

The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 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 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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*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—Jesu, joy of man’s desiring

J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn 522—Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria

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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



1. The LORD is my / **shepherd**; *
I shall not be in / **want**.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green / **pastures** *
and leads me beside still / **waters**.
- 3 He revives my / **soul** *
and guides me along right pathways for his / **Name's sake**.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no / **evil**; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff they / **comfort me**.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / **trouble me**; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running / **over**.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / **life**, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for / **ever**.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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 286—Who are these like stars appearing

Zeuch mich, zeuch mich

The Gospel

John 10:22-30

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Carmie McDonald

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.**

A Collect for Mother's Day

Gracious and loving God, on this Mother's Day, we give thanks to you for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. We ask your blessing upon all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have died; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all mothers who have lost children; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those who longed to be mothers and were unable; for all people who have mothered others in any way – those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who calls us together as children of one God. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Welcome

Offertory Anthem—My Shepherd will supply my need

Virgil Thomson

Epiphany Choir

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name, in pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream; He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His way, and leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death His presence is my stay, one word of His supporting grace drives all my fears away; His hand in sight of all my foes doth still my table spread, my cup with blessings overflows, His oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may Thy house be my abode and all my work be praise; there would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home.

Presentation Hymn 174—At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The lyrics are written below the notes.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand 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.**

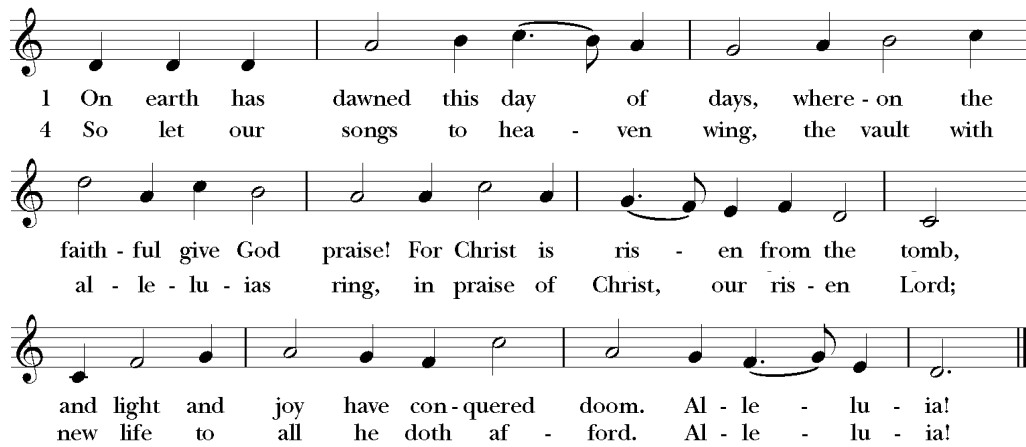
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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



1 On earth has dawned this day of days, where - on the
4 So let our songs to hea - ven wing, the vault with
faith - ful give God praise! For Christ is ris - en from the tomb,
al - le - lu - ias ring, in praise of Christ, our ris - en Lord;
and light and joy have con - quered doom. Al - le - lu - ia!
new life to all he doth af - ford. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Communion of the People

All God's people are welcome to share in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail or at the standing station on the floor level. At the altar rail you have the option to drink from the chalice, to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister to intinct for you, or to cross your arms after you receive the bread to indicate that you do not wish to receive the chalice. At the floor station, communion is received by intinction by the Priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest; the priest will bless you. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

The Healing Rite

During the Communion of the People, prayers for healing and anointing with oil are offered in the Chapel for those desiring them on their own behalf, or upon the behalf of another. All are welcome.

Communion Hymn 645—The King of love my shepherd is
Sung by all

St. Columba

Eucharistic Visitation

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

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

Postcommunion Prayer—Celebrant and People

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

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.**

Hymn 208—The strife is o'er, the battle done (verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)

Victory

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary—Water Music

Allegro Maestoso

G. F. Handel

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 • Jerry Kinnane • 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: Danny Nodine, brother of Larry Nodine • Mark Thornhill, uncle of Kurt Erskine • Noel & the Coolican family, friends of the Erskines • Lucy Hinman, mother of Johanna Hinman • Peggy Courtright, friend of Barbara Ryder and our parish • Shelly Houts, sister-in-law of Brent Henderson • Keith MacKay, friend of Carmie & Mark McDonald • Pat & Darrin Berry, friends of Nan Ross • 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 celebrating birthdays the week of 5/11-17: Richard Messner • Patrick Hanna • Marcus Hoesterey • Henry Bryant • Will Bryant • Sarah Keys • Cassie Leung • Sharon O'Flaherty • Susan Ashmore

For Pope Leo XIV that he may faithfully lead those entrusted to his care and that he may be an instrument of your peace in this world.

For our Haitian siblings and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

For racial justice: For mothers and their babies in Georgia, disproportionately minorities, struggling to find needed medical services.

For our fragile and beautiful Earth: The Okefenokee Swamp, the largest blackwater swamp in North America, wetland home to endangered species.

Did we miss your anniversary or birthday? Send the full date of your anniversary and/or your date of birth to the parish office at parishadmin@epiphany.org so that we can update our records.

TODAY AT EPIPHANY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Children's Chapel—during the service

Children up to 3rd grade are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn and follow the cross to chapel after the reading of the Gospel. They return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join them.

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

- Godly Play—Ages 3 - 3rd grade, Room 203
- Youth & High School Formation: Our youth and high school formation groups will be together in the Donut Den this week for an end of the year game day!

FORMATION | **Adult Formation**—Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • parish hall

FINAL CLASS—**Welcoming the Stranger: On Refugees & Newcomers**—Recent changes to federal migration policies have had a profound impact on refugees displaced by unrest in their native countries. In the face of such changes, one thing remains the same: Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger. Join Epiphanyite Alix Janke and Anton Flores-Maisonet, Director of Casa Alternativa, a nonprofit organization that provides short- and long-term housing to vulnerable immigrants, as we explore the current context of migration in America and our Christian ethical response.

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

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes photography by Hikmatullah Kharoti. Learn more about the artist and the Art Ministry at epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery. Remember, 25% of all sales benefit Epiphany.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group**—Tonight from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Our Sunday evening youth group is now on summer break and will return in the fall. Stay tuned for other youth group events taking place this summer!

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVING TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in honor of their mothers Nancy and Loretta, by Susan & Jarrod Moody.

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 & OTHER NEWS

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.

GIVING | **Path to Solar**

As people of faith, we are called to be stewards of creation. Reducing our dependence on fossil fuels is a meaningful way we can live out our parish values while making a positive impact on the environment. Epiphany is now raising funds to install solar panels, demonstrating how faith in action can contribute to a more sustainable future. We invite you to join us on our Path to Solar by making a pledge today or by visiting our website to learn more.

FORMATION | **Contemplative Practice**—join us in the Choir Loft at 4:00 p.m.

5/11—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**—2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. • parish hall, sometimes Zoom

5/12—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 May: *Trust* by Hernon Diaz (at Epiphany). Contact: Linda Ryder-Wolf.

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

5/13—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. Log into Realm to contact John Yntema with any questions.

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

5/13—The ECW meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. Amy Ard, director of Motherhood Beyond Bars (MBB) will be the guest speaker for May. MBB ensures a healthy start for infants born to incarcerated women by providing support for mothers and caregivers. Afterwards, we will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap for lunch. The meeting and program begins at 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

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

5/13—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? Log into Realm to contact Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

YOUTH MINISTRIES/PARISH LIFE | **Annual Youth Car Wash**—Saturday, May 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

5/17—Join us for our annual Car Wash to support the Youth Pilgrimage! Swing by on Saturday, May 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to get your car sparkling clean and support a great cause. Youth—especially those going on pilgrimage—are encouraged to come help wash cars. Everyone is invited to come get their car washed and cheer on our hardworking crew!

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. Esther has led groups for about 10 - 12 years, so she's a very experienced mentor. Also, EfM has changed—no more textbooks, all the readings will be done on your personal computer or tablet. There is a one-year course called Wide Angle that gives an overview of the four-year program. 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.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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

5/18—In celebration of our Solar Campaign and the end of our program year, please join us for a picnic style lunch served both indoors and outdoors after the service. Joel Fowler and his crew will be grilling beef tenderloin, hot dogs, and veggie burgers. Cost for the tenderloin is \$10 and \$3 for the hot dogs and veggie burgers. Family maximum cost is \$35. Register by Wednesday, May 14 using the link at epiphany.org/rsvp.

- **Please sign up to bring** a table ready dessert or side dish to share. Parish Life will provide beverages (tea, lemonade, and water).
- **Remember to bring** your lawn chairs or blankets if you are joining us outside.
- **Parish Picnic Field Day:** 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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Vacation Bible School: June 16 - 20 at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**

DEADLINE 5/30—This year's VBS theme is Be Loved. Be Kind. Be You. We will explore compassion for others, ourselves, and the world through a variety of activities and service projects. Children ages rising pre-K through 5th grade are invited to register as participants, and all youth rising 6th recently graduated are invited to register as counselors. The registration link is located at epiphany.org/rsvp.

PARISH LIFE | **Expanded Coffee Hour**—Sign up to host a Sunday!

BEGINS 6/1—We hope you will join us after the service on Sundays for an Extended Coffee Hour during the summer. Anyone is welcome to bring some simple breakfast items. Individuals and families may bring a dish or groups can sign up. Parish groups are welcome to set up displays, handouts, or fliers to promote their ministries. The sign up can be found at epiphany.org/rsvp.

WORSHIP | **Day of Pentecost**

6/8—Sunday, June 8 is the 50th 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, there will be "tongues of fire" popsicles for all in the courtyard.

LITURGY | **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**—for all ages

6/8—The sacrament of Holy Baptism for adults, infants and children will be administered during the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, June 8. Contact the parish office (parishadmin@epiphany.org) if you or a member of your family desires to be baptized.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Pilgrimage**—Registration is NOW LIVE

7/20-24—Registration is LIVE for our summer Youth Pilgrimage to Sewanee, Tennessee! 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.

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

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

5/21—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. Log into Realm to contact Laura Keys if you have any questions.

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

5/26—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 login to Realm to contact Ann Fowler.

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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Gateway Center Meal Ministry**—meals served 2nd Fridays of the month

6/11-13—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter on 2nd Fridays. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

PASTORAL CARE | **Caregiver Group**—2nd Fridays at 11:45 p.m. • *Zoom*

6/13—The Caregiver Group meets on the 2nd 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 co-facilitated 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.

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.

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

A Community of Hope training to prepare lay pastoral caregivers will be offered online on Sundays from August 3 to October 26 between 2-5 pm. 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.

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