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THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Feast of Hildegard of Bingen
A Season of Creation

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THE FEAST OF HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Mystic and Scholar – September 17, 1179

Hildegard of Bingen, born in 1098 in the lush Rhineland Valley, was a mystic, poet, composer, dramatist, doctor, and scientist. Her parents' tenth child, she was tithed to the Church and raised by the anchoress Jutta in a cottage near the Benedictine monastery of Disibodenberg.

Drawn by the life of silence and prayer, other women joined them, finding the freedom, rare outside women's religious communities, to develop their intellectual gifts. They organized as a convent under the authority of the abbot of Disibodenberg, with Jutta as abbess. When Jutta died, Hildegard, then 38, became abbess. Later she founded independent convents at Bingen (1150) and Eibingen (1165), with the Archbishop of Mainz as her only superior.

From childhood, Hildegard experienced dazzling spiritual visions. At 43, a voice commanded her to tell what she saw. So began an outpouring of extraordinarily original writings illustrated by unusual and wondrous illuminations. These works abound with feminine imagery for God and God's creative activity.

In 1147, Bernard of Clairvaux recommended her first book of visions, *Scivias*, to Pope Eugenius III, leading to papal authentication at the Synod of Trier. Hildegard became famous, eagerly sought for counsel, a correspondent of kings and queens, abbots and abbesses, archbishops and popes.

She carried out four preaching missions in northern Europe, unprecedented activity for a woman. She practiced medicine, focusing on women's needs; published treatises on natural science and philosophy; wrote a liturgical drama, *The Play of the Virtues*, in which personified virtues sing their parts and the devil, condemned to live without music, can only speak. For Hildegard, music was essential to worship. Her liturgical compositions, unusual in structure and tonality, were described by contemporaries as "chant of surpassing sweet melody" and "strange and unheard-of music."

Hildegard lived in a world accustomed to male governance. Yet, within her convents, and to a surprising extent outside them, she exercised a commanding spiritual authority based on confidence in her visions and considerable political astuteness. When she died in 1179 at 81, she left a rich legacy which speaks eloquently across the ages.

From Lesser Feasts and Fasts



The earth is at the same time mother,
she is mother of all that is natural,
mother of all that is human,
She is the mother of all,
for contained in her
are the seeds of all.
The earth of humankind
contains all moistness,
all verdancy,
all germinating power.
It is in so many ways fruitful.
All creation comes from it.
Yet it forms not only the basic
raw material for humankind,
but also the substance
of the incarnation
of God's son.

Hildegard of Bingen, c. 1125

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!

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 activities 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.



We are passing the plate, but if you would prefer to virtually pass the plate today, use your phone's camera to 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 secure online community.

We are grateful for your presence here at worship today. Here are a few notes about the service to help us gather safely:

- Masks should be worn by all during worship. Fully vaccinated clergy, lay worship leaders, and lectors may go without a mask while actively leading worship.
- Remember that your comfort level with being in close proximity with others might be different than your neighbor's comfort level. Please honor the desires of others for social distancing.

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—Choral

Alice Sauvrezis

Processional Hymn 8—Morning has broken

Bunessan

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy. Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant

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

Hymn of Praise 376—Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of all times and seasons: Give us grace that we, after the example of your servant Hildegard, may both know and make known the joy and jubilation of being part of your creation, and show forth your glory not only with our lips but in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Sirach 43:1-2, 6-7, 9-12, 27-28

The pride of the higher realms is the clear vault of the sky, as glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens. The sun, when it appears, proclaims as it rises what a marvelous instrument it is, the work of the Most High. It is the moon that marks the changing seasons, governing the times, their everlasting sign. From the moon comes the sign for festal days, a light that wanes when it completes its course. The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven, a glittering array in the heights of the Lord. On the orders of the Holy One they stand in their appointed places; they never relax in their watches. Look at the rainbow, and praise him who made it; it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness. It encircles the sky with its glorious arc; the hands of the Most High have stretched it out. We could say more but could never say enough; let the final word be: "He is the all." Where can we find the strength to praise him? For he is greater than all his works.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalms 104:25-35, 37—Sung by the Hildegard Ensemble

Tone VIII.1

Benedic, anima mea

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Colossians 3:14-17

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 488—Be thou my vision

Slane

The Gospel

John 3:16-21

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

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

Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

A period of silence is kept

The Nicene Creed—*Celebrant and People*

BCP 358

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*
Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for our world,
the heavens tell of your glory

for our land, its beauty and its resources,
for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray: for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,
that we may use your gifts responsibly;

for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,
that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation;

for artists, scientists and visionaries,
that through their work we may see creation afresh.

Silence

We thank you for giving us life;
for all who enrich our experience.

We pray: for all who are deprived of fullness of life,
especially for prisoners, refugees, and those who are sick;

for those in farming, politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church,
for all who seek to bring life to others.

Silence

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;
may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

We give thanks and pray for those whose lives are closely linked with ours, those we name now, either silently or aloud.

We pray for all those who have died, especially _____;
embrace them in your loving presence.

Silence

God, Creator, bring us new life.

Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

Celebrant's concluding collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Celebrant and People

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Welcome

A Birthday Blessing—Eric Olson

Offertory Anthem—The Magistrates' Hymn

Thaxted, Gustav Holst,

Epiphany Choir

Arr. James Kirby

Within the encircling planets God's Spirit gently flows, restoring right connection through which creation grows; with subtle understanding God takes each tiny part and makes them fit together within a wounded heart. We pray You, vibrant Spirit, infuse our hearts today that we may act within You and understand Your Way. The joy of right relationship the cosmos can inbreathe, as You encircle all things and lovingly re-weave the strands of human living. The joy, disputes and pain are taken and re-woven to make life flow again; and we are called to do Your work and make the weaving fair, reflect Your deep transforming love infusing all our care. Our human institutions, our politics, our wealth bear fruit in justice-making to serve a nation's health; the difficult decisions - to nurture and control - the maintenance of order and all that is involved take place within Your Wisdom still making all things new; we ask that Your amazing grace will fill all we pursue.

Text by Janet Wootten, inspired in part by the theology of Hildegard

Presentation Hymn 9 (verses 4-6)—Awake, awake to love and work!

Morning song

Celebrant The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Creator of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus S131—Holy, holy, holy Lord

Gerald Near

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

And so now we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now Christ's work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah and Rachel;
and God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us
from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not
for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may
worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy
Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer—*New Zealand Anglican Lord's prayer*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S155—Christ our Passover

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Communion of the People

*All God's people are welcome to share in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar
rail or at the standing stations on the floor level, 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 Motet—Magnificat

Sung by the Hildegard Ensemble

Hildegard

Antiphon 17

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Visitation

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

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

Postcommunion Prayer—Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

Blessing—Celebrant

Hymn—We sing the praise of Hildegard

Kingsfold



1 We sing the praise of Hil-de-gard, a wo-man for all time;
2 We now af-firm with Hil-de-gard we do not live a-lone,
3 We praise the joy that Hil-de-gard found in God's con-stant care.
4 We ce-le-brate with Hil-de-gard the green-ing of the soul.



a pro-phe-tess who ur-ges us to seek the light di-vine.
but are a part of all that is: each tree, each bird, each stone.
She trust-ed God to car-ry her, a fea-ther born on air.
The mois-ture from the Spi-rit's breath can cleanse us, make us whole.



Her vis-ion came in-sis-tent-ly, sent by her Liv-ing Light.
All crea-tures sing cre-a-tion's praise; yet we a-lone pos-sess
May such a faith in-spi-rit us, give us a breath-ing space,
May we now share life-giv-ing love, help jus-tice find a home,



A-noint-ed with the Spi-rit's power, she spoke God's truth a-right.
the power to care for mo-ther earth, the power to curse or bless.
that we may let the Spi-rit's breeze sup-port us with God's grace.
and by our deeds sow seeds of peace—pre-pare for God's Sha-lom!

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary—Postlude in F minor

Luise Adolpha Le Beau

† † †

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Names of friends and family are listed for four weeks. Contact the parish office if want them listed for another month.

For members who are bidding our prayers: Sara Dangle • Loren Williams • Wende Crowe • Pam Hall • Keith Fox • Julie Dodge • Zoey Laird • Floyd Parker • Lane Burnett • Judy Jarady • Evan Vega • Sally McClintock • Larry Wilcox • Jennie Richardson • Colleen • Ann Rowles • Sally Brockington

For friends and family: Maggie Cushing, stepmother of Sara Cushing • Chuck Clark, brother of Susan Williams • Olivia O’Callahan, great granddaughter of Ruth & Eric Olson • The Rev. Kesner Ajax, friend of Lisa Daily • Brendan Beatty, son of Peggy Shaw • Joan Weigle, mother-in-law of Sara Cushing • Kirk Tcherneshoff, brother of Amy Shipp • Anne Cavett, daughter-in-law of Wayne & Judy Urban • Liz, friend of Larry Wilcox • Janice Wilcox Lewis, relative of Larry Wilcox • Sophia Baginski, friend of David Draper • Russell Saxon, nephew of Kathie Ryan • Keren Clay, neighbor of Susan & Richard Messner • Rosalind, sister of Katharine Yntema • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Betty Porter, relative of Christen Erskine • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

For members who desire our continuing prayers: Jewel Allen • Alma Fuller • Ron Hutcheson • Rod MacLeod • Tom Mundy • Idamay Shaw • Pat Spivey • June Sparks • Wayne & Judy Urban • Kathy Walmsley

For those in the armed forces: Henry Laird • Stewart Mundy

For those celebrating anniversaries for the week of 9/18-24: John Yntema & Katharine Hilliard-Yntema • Laurel & Patrick Hanna • Jerry & Nancy Kinnane

For those celebrating Birthdays for the week of 9/18-24: Richard Ferrell • Eric Olson • Susan Scott • Oliver Dyer • Wyatt Smith • Kim Boswell • Stacey Stevens • Ruthie Stewart • Shirley Sugden • Adam Woodlief

For those awaiting the adoption of a child: Jessica & Duane Burns

For those awaiting the birth of a child: Claire & Cody Chaffins • Kaylie & Evan Gibbs • Magda & Doug Kertscher

Did we miss your anniversary or birthday? Send your 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

A brief look at our programs and events. Please visit epiphany.org for more details or to subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in loving memory of Knox Robert “Bob” Burnett by his family and also in thanksgiving for Eric Olson’s 90th birthday, by his family.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of her brother Dan Belcore, by Barbara Belcore and in memory of Knox Robert “Bob” Burnett by his 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.

Children's Chapel: Children up to 3rd grade gather during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn and follow the cross to chapel after the Gospel. They return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join us!

Formation for All Ages takes place 11:15 a.m. Please see below for more details about classes for Children, Youth and Adults.

UPCOMING SERVICES & SACRAMENTS

The funeral for Knox Robert (Bob) Burnett will take place on TODAY, September 18 at 4:00 p.m. at Epiphany. Masks are required. Following the service there will be a reception in the parish hall.

The sacrament of Holy Baptism for adults, infants and children will be administered during All Saints' Service on Sunday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. If you or a member of your family desires to be baptized, please contact the parish office / parishadmin@epiphany.org.

ADULT FORMATION

9/11-10/2—Our Celebration of the Season of Creation this year includes liturgies honoring creation, bread baked from locally sourced flour, locally sourced flowers at the altar, opportunities for service, and of course the Blessing of the Animals during worship on October 2.

Sunday Morning Adult Formation: Join us during the Season of Creation for a four-week series entitled: "Listening to the Voice of Creation." This series will be led by the Reverend Nicole Lambelet, as well as Hannah Shultz on 9/18 and Gayla Tillman on 9/25 from one of our partner organizations Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL). During the four-week study participants can expect to discuss the twin tasks of ecological contemplation and action pertinent to the life of faith.

Scenes from Creation, a display of artwork and photography from Epiphany's own parishioners, are on display in the gallery. Thank you for sharing the many ways you have captured the wonder of God's creation.

The Forward Day by Day quarterly booklet can be found in the Gallery tract rack. The Episcopal pocketsize publication contains daily Bible readings and devotions—\$1 each.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Formation: Children & Youth formation classes will take place directly after the 10:00 a.m. service Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register your children and youth or check out the bulletin boards on the 2nd floor.

- Room 205 - Godly Play children (3 years old through 3rd grade)
- Room 206 - 4th and 5th graders
- Room 201 - Youth

10/4—Children's & Youth Choirs return! Look for details in upcoming newsletters or contact Julie Ryder/music@epiphany.org.

Youth Group is happening tonight from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. This week, please meet us at Deepdene Park, on the grassy meadow space across the street, for a conversation about boundaries and belonging in church with Holle Tubbs, Youth Missioner in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

Volunteer: Youth & Children's Ministries is seeking willing volunteers to invest in and spend time with Epiphany's younger members! If you're interested in hearing more about these opportunities, please reach out to Emily Elder / eelder@epiphany.org.

Interested in Cooking for Youth Group? This year, we're hoping to bring back meals at youth group (at least 2x/month), because breaking bread together is a valuable way to build community. If you are interested in providing meals for any of the youth groups this semester, please fill out the form located at epiphany.org/rsvp.

CHOIRS

9/21—Join the Epiphany Choir: Our all-volunteer choir provides musical leadership for the 10:00 a.m. liturgy and feast days with rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:45-8:30 p.m. Membership is open to fully vaccinated adults and youth. Contact: Julie Ryder / music@epiphany.org.

1-/4—Children’s and Youth Choirs return: It’s been over 2 years since we’ve been able to meet, but now we are ready to return to our new normal. Just as in Epiphany choir, we will mask while we sing for everyone’s safety. Please register your children and youth by visiting epiphany.org/rsvp. The singing begins on Tuesday, October 4 and we can’t wait to see you!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

9/18—Private Screening of Code Noir: ERJG is hosting a private screening at 4:00 p.m. of the film *Code Noir* which tells the story of General Alex Dumas, the first person of color in the French military to become general-in-chief of a French army. We’ll screen the movie, and then enjoy a discussion with the cast and creative team of the film, including Epiphany member Carolyn Cook. Light refreshments will be served. For a link for more information and to register, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

9/19—Sacred Ground 2.0: For those who’ve already participated in Sacred Ground or other comparable study on racial justice and equity, please join us for our first meeting of Sacred Ground 2.0 on September 19, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Epiphany. We will meet monthly to continue to think theologically about the problem of racism and white supremacy, learn practical skills and competencies for deepening anti-racist work, and collaborate on efforts in our city and the wider church pertaining to racial justice. To RSVP for the first meeting please email the Rev. Nicole Lambelet / nlambelet@epiphany.org.

9/20—Earth Guild: Please join the Earth Guild for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 20 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. upstairs in Room 201. Contact: Frances Finnegan / ffinegan@hotmail.com

9/25—Visit to St. Paul’s Episcopal: The next Epiphany Racial Justice Group (ERJG) Sunday Service visit will be to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church on Sunday, September 25. Their website advises that the service starts at 10:00 a.m. and masks are required. We will meet in front of the church at 9:45 a.m.

9/25—Our next Only One Earth Event will be our annual interfaith River Cleanup—this time helping to clean-up a section of the river at Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve and Mason Mill Park. The clean-up at Clyde Shepherd is specifically for youth and young adults (ages 12-25+). To sign up for either clean up, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

10/12—ERJ Book Discussion will take place on Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 201. We are reading *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee. Deacon Katharine Hilliard-Yntema will lead the discussion.

10/14—The Feeding Ministry cooks at Epiphany and then serves the meal at Gateway Shelter on 2nd Fridays. To help prepare, cook or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

PASTORAL CARE

9/26—The Community of Hope’s Circle of Care members gather monthly on 4th Mondays from 6:00-8:30 p.m. 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 by one of the trained caregivers, please contact Ann Fowler / annfowler@me.com.

10/6—The Grief Pastoral Care Group meets on Zoom 1st Thursdays at noon for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss. Led by parishioners Megan Fraijo-Paul and Nancy Thompson, both trained psychotherapists. Please contact Megan / meganspaul@gmail.com or Nancy / nthomps@emory.edu before attending for the first time.

PARISH EVENTS & GROUP MEETINGS

Epiphany's ECW Chapter (Episcopal Church Women) is considering an additional monthly meeting opportunity for women who cannot attend the regular meeting on the second Tuesday morning of each month, September-May. If you would like to be involved but can't make a daytime meeting due to work or other responsibilities, please contact Alison Taylor / yogieali@gmail.com to suggest a weeknight or Saturday time which would work for you.

9/20—The deadline to register for Kanuga is September 20: If you would like to join us for our annual Parish Retreat at the Kanuga Conference Center located near Hendersonville, NC on October 21-23, please visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register.

9/22—The Living Contemplatively Spirituality Group meets together on Zoom on Thursdays at 10 a.m. This time they are reading and discussing *The Gift of Years* by Joan Chittister. Contact: The Rev. Amy Dills-Moore / adillsmoore@epiphany.org.

9/25—Acolyte Q & A Sessions: Are you, or do you know someone interested in becoming an Acolyte? If so, an information session will take place on Sunday September 25 at 9:00 a.m. Acolyting is open to all those in 4th Grade and above (including adults). Contact: Linda Ryder Wolf / linda.wolf.1962@gmail.com.

9/25—The Epiphany chapter of the Daughters of the King (DOK) meet on 4th Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in the Side Chapel. The DOK are a lay order whose goals are prayer, service and evangelism. Contact: Judy Jarady / atlantajude@aol.com.

10/1—Oktoberfest for Epiphanites of all ages will be celebrated in the courtyard from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Grilled sausages (or veggie option), German Beer & Wine, along with nonalcoholic drinks will be served. There will be a charge for the grill and you're invited to bring your favorite German-style side or a dessert. Register in Realm or at epiphany.org/rsvp.

10/2—St. Francis Animal Blessing: Pets of all sizes and stripes are invited to sit (leashed or crated) alongside their people in the pews at the 10:00 a.m. service as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a Blessing of the Animals. St. Francis of Assisi—the patron saint of nature and the environment—was a lover of God's creation and on his feast day we will bless our animals and offer our gratitude for the joy that pets and other animals bring to our lives.

10/2—Pet Committal of Ashes Service will take place in the Pet Memorial Garden located in the meadow (grassy area by paved parking lot) at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to inter your pet's ashes, visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register.

SAVE THE DATE ♦ MINISTRY FAIR ♦ OCTOBER 9, 2022

Photo Shoot for Parishioners will take place on Sundays following services in October. Epiphanite and professional photographer Zoe Aparicio Mendoza is offering a discounted rate to parishioners for 4-5 poses. One shot from each shoot will also be included in the online AND PRINTED photo directory also coming out later this fall. A link for photo shoot reservations will be made available soon.

10/9—Contemplative Practice & Labyrinth Walk: Come gather with us at 4:00 p.m. in the parish hall 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-Moore.

10/11—The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) meet on 2nd Tuesdays. This month we are gathering at 10 a.m. for our meeting and then we are taking a tour of St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox church across the street from us at 11 a.m. All women of the parish are invited join us! If you are planning to take the tour, please email Robin Hairston / robinhairston@gmail.com

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—40 words or less—are due by **noon on Wednesdays**. Longer versions may run in the weekly newsletter. Email submissions to parishadmin@epiphany.org.