

The **EPISCOPAL CHURCH** of the

# **EPIPHANY**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025 ★ 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 <u>altar rail</u> 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 <u>floor station</u>, 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 livestreamed 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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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—Sonata II in C minor, Op. 65

Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

Processional Hymn 460—Alleluia! sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Hymn of Praise 180–He is risen, he is risen!

Unser Herrscher

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

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

The First Lesson Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King;

let the earth rejoice; \*

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*

righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him \*

and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; \*

the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*

at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*

and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images

and delight in false gods! \*

Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*

because of your judgments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD,

most high over all the earth; \*

you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; \*

he preserves the lives of his saints

and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*

and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \* and give thanks to his holy Name.

#### The Second Lesson

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

#### Sequence Hymn 613—Thy kingdom come, O God

St. Cecelia

Children (up to  $3^{rd}$  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

The Gospel John 17:20-26

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you

have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. David Wagner

A period of silence is kept

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

The Nicene Creed—Celebrant and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### Prayers of the People for Easter

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

#### Alleluia! Amen!

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

#### Alleluia! Amen!

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

#### Alleluia! Amen!

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

#### Alleluia! Amen!

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

#### Alleluia! Amen!

#### Celebrant's concluding collect

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

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### The Welcome

#### Offertory Anthem—O clap your hands

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Epiphany Choir

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

#### **Presentation Hymn 214**—Hail the day that sees him rise

Llanfair

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B, Expansive Language

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

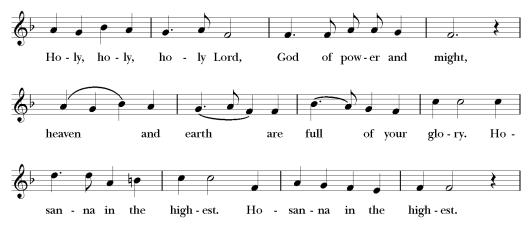
Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

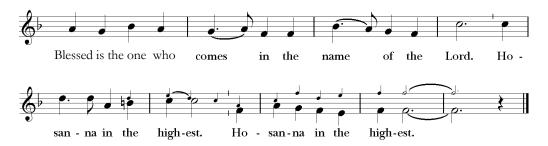
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

# Holy, holy, holy Lord S 125

Richard Proulx





The People stand during the Easter Season

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

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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

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

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

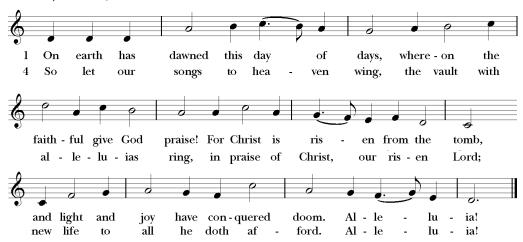
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### The Lord's Prayer—traditional language

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

# The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept



#### 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 383-Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elizabeth

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.

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

#### 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.

#### **Easter Blessing**

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

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

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

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



#### The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Voluntary**—Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel Epiphany Ringers

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Lloyd Larson

#### 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: Mike Curry • Jarrod Moody • Chris Miller • Ellen Mintzmyer • Philip Anderson • Bruce & Ann Fort • Joey Saavedra • Louise Bedrossian (wife of Bob Thompson) • Mary Katharine Williamson • John Wyman • Pam Hall • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Brandon Laird • Anne Warner • Francis Lee • Brett Boatright • Laura, John & Sarah Keys • Robin Hairston • Beth Towers • Sally Brockington

For those awaiting the birth of a child: Bekka & Freyja DePew

For friends and family: Jan Barstow, friend of Laura Keys • Beverly Lowry, friend of Susan & Richard Messner • Shelly Houts, sister-in-law of Brent Henderson • Danny Nodine, brother of Larry Nodine • Mark Thornhill, uncle of Kurt Erskine • Noel & the Coolican family, friends of the Erskines • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

For members who desire our continuing prayers: Jewel Allen • Mary McCall Cash • Wende Crowe • Pat and Bill Graves • Esther Harbert • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Tom Mundy • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Colleen

For those celebration anniversaries the week of 6/1-7: Susan & Robert Cunningham • Julia & Peter Dodge • Wayne & Judy Urban

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 6/1-7: Brendan Bender • Amy Rooks • Sara Kelly • Gretchen Maclachlan • Karla Finnegan • John Yntema • Meredith Burris • Mary Ann Schneider • Scott Bennett • Jason Wiles • Jon Harbert

For our Haitian siblings and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

**For racial justice:** For those who are escaping intolerable situations in their home countries. Guide us as we seek to help them settle into new lives in this land.

For our fragile and beautiful Earth: The North Atlantic Right Whale, swimming in Georgia's waters.

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 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 | Expanded Coffee Hour—Begins today

Parish Life kicks off the summer season TODAY with goodies, coffee and juices served after the service. Please join us in the parish hall. There are several dates still available for groups OR individuals to sign up to host. The sign up can be found at epiphany.org/rsvp.

#### YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group Game Night

TONIGHT our youth and the youth of Holy Trinity will gather for pizza and a game night in the donut den from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. We will also have a special four-legged visitor!

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Ann & Russ Runnion, by Doug Runnion, and in love and thanksgiving for Gretchen Maclachlan's birthday on June 2, by her sister Sally McClintock.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

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

# THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY & OTHER NEWS

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.
- Wednesday Noonday Prayer at 12:00 p.m. in the side chapel; with a Healing Service & Eucharist following at 12:15 p.m.

#### 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 fruit, multipacks of peanut butter crackers, tuna packs, and Jiffy cornbread mix. 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.

#### PARISH GROUP | ECW Book Sale—Drop offs now being accepted

ECW is having a summer book sale on two Sundays, June 15 and June 22. Book donations are now being accepted in the parish hall. Please note we are unable to accept the following: encyclopedias, magazines, computer books, collections/sets.

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

6/3—The Men's Breakfast Group gathers for breakfast and discussion following the 7:00 a.m. Tuesday service and are typically on their way by 8:00 a.m. Contact John Yntema with any questions.

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

6/3—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. Questions? Contact Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

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

6/5—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 log into Realm to contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

#### FORMATION | Education for Ministry—Co-Mentor needed

Have you completed EfM but want more of it? Esther Harbert is starting a new EfM online group and is looking for a co-mentor. Also, EfM has changed—no more textbooks, all the readings will be done on your personal computer or tablet. If you're interested in being a co-mentor or if you just have questions about EfM in general, text Esther at 404.272.1160, and she'll call you back.

#### PARISH DIRECTORY | Realm—request a login

REMINDER: Due to the persistent occurrence of phishing/scam attempts sent to parishioners by people posing as staff, we no longer publish contact information of parishioners in the bulletin or Friday eNews. Please use Realm to lookup contact information for your fellow parishioners. Request a login from parishadmin@epiphany.org.

# **UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS**

#### WORSHIP | Day of Pentecost

6/8—Sunday, June 8 is the 50<sup>th</sup> day of Easter, the Day of Pentecost. It commemorates the Holy Spirit's descent upon the followers of Jesus after his ascension.

- Remember to wear red: The use of red at Pentecost is a symbolic representation of the flames of fire that descended on those who were gathered that day, so remember to wear red as a visual representation of the Holy Spirit's presence and the birth of the Church.
- Afterwards, an Intergenerational Field Day will take place in the meadow, so adults and children of all ages are invited to participate.
- There will also be "tongues of fire" popsicles for all in the courtyard.

#### PARISH LIFE | Intergenerational Field Day

6/8—Intergenerational field games will take place in the meadow, so adults and children of all ages are invited to participate. You may want to bring a change of clothes and some comfortable shoes for this event. Bring lawn chairs to watch the games!

#### YOUTH MINISTRIES | Serving at Gateway

6/13—Epiphany youth are invited to help serve with the Epiphany meal ministries for our monthly Gateway meal. Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. to help load up the meal and carpool to the shelter. We return to the church by 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp.

#### MUSIC | Summer Choir—Contact Julie Ryder at music@epiphany.org if interested

6/15—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 15.

#### CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Volunteers Needed for Compassion Camp

Join us June 16–20 at St. Bartholomew's Church for our 2025 VBS "Be loved. Be Kind. Be You." Middle and high schoolers can earn service hours and a stipend as counselors, and adults are invited to volunteer. Scheduling is flexible. Volunteer at epiphany.org/rsvp. Contact Taylor Irwin for more details.

#### YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Pilgrimage July 20-24—Registration closes on Friday, June 20

DEADLINE TO REGISTER 6/20—Registration is LIVE for our summer Youth Pilgrimage to Sewanee, TN. Join us for worship, hiking, bonfires, and service as we explore "The Mountain" and connect with this local historic Episcopal community. Visit the Epiphany RSVP page to sign up.

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

6/25—Holy Comforter is a unique worshipping community in the heart of Atlanta. About 60% of this congregation lives with mental illness. We will prepare a meal during the afternoon and take the meal to the church, leaving at 6:00 p.m., prepare to serve after the 6:30 p.m. service. After serving, the volunteers join the parishioners for dinner. Sign up to participate at epiphany.org/rsvp. Contact: Jeanette Hanson.

# PASTORAL CARE | The Community of Hope's Circle of Care—New Member Training

8/3—A Community of Hope training to prepare lay pastoral caregivers will be offered online on Sundays from August 3 to October 26 between 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Participants will be trained to make pastoral visits to people experiencing various forms of loss, grief, illness, life changes, loneliness, or isolation. For more information, contact co-facilitators Ann Fowler or Lalor Cadley.

#### PARISH LIFE | Parish Retreat—Save the Date

9/19-21—SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Parish Retreat will take place at The Mountain in Highlands, NC the weekend of September 19 - 21.

# **UPCOMING MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS**

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

6/8—Come gather with us 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, Elizabeth Ura, and the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright. Questions? Contact Amy at adillswright@epiphany.org.

PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Book Group—2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m. • parish hall, sometimes Zoom 6/9—All are welcome to join the Epiphany Book Group on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. This month they will meet in the parish hall. The Book Selection for June: Mohawk by Richard Russon (at Epiphany). Contact: Linda Ryder-Wolf.

PARISH GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. • kitchen 6/10—During the summer, the ECW meets at 10:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House and go to lunch afterwards at Melton's App & Tap. The group program meetings will resume meetings in September.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Gateway Center Meal Ministry—meals served 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays of the month 6/11-13—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

# PASTORAL CARE | Caregiver Group—2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays at 11:45 p.m. • Zoom

6/13—The Caregiver Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 11:45 a.m. on Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is cofacilitated by parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist, and by parishioner Anne Bucey, a trained spiritual advisor. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Nancy Thompson.

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