
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.

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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.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, founded in 1898, is a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop.

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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—The peaceable things

Clay R. Christiansen

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

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 Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie—W839

Arlen Clarke

standing

Lord, have mer - cy.____
Lord, have mer - cy.____ Christ, have
mer - cy.____ Christ, have mer - cy.____
____ Lord, have mer - cy.____
Lord, have mer - cy.____

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23—Spoken by all

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.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 571—All who love and serve your city

Charlestown

The Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

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

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

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

God commands us through Jesus Christ to love one another. In baptism, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves and to strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being. Let us now honor those vows and pray for our nation, for wise and just leaders, and for the needs of others throughout our country and the world.

We pray for continued blessings on all peacemakers, on leaders who value peace, and on everyone who promotes nonviolent solutions to conflict. We pray for a speedy end to all violence and warfare around the world.

God of peace and gentleness,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all nations, that they may live in unity, peace, and concord; and that all people may know justice and enjoy the perfect freedom that only God can give.

God of liberty and freedom,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all prisoners and captives; that a spirit of forgiveness may replace vengeance and retribution; and that we, with all the destitute, lonely, and oppressed, may be restored to the fullness of God's grace.

God of absolution and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all children and families, and particularly for the orphaned, neglected, abused, and those who live in fear of violence or disease; that they may be relieved and protected.

God of children and families,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, the aged and the infirm; for those with physical or mental disabilities; that all may have access to proper health care; and that God's loving embrace may be felt by all who suffer.

God of comfort and healing,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the reconciliation of all people, and for the Church throughout the world, that it may be an instrument of your healing love.

God of outreach and restoration,

Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Welcome

Offertory Anthem—Psalm 23

Howard Goodall

Epiphany Choir

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want he maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For you are with me you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Presentation Hymn 142—Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A, 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.**

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

Sanctus W850—Holy, holy, holy Lord

Jonathan Dimmock
from *Missa Appalachia*

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

The people may stand or kneel

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.

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.

Fraction Anthem MO43—O Lamb of God

Jonathan Dimmock
from *Missa Appalachia*

O Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
O Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
O Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Communion of the People

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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 L106—Precious Lord, take my hand

Thomas A. Dorsey

Sung by all

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 2. near, When my life is al - most gone;
 3. near, And the day is past and gone;

1. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 2. fall, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.
 3. hand, Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, Lead me on.

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*

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 493—O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



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: George Ross • Lisa Gray • Pam Hall • Richard Shirah • Larry Wilcox • Mike Curry • Wes, Kelly & Lillian Wright • Laraine Fraijo-Paul • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Ellen Mintzmyer • Philip Anderson • Louise Bedrossian (wife of Bob Thompson) • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Sally Brockington

For friends and family: Mary Fehl, relative of Randy Shearin • Ward Williams, friend of Randy Shearin • Rosalind, sister of Katharine Hilliard-Yntema • Greta Corcoran, mother of John Corcoran • Colleen, Kristin, & David, friends of April Maa • Rachel Williams, daughter-in-law of Susan & Loren Williams • Brooke, friend of Jeff McGrath & Wallace Bryan-McGrath • Keren Clay, neighbor of Susan & Richard Messner • Cherise & Bob, friends of Cliff Edge • Mark McCord, cousin of Pam Tipton • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • Danny Nodine, brother of Larry Nodine • Mark Thornhill, uncle of Kurt Erskine • 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 • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Beth Towers • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Colleen

For those who have died: Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder • Melaney Sattler, friend of Chip Dukes & Rick Day

For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 3/15-21: Sara & Paul Dangel

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 3/15-21: Robert Cunningham • David Draper • Pat Graves • Gus Braswell • Bobbi Patterson • Suzanne Yoder • Stephanie Everett • Ian Boswell • Laura May • Lisa Newton • Annie Strahan • Jordan Moody • Doug Runnion • Bob Thompson • Edward Bauer • Peter Dodge • Lee Fidler • John Pierson

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.

FORMATION | **Adults**—*Sundays at 11:30 a.m. through March 22 • parish hall*

During Lent, Adult Formation will continue our exploration of what the Bible says about the church's nonviolent pursuit of Shalom, justice, and creating an equitable economy that facilitates the flourishing of all within our communities. The writing of John Dear, a Catholic priest and voice for peace and nonviolence, will accompany us on Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, where he "engages the culture of violence and empire and undergoes arrest and execution." Through this lens, we will consider what it means for us to follow the nonviolent Jesus today. This course will be led by the Rev. Amy-Dills Wright, the Rev. Carmie McDonald, Paul Hinson, and Suzanne Yoder.

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

Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register your children and youth for formation.

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

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

The Youth (6th - 12th 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.

Provide donuts for Youth Formation: Help sweeten up Sunday mornings for our youth by bringing one dozen donuts to the lower-level classroom (Donut Den) before 11:30 a.m. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp if you would like to take a turn to provide the donuts.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group**—*Hunger Walk*

Youth and their families are invited to attend the Diocesan Hunger Walk in support of Atlanta Community food bank. After formation, we will gather for lunch and arrange carpooling to the event. The Hunger Walk takes place in the Home Depot Backyard by Mercedes Benz and begins at 2:00 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Art Show in the Gallery this Spring**

SUBMISSIONS DUE TODAY—This spring the Epiphany Art Ministry will include an exhibit featuring work from the Epiphany Youth! Youth are invited to bring up to three pieces of artwork in any medium. Funds will be split 50% to the artist and 50% to the Youth Group fund.

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

For March, Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes beautiful items from Ghana made by the Dignity Sewing Centre. The Dignity Sewing Centre is a partnership of the Diocese of Atlanta and the Anglican Diocese of Cape Coast. This partnership and burgeoning justice enterprise not only provides a sense of purpose and dignity of work for young people in Cape Coast, but it allows for an exchange of culture and history between these two Dioceses. The clothes and bags are made from authentic Ghanaian kente cloth and fabric, are infused with power, faith, and beauty, joy, and dignity. Learn more about the partnership at epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery.

GIVING | **United Thank Offering (UTO)**—*Ingathering will be Sunday, April 12.*

UTO contributions from Episcopalians around the world support more than 5,300 Episcopal missions and ministries.

- In 1952, funds made an airplane available to the Bishop of Alaska, enabling him to serve people in widespread areas.
- In 2015, the our Diocese received a grant for early childhood training at Rainbow Village.
- Last year, 27 grants were given to the Dioceses of Western Louisiana, California Central Valley, South Dakota, Colorado, and the Southwestern diocese of Brazil for projects focusing on water access, sanitation, and education.

Pick up a UTO box/ or envelope in the Gallery. Make checks out to The Episcopal Church Women, noting UTO in the memo.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in thanksgiving for David Draper who was a loving friend to John Keys for many years, by Laura Keys.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in honor of Jordan Moody's birthday, with love from her family.

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

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

WORSHIP | Weekday Services—visit 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 1st Tuesdays)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel.

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 SNAP. This time for the month of March, we have a goal of collecting 75 rolls of toilet paper, 50 boxes of tissues, and 50 bars of soap. Purchasing these items is a struggle for people with limited incomes and resources. Collection bins are in the gallery.

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

3/17—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 with any questions.

MUSIC | Choirs for Children & Youth—Tuesdays

If you have not done so already, please register your child for choir at epiphany.org/rsvp.

- 3/17—Beginning Choristers meet from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m.
- 3/17—Junior Choir meets from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Earth & Soul—3rd Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. • Hybrid

3/17—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.

PASTORAL CARE | Caregiver Support Group—3rd Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. • Zoom

3/17—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. Contact Nancy if you are interested in joining this group.

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

3/17—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.

FORMATION | Midweek Lenten Bible Study—Wednesdays through March 25 at 12:00 p.m. • parish hall

Join the Rev. Carmie McDonald and Chris Miller on Wednesdays at noon during Lent through March 25 for a midweek Bible study centered on prayer, reflection, and conversation. Together we will engage a five-part video series led by Bishop Wright, *We Confess*, which explores the Old Testament lectionary readings for the season. All are invited to pause in the middle of the week as we join with others on the Lenten journey.

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

3/18—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

- 3/18—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 3/18—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

FORMATION | **My Soul Longs for You—A Lenten Quiet Day** • 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

3/22—This Quiet Day offers time to be still and let our deepest longings find their rest in God. Longing is a welcoming word. It softens our attempts to control distress, ignore conflicts, and avoid emotional upset. Longing in the presence of God *allows* us to relax our urgency to fix or shun, to increase our clarity. We can learn to *be with/yield to* what is part of our lives. And in that “being with,” we can follow Jesus’ invitation to “come and see” (John 1:39), to know ourselves more fully. We can embrace God’s longing for us as we are. Led by the Rev. Dr. Bobbi Patterson Register at epiphany.org/rsvp.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Chez Epiphany Youth Group—Sunday, March 22** • 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

3/22—Youth and their families are invited to a cooking class led by Joel Fowler. Afterwards, we will eat our delicious creations! The cost of this event is \$15. Register by March 17 at epiphany.org/rsvp.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS | **Parish Workday—Saturday, March 28** • 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

3/28—Please save the date for a work day that we will have on Saturday, March 28. We hope you will be able to join your fellow parishioners 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.

PASTORAL CARE | **The Community of Hope’s Circle of Care—Last Monday of the month** • *parish hall*

3/30—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.

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

4/2—The group meets online each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss. It is led by parishioner and trained psychotherapist, Nancy Thompson. Please contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

HOLY WEEK

March 29—Palm Sunday • 10:00 a.m.

March 30—Contemplative Anointing Service • 6:00 p.m.

April 2—Agápe Supper (RSVP) • 6:00 p.m.

April 2—Maundy Thursday Liturgy • 7:00 p.m.

April 3—Stations of the Cross • 11:30 a.m.

April 3—Good Friday Liturgy • 12:00 p.m.

WORSHIP | **Palm Sunday, March 29**

- **The Service Begins Outside:** Weather permitting, we will gather in the meadow and process to the nave with our palms.
- **Take a part in the Passion Gospel:** The narrative account of Jesus’ last days is read at the service. Parishioners are invited to sign up for a role in the Passion Gospel. During the liturgy, you’ll speak your lines from your place in the pew (no acting required!). Visit epiphany.org/rsvp if you would like to read part of the passion.

WORSHIP | **Holy Week Contemplative Anointing Service—6:00 p.m.**

3/30—Right before Jesus’ final entrance into Jerusalem, he stops in Bethany where Mary the Magdalene anoints him with costly perfume. In honor of this act of love, we offer a service during Holy Week where we remember that anointing, and Mary’s presence accompanying Jesus at his crucifixion, at the tomb, and at the resurrection. The liturgy, written by the Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault, includes readings, contemplative chant, silence, and anointing one another. As we remember Christ’s anointing and experience our own, we are drawn more deeply toward the heart of divine love and place Mary the Magdalene back in her rightful place as a central figure in Holy Week as one of Jesus’ apostles. *If you would like to participate in this service by doing a reading, please sign up at epiphany.org/rsvp.*

GIVING | Easter Flowers & Music—*make a donation in thanksgiving or memory of someone*

DEADLINE 3/30—You are invited to make an offering for Easter Flowers and/or Music in thanksgiving or memory of a loved one. Visit epiphany.org/easter-flowers-and-music to list your intention. You can choose to pay online from a link on that page, or mail a check to the church. Submissions received by 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 30 will be listed in the Easter Bulletin.

PARISH EVENT | Easter Candy Donations

DEADLINE 3/31—Please consider donating a bag of candy with small pieces to fit into our plastic Easter Eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. You can drop off candy at Epiphany during regular office hours or on Sunday mornings, in the bin beside the front entrance. We need all candy by Tuesday, March 31. **NO CANDY WITH NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER, PLEASE!**

WORSHIP | Maundy Thursday “Agápe Supper”

4/2—Maundy Thursday “Agápe Supper,” begins at 6:00 p.m. with the liturgy that includes the Holy Eucharist and foot washing immediately following. The Supper requires reservations. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to reserve your seat by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 30. Childcare provided up to age 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

WORSHIP | Stations of the Cross—*Good Friday, April 3 • 11:30 a.m.*

4/3—From as early as the fourth century, pilgrims have traveled to Jerusalem to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as he made his way from the trial with Pontius Pilate to the cross and to the tomb for his burial. This day we walk the Stations of the Cross as a mini-pilgrimage in prayer and contemplation. The stations at Epiphany were created by former parishioner and talented artist Jim Stevens. We hope that these carvings and prayers will help you to approach the way of the cross with a special reverence.

WORSHIP | Good Friday

4/3—The Good Friday Service takes place at 12:00 p.m. The offering for the day will go to the support the ministry of the dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Our contributions are used to assist them to promote peace and mutual understanding and education programs throughout the region. You can learn more and donate directly at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/> or by cash or checking, noting “Good Friday Offering” in the memo.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday - April 5

The Great Vigil of Easter • 6:00 a.m. (incense)

Easter Day Services • 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast • 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt • 10:15 a.m.

WORSHIP | Easter Vigil

4/5—Join us for the Great Vigil of Easter at 6:00 a.m. to begin our Easter celebration. There will be incense at this service. Remember to bring bells to ring and plan to stay afterwards for champagne and strawberries.

WORSHIP | Easter Day Services

4/5—Easter Sunday liturgies will take place at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Please bring a flower from home to flower the cross in the courtyard.

PARISH EVENT | Easter Breakfast

4/5—Easter Breakfast will be served from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. Please sign up at epiphany.org/rsvp with your TABLE READY breakfast dishes to share (fruit, sweets, casseroles, and other savories) and remember to put your name on your dishes. Parish Life will provide biscuits with jams and jellies, ham, and beverages. Include a card listing dietary/allergen comments (i.e., meat, dairy, gluten, nut ingredients). No charge/donations welcome.

PARISH EVENT | Easter Egg Hunt

4/5—Gather your children (up to 5th grade) in the church nave after the first service for instructions and we will dismiss for the egg hunt from there at 10:15 a.m. Please bring your own baskets.

LOOKING AHEAD (AFTER EASTER)

NOTICE | Office Closed

Please note that the office will be closed on the Monday and Tuesday following Easter - April 6 and April 7.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Our Quarterly Wednesday Dinner for Holy Comforter

4/8—Holy Comforter is a unique worshipping community in the heart of Atlanta. About 60% of this congregation lives with mental illness. We prepare a meal during the afternoon and take the meal to the church, leaving at 6:00 p.m., and 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.

PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Book Group—2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. • location varies

4/13—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For April: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride (at Epiphany). All are welcome. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

PARISH GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—2nd Tuesdays at 9:30/11:00 a.m. • parish hall

4/14—The ECW meets monthly at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. The meeting and program begin at 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Afterwards, we will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

WORSHIP | Youth Sunday on May 3

DEADLINE 5/3—Our annual Youth Sunday and graduate recognition is Sunday, May 3 during the service. Youth are invited to serve in a variety of ways during this service. If your youth is interested in participating in the youth Sunday service, please contact Taylor at tirwin@epiphany.org by *Sunday, April 12*.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Pilgrimage to Camp Mikell—June and July

This year, our youth pilgrimage takes a new shape as students are invited to attend Camp Mikell's Intermediate Camp (June 16–22 for rising 7th–9th graders) and Work Camp (July 12–18 for rising 10th graders through recent graduates). Money raised during youth fundraisers in the coming months 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 campmikell.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 5th 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.

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.