



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026 ✠ 10:00 AM

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.

Giving to Epiphany: If you would prefer to give electronically today, please scan this QR code. Visit epiphany.org/ways-to-give to learn about other ways to give to our parish or to make a pledge. You'll also find more information about Realm, our 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.

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.

Clergy: The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright, *Rector*; The Rev. Carmie McDonald, *Associate Rector*

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Assisting Priests: The Rev. Barbara Ryder, The Rev. Bobbi Patterson

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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—When I survey the wondrous cross

Robert Buckley Farlee

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.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130—Sung by all

Robert K. Kennedy

De profundis



- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you O LORD;
LORD, hear my / **voice**; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my suppli-/**cation**.
- 2 If you LORD were to note what is done a-/**miss**, *
O LORD who could / **stand**?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with / **you**; *
therefore you shall be / **feared**.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul / **waits for him**; *
in his word is my / **hope**.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the / **morning**, *
more than watchmen for the / **morning**.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the / **LORD**, *
for with the LORD there is / **mercy**;
- † 7 With him there is plenteous re-/**demption**, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their / **sins**.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in 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 516—Come down, O Love divine

Down Ampney

The Gospel

John 11:1-45

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Dr. Beth-Sarah 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 a reverence of creation; that we will have the tools and the will to conserve it; that we will use its bountiful resources in the service of others; and that we will become better stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

God of nature and the universe,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died as a result of violence, war, disease or famine, especially those who died because of human blindness, neglect, or hardness of heart.

God of eternal life and resurrecting love,

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—Come, O thou traveler unknown

Candler, a traditional Scottish melody

Epiphany Choir

arr. Thomas Gibbs

Come, O thou traveler unknown, whom still I hold but cannot see, my company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee; with thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day. My strength is gone, my nature dies, I sink beneath thy weighty hand, faint to revive, and fall to rise, I fall, and yet by faith I stand: I stand, and will not let thee go, 'till I thy name, thy nature know. I know thee, Savior, who thou art, Jesus, the feeble sinner's friend; nor wilt thou with the night depart, but stay and love me to the end, thy mercies never shall remove; thy nature and thy name is love. 'Tis love! 'tis love! Thou diedst for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart; the morning breaks, the shadows flee, pure, universal love thou art; to me, to all, thy mercies move, thy nature and thy name is love.

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:

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

Then the Celebrant continues

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

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 Motet—Be still

Rick Sowash

Epiphany Choir

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know God.

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

The Call

Sung by all

Eucharistic Visitation

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

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

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Solemn Prayer—*Celebrant*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 429—I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Old 113th

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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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: Joy Boyden • Charity Terrell • 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: Cherise MacArthur, friend of Cliff Edge • Larry Peace, relative of Sharon Burrow • 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 • 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: Christine Raymond, friend of Linda Ryder-Wolf • Bob MacArthur, friend of Cliff Edge • Jack Hokanson, grandfather of Nick & Monica Hokanson, former father-in-law of Marjorie Timmer

For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 3/22-29: Larry Wilcox & Darwin Embser

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 3/22-29: Bert Bender • Evelyn Stewart • Laura Gary • Will Lutz • Alex Bender • Robert Woodrum • Eric Jacobs

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

WE WELCOME as our preacher today, Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright, Acting Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing. Dr. Wright is a nationally respected author, speaker, and founder of Thrive With Dignity, which partners with organizations to build authentic, thriving communities. She is married to the Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Episcopal Bishop of Atlanta, and together they have five adult children.

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.

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

Today's 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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group—*5:00 to 7:00 p.m. • parish hall*

Tonight, Youth and their families are invited to a cooking class led by Joel Fowler. Afterwards, we will eat our delicious creations!

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. Representatives from Dignity Sewing Centre are visiting with us today. Please greet them in the 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, or you can give online at <https://onrealm.org/epiphanyatl/give/ecw>.

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 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*

3/24—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*

- 3/24—Beginning Choristers meet from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m.
- 3/24—Junior Choir meets from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

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

3/24—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.

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

- 3/25—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 3/25—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.

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

3/26—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. Questions? Contact Kathy Corcoran or the Rev. Carmie McDonald. Sign up to bring drinks or snacks at epiphany.org/rsvp.

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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.

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.

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.*

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. The liturgy that includes the Holy Eucharist and foot washing immediately follows at 7:00 p.m. Childcare provided up to age 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Epiphany has a long-held tradition of celebrating this special day beginning with a simple and communal Agápe supper with a menu of what Christians may have eaten at an Agápe (love) feast. The Supper requires reservations. Each seat at the table brings a specific food item listed for their table. Visit epiphany.org/agape-supper for more details about the meal and to reserve your seat. There is an option of purchasing a serving of fish prepared by Epiphany Chef Joel Fowler. Please list that request on your reservation by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 30. The cost of the fish is \$10 per serving (*note the price change this year*), \$30 max for families.

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.

YOUTH GROUP | Hiding of the Easter Eggs—Saturday, April 4 • 10:00 a.m.

4/19—Youth are invited to help hide eggs for children to hunt on Easter Sunday. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 4.

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 some bubbly 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, pastries, casseroles, and other savorys) 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). For May: *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II*, by Sonia Purnell. 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. For the month of April, our guest speaker is Tyese Lawyer, CEO of Our House, an agency providing services to children and families that include housing, education, and workforce development. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

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

4/15—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 | Epiphany Earth & Soul—3rd Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. • Hybrid

4/15—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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group Family Bowling Night—Sunday, April 19 at 5:00 p.m. • Comet Lanes

4/19—Youth and their families are invited to a bowling night at Comet Lanes in Decatur! The cost of this event is \$10. Please RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp by April 12.

MEMBERSHIP & NEWCOMERS | Spring Newcomers' Gathering—Sunday, April 19 at 4:00 p.m. • Courtyard

4/19—Epiphany's membership committee invites all newcomers and visitors, both individuals and families, to a reception with sweet and savory snacks from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Old-timers are welcome too! The committee is providing the desserts. This social gathering will be a time to get to know one another and learn more about our parish, programs, and ministries from clergy and parishioners. We also offer a tour of our campus. Please RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp.

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

4/21—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.

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.

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.