam Higgins • Paul DeSandre • Paige Howell • Scott Sheehan • Adam Gaeddert

*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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## TODAY AT EPIPHANY

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### WORSHIP | Day of Pentecost

Today 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. The use of red at Pentecost is a symbolic representation of the flames of fire that descended on those who were gathered that day. We wear red as a visual representation of the Holy Spirit's presence and the birth of the Church.

### 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.

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

Join us after the service today for food and fellowship plus a field day in the meadow. Extra entrees might possibly be available, so if you didn't RSVP, ask if any are available. Cost for the tenderloin is \$10 and \$3 for the hot dogs and veggie burgers. Family maximum cost is \$35. Drinks (tea, lemonade, and water) will be provided.

## PARISH LIFE | Intergenerational Field Day

Intergenerational field games will take place in the meadow today during the parish picnic. Adults and children of all ages are invited to participate. Bring lawn chairs over to the meadow to watch the games!

## YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group—not meeting today

There will be no youth group tonight due to the holiday weekend. Join us next week at 6:00 p.m. upstairs for a hide-and-seek teambuilding night.

## 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).

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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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## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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

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### NOTICE | Office Closure

5/25—The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

### 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.

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

5/26—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 Trivia Group—Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. • Wild Heaven in Avondale Estates

5/26—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.

**NOTE:** The Epiphany Trivia Group switches to its Summer Schedule—Wednesdays at Universal Joint in Oakhurst—starting Wednesday, June 3. All ages and expertise levels are warmly invited.

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## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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### 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).

### 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).

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | June DEAM Pantry Drive

Epiphany stocks the pantry at the Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM) twice a year in January and June. For the month of June, we are collecting canned vegetables (especially greens), canned soup, and multi-packs of peanut butter crackers. We hope to collect 75 of each. Wooden bins for your donations are in the gallery by the front door. Also, if you have travel toiletries that you want to clean out, you can drop those in the bins as well.

**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.

## FORMATION & PARISH LIFE | Summer Movie Series

We are excited to announce this year's Faith and Film Summer Movie Series. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us! We will gather at 5:30 p.m. for pizza and popcorn. The show will start at 6:00 p.m. as we watch the film projected onto a 120-inch screen in surround sound in the parish hall. Stay tuned for more details and a link to register.

- Sunday, June 14 - *Love, Simon*
- Sunday, July 12 - *Hamnet*
- Sunday, August 9 - *Wake Up, Dead Man*

## 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 & YOUTH MINISTRIES | VBS Volunteers Needed—Saturday, June 27 at Epiphany

On June 27, when we host at Epiphany, it would be wonderful for our children to see familiar faces! To sign up for a volunteer shift, please visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

### VBS Volunteer Training—Saturday, June 21 at 2:00 p.m. • St. Luke's

6/21—Volunteer and youth counselor training will be held on June 21 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. For more information, contact Taylor Irwin at [tirwin@epiphany.org](mailto:tirwin@epiphany.org).

## 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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### 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 10:30 • *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 10:30 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 | **Epiphany Earth & Soul**—3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. • *Hybrid*

6/16—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*

6/16—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 | **The Munch Bunch**—3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. • *Thinking Man Tavern*

6/17—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.

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).