
WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Whether you just stopped in to visit, or you are looking for a place of belonging, we welcome you. In our worship, formation, fellowship, and community engagement work, we strive for justice and peace and to honor the dignity of every human being. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, we are glad you are here. We believe God loves you—no exceptions!

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

For the latest news and events at Epiphany, visit our website at epiphany.org or subscribe to our weekly newsletter. There are newcomer cards available in the pew in front of you and on the newcomer page of our website. We hope that you will fill one out while you're here and hand it to one of the clergy so we can welcome you personally.

Children of all ages are invited to participate fully in our liturgy. We welcome wiggles and giggles as signs of life and understand that sometimes children need to move about during worship. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available. Ask an usher to help you locate those near the entrance to the worship space.

If you do not have a nametag, please sign up on the clipboard on the welcome table in the Gallery. For today, there are stick-on nametags available.

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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—When I survey the wondrous cross

Robert Buckley Farlee

The Procession—*The People stand*

A Penitential Order

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Celebrant

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie—W839

Arlen Clarke

standing

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95—Sung by all, seated

Anonymous

Venite, exultemus



- 1 Come, let us ¹sing to the ¹LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the ¹Rock of ¹our sal¹vation.
- 2 Let us come before his ¹presence with thanks¹giving *
and raise a loud¹shout to ¹him with ¹psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a ¹grät ¹God, *
and a great ¹King a¹bove all ¹gods.
- 4 In his hand are the ¹caverns of the ¹earth, *
and the heights of the ¹hills are ¹his ¹also.
- †5 The sea is ¹his, for he ¹made it, *
and his hands have ¹molded the ¹dry ¹land.

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6 Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, *
— though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
“This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.”

11 So I swore in my wrath, *
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

The Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 692—I heard the voice of Jesus say

The Third Tune

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

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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.

The Prayers of the People for Lent

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

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

God of peace and gentleness,

Hear our prayer.

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

God of liberty and freedom,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and the world; that we will respect all people as precious children of God; and that racism, sexism, and all other forms of discrimination will be forever banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws.

God of fellowship and equality,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that they may be welcomed in our midst and be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, for those being held in inhumane conditions in detention centers and without due process, for families who are separated, and for those living in fear of being detained. We pray for the members of our diocese currently held in immigration detention: José, Emir, Gustavo, Gonzalo, Richard, Juan, Jose, Eva, Raphael, and their families.

God of outcasts and wanderers,

Hear our prayer.

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

God of comfort and healing,

Hear our prayer.

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

God of outreach and restoration,

Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Welcome

Offertory Anthem—Be still

Rick Sowash

Epiphany Choir

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

Presentation Hymn 142—Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A, Expansive Language

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus W850—Holy, holy, holy Lord

Jonathan Dimmock
from *Missa Appalachia*

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

The people may stand or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer—*traditional language*

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

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem MO43—O Lamb of God

Jonathan Dimmock
from *Missa Appalachia*

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

The Communion of the People

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The Healing Rite

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

Communion Hymn 474—When I survey the wondrous cross
Sung by all

Rockingham

Eucharistic Visitation

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

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

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Solemn Prayer—*Celebrant*

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 690—Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Names of friends and family are listed for a month. Contact the parish office if you would like them listed for another month.

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

For friends and family: Mary Fehl, relative of Randy Shearin • Ward Williams, friend of Randy Shearin • Rosalind, sister of Katharine Hilliard-Yntema • Greta Corcoran, mother of John Corcoran • Colleen, Kristin, & David, friends of April Maa • Rachel Williams, daughter-in-law of Susan & Loren Williams • Brooke, friend of Jeff McGrath & Wallace Bryan-McGrath • Keren Clay, neighbor of Susan & Richard Messner • Cherise & Bob, friends of Cliff Edge • Mark McCord, cousin of Pam Tipton • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • Danny Nodine, brother of Larry Nodine • Mark Thornhill, uncle of Kurt Erskine • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

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

For our youth attending New Beginnings at Camp Mikell this weekend: James Bryan • Stephen Parker • Ripley Prikkel • Lulu Torre • Eloise Wierwille • Lillian Wright. **And for our adult chaperones:** Michael Bryan • Tristen Webb

For those who have died: Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder • Melaney Sattler, friend of Chip Dukes & Rick Day • Vernon Webster, great uncle of Kathy Corcoran • Tony Gallegos, friend of Katie Pedersen • Nancy, neighbor of Linda & Paul Parisi

For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 3/8-14: Liefy & George Smith • Jessica & Duane Burns • Carmie & Mark McDonald

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 3/8-14: Zachary Bennett • Caitlin Cox • Cary Holley • Robbie Holley • Bonnie Kissler • Peter Schneider • Brett Boatright

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

TODAY AT EPIPHANY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This morning's youth formation is a mock vestry event with Epiphany's Senior and Junior Warden! Join Jordan Moody and Jacob Geiger to learn more about what a vestry is and how we work together to make decisions about the life of the Church.

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

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group—*5:00 to 6:30 p.m. • location varies*

Our youth group event this week is an arts and crafts night. Students may continue their iconography projects from earlier this semester, explore the stations of the cross, or bring their own projects.

FORMATION | Contemplative Practice—*this month will be observed on March 22.*

For the month of March, in lieu of the Contemplative Practice that usually takes place on the 2nd Sunday of the month, a Lenten Quiet Day on Sunday, March 22 from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. will be offered instead. Please refer to the *My Soul Longs for You* notice on page 14.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR AND 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

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

WORSHIP | Weekday Services—*visit epiphany.org/worship-services for details*

- Weekday Morning Prayer—9:00 a.m. online, request the login link from the parish office.
- Tuesday Morning Prayer (Holy Eucharist 1st Tuesdays)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Non-Food Pantry Drive—*During the month of March*

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) sponsor a pantry drive in March and October for Emmaus House for items not covered by SNAP. This time for the month of March, we have a goal of collecting 75 rolls of toilet paper, 50 boxes of tissues, and 50 bars of soap. Purchasing these items is a struggle for people with limited incomes and resources. Collection bins are in the gallery.

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

3/9—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For March: *Citizens of London*, by Lynne Olsen (at Epiphany). All are welcome. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions. For April: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride (at Epiphany).

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

3/10—The Men's Breakfast Group gathers for breakfast and discussion following the 7:00 a.m. Tuesday service and are typically on their way by 8:00 a.m. Contact Dave Thompson with any questions.

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

3/10—The ECW meets monthly at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. The meeting and program begin at 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Afterwards, we will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

MUSIC | **Choirs for Children & Youth**—*Tuesdays*

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

- 3/10—Beginning Choristers meet from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m.
- 3/10—Junior Choir meets from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | **Family Eucharist & Service Project**—*all activities in the parish hall*

3/10—We look forward to seeing you for this family and kid focused celebration of the Eucharist. Please arrive at 5:00 p.m. for the service project, 6:00 p.m. for pizza (RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp), and 6:15 p.m. for the start of the service.

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

3/10—All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group on Tuesdays at Wild Heaven in Avondale. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Contacts: Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

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

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

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

- 3/11—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 3/11—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.

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

3/11-13—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter once a month. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

FORMATION | **Contemplative Book Group**—*Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. through March 12 • Room 201*

3/12—The Contemplative Book Group are studying *A Midwinter God: Encountering the Divine in Seasons of Darkness* by Christine Valters Paintner. Join us in Room 201 at 11:00 a.m. This study will end on Thursday, March 12. Register at epiphany.org/rsvp.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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

SUBMISSIONS DUE 3/15—This spring the Epiphany Art Ministry will include an exhibit featuring work from the Epiphany Youth! Youth are invited to bring up to three pieces of artwork in any medium. Funds will be split 50% to the artist and 50% to the Youth Group fund. All submissions are due by Tuesday, March 15. For questions, contact Liefy Smith or Page Love Smith.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **42nd Annual Hunger Walk/Run**—*\$340 HAS BEEN RAISED SO FAR!*

3/15—On March 15, Epiphanyites of all ages are invited to join in the Atlanta Community Food Bank's Hunger Walk/Run. Proceeds from this event provide vital funds that support the Atlanta Community Food Bank and local nonprofit partners providing meals to neighbors in need. Following formation hour, we will offer lunch and an opportunity to carpool to the event. To register or make a donation, visit epiphany.org/rsvp or contact Rev. Carmie McDonald or Taylor Irwin for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

3/28—Please save the date for a work day that we will have on Saturday, March 28. We hope you will be able to join your fellow parishioners as we spruce up our lovely grounds and interior spaces before Holy Week. All ages and all skill levels are welcome! We will provide snacks and beverages, but you will want to bring your reusable water bottle so we can avoid single-use plastics. If you have them, bring your work gloves, pruning shears, loppers, spades, clippers, and garden shovels.

WORSHIP | Palm Sunday, March 29

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

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

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

PARISH EVENT | Easter Candy Donations

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

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

This year, our youth pilgrimage takes a new shape as students are invited to attend Camp Mikell's Intermediate Camp (June 16–22 for rising 7th–9th graders) and Work Camp (July 12–18 for rising 10th graders through recent graduates). Money raised during youth fundraisers in the coming months will help offset registration costs, and we will travel together to and from Toccoa. Taylor will join students for check-ins and some evening meals. Visit campmikell.com to register and experience the Mikell magic this summer!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Vacation Bible School—June 27, July 11, July 25

This year's VBS will take a new shape! Families with children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to gather for three Saturdays this summer for a shared experience of storytelling, service, and Sacrament. Join us on June 27, July 11, and July 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information about youth counselors and adult volunteer opportunities.

PARISH GROUPS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

3/17—This group focuses on practicing Celtic Spirituality, where we gather to discuss and experience the beauty of nature and celebrate the divine in all creatures, including ourselves. Led by the steering group of Carol Bartlett, Nan Ross, and April Maa. Contact April for more information, to be placed on the email list, or to receive a link to the virtual meeting. In-person meetings are in Room 201. To learn more about Celtic Spirituality in general, one resource is www.earthandsoul.org.

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

3/17—The Caregiver Support Group meets monthly over Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is co-facilitated by parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist. Contact Nancy if you are interested in joining this group.

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

3/18—Give yourself a mid-week-treat and join friends and friends-to-be for lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Thinking Man Tavern on Howard Avenue in Decatur. No agenda. No reservation needed. Just fun. Contact: Laura Keys.

PASTORAL CARE | **The Community of Hope's Circle of Care**—*Last Monday of the month* • *parish hall*
3/30—Members gather to pray, learn, and provide each other with mutual support as they reflect on their emotional and spiritual responses to pastoral encounters. If you or a loved one would like to receive a pastoral visit or home communion by one of the trained caregivers, please contact Ann Fowler.

PASTORAL CARE | **The Grief Pastoral Care Group**—*1st Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.* • *Zoom*
4/2—The group meets online each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss. It is led by parishioner and trained psychotherapist, Nancy Thompson. Please contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

PARISH GROUPS | **Social Justice Action Group**—*Virtual Only Group*
This social advocacy group promotes social and cultural change. The group identifies community events in which we can participate, and provides a curated list of local community happenings via Realm Groups. If you'd like to be part of this group, join via Realm Groups to view current opportunities of social justice action in our area.

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

LITURGICAL & EVENT CALENDAR THROUGH EASTER

Season of Lent

— EACH WEEK DURING LENT —

Sunday Holy Eucharist • 10:00 a.m.
Weekday Morning Prayer • 9:00 a.m. (Zoom only, request link from office)
Tuesday Morning Prayer (Eucharist 1st Tuesdays) • 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday Lenten Bible Study • 12:00 p.m.

Holy Week

March 29—Palm Sunday • 10:00 a.m.
March 30—Contemplative Anointing Service • 6:00 p.m.
April 2—Agápe Supper (RSVP) • 6:00 p.m.
April 2—Maundy Thursday Liturgy • 7:00 p.m.
April 3—Stations of the Cross • 11:30 a.m.
April 3—Good Friday Liturgy • 12:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 5

The Great Vigil of Easter • 6:00 a.m. (incense)
Easter Day Services • 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast • 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt • 10:15 a.m.