



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 ✠ 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.



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.

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 Priest for Family Ministry & Community Engagement*

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*You are invited to enter in silence as you prepare for worship
Use the water in the font as a remembrance of your Baptism*

Voluntary—Sonata II in C minor, Op. 65

Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

Processional Hymn 616—Hail to the Lord's anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 174—At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Salzburg

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 24 My praise is of him in the great a-/ssembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who / **worship him.**
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall / **praise him:** *
“May your heart live for / ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow be-/fore him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the / LORD; *
he rules over the / **nations.**
- 28 To him alone, all who sleep in the earth bow down in / **worship;** *
all who go down to the dust fall be-/fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall / **serve him;** *
they shall be known as the LORD’s for / **ever.**
- † 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet un-/born *
the saving deeds that he has / **done.**

The Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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 513—Like the murmur of the dove’s song

Bridegroom

The Gospel

John 15:18

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

A period of silence is kept

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

The Nicene Creed—*Celebrant and People*

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People for Easter

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

Alleluia! Amen!

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

Alleluia! Amen!

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

Alleluia! Amen!

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

Alleluia! Amen!

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

Alleluia! Amen!

Celebrant's concluding collect

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Welcome

Offertory Anthem—I give to you a new commandment

Peter Nardone

Epiphany Choir

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you. Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. (Where charity is true, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.) Amen.

Presentation Hymn 205—Good Christians all, rejoice and sing (*verses 1, 3, 4, & 5*)

Gelobt sei Gott

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blest 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

Fraction Anthem Hymn 208, *verse 1*

Victory

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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 304—I come with joy to meet my Lord
Sung by all

Land of Rest

Communion Hymn 487—Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life
Sung by all

The Call

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 657—Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

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—Chorale Prelude on *Hyfrydol*

Paul Manz

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR AND THE SANCTUARY LIGHT ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

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

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: Nan Ross • Jennie Richardson • Anne Bucey • Francis Lee • Johanna Hinman • Lisa Gray • Wayne Urban • Rob Godsall • Brett Boatright • Laura, John & Sarah Keys • Robin Hairston • Audrey Banfield • Beth Towers • Mary McCall Cash • Wende Crowe • Judy Jarady • Sally Brockington

For friends and family: Charles Perrin, husband of Judy Jarady • Shannon Calverley, sister of Erin Braden • Jeff Smith and Dave Hunter, family of Liefy & George Smith • Eleanor Whitman, aunt of Noelle Reetz • Ronnie Mercer, friend of David Draper • Ricky Vanhoy, uncle of Makayla Stadler • Jerry Butler, friend of Barbara Ryder, Linda Ryder-Wolf and Julie Ryder & Terri Lawrence • Susan & Zandra, friends of Nancy Chandler & Peggy Palmiter • Kathie Ashe, friend of Amanda Styles • Carrie Wade, partner of Chris Belcore • Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder • Gary Davis, father of Jeremy Davis • Diana Lawrence, niece 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 • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Tom Mundy • Pat Spivey • Ann Rowles • Shirley Sugden • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Kathy Walmsley • Colleen

For those in the armed forces: Stewart Mundy

For those celebrating anniversaries for the week of 4/28-5/4: Mary Beth Nelson & Jackie Breitenstein • Bert Bender & Kay Lee

For those celebrating birthdays for the week of 4/28-5/4: Brian Gross • Lena McBath • Scott Sheehan • Lily Brandon • Jimmy Rabb • Esther Bryant • Rekha Gross • Evan Vega • Michael Elliott • Lauren Davis • Randy Stewart

For the adoption of a child: Pablo Miguel Burns, son of Jessica & Duane Burns and brother of Abram Burns

For the birth of a child: Jackson Abraham Kertscher born on April 2, son of Magda & Doug Kertscher; and for the birth of Davis Kyle Webb on April 4, grandson of Colleen & Peter Morich

For racial justice: For the ability to set aside our bias for those whose identities are not similar to ours and to cherish each person as a uniquely created child of God.

For our endangered world: The Sandhill Crane, which passes over Georgia while migrating on its way to rest in Tennessee.

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.

ADULT FORMATION | Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • parish hall

We Have Seen the Lord! The Resurrection in All Four Gospels: For the month of April, join Ebby Arnold from the Candler Foundry as we investigate and compare the resurrection stories from all four gospels. We will explore how the gospel writers use the resurrection appearances of Jesus in creating portraits of Jesus for a variety of audiences in the early Christian community and how these four unique portraits of the Risen Jesus work together and speak to the Christian community of today.

CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION | Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • locations vary

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 2nd grade), **Room 206**—3rd and 5th grade, **Lower-Level Classroom** / Donut Den—Youth (6th to 12th grade)

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group

In lieu of our regular Youth Group, TODAY our youth and Holy Trinity youth will host a donations-based car wash in the Epiphany parking lot from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please let Emily Elder / eelder@epiphany.org know ASAP if you can help out!

PARISH EVENT | Car Wash!

The Epiphany and Holy Trinity youth groups will be hosting a donations-based car wash TODAY in the Epiphany parking lot from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Donations will go toward this year's Youth Pilgrimage.

MEMBERSHIP | Newcomers' Gathering—TODAY from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. • Courtyard

4/28—Newcomers, recent visitors, and anyone wanting to get a little more involved in the community, are invited to a dessert reception TODAY in the courtyard at 4:00 p.m. The committee is providing the desserts. This social gathering will be a time to get to know one another and learn more about our parish, programs, and ministries from clergy and parishioners. Please RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Art Ministry—now showing

Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes work by creative youth of the parish for the month of April. Our artists include Ivy May, Piper Boatright, Wally Hare, Anna Hare, Eva Brandon, and Lily Brandon. Art mediums range from photography and painting to 3D paper objects. Please enjoy reading the bios near each artist's work and about what inspires them to create. Most of the items will be for sale and will benefit the youth trip to Asheville this summer. Donations to the youth trip are welcome as well without a purchase. All proceeds will be split 50/50% between the artist and the youth fund. Please enjoy and support this very special exhibit!

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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

- Weekday Morning Prayer—9:00 a.m. online
- Tuesday Morning Prayer (Holy Eucharist 1st Tuesdays)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel
- Wednesday Noonday Prayer—12:00 p.m. in the side chapel, a Healing Eucharist follows at 12:15 p.m.

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

4/30—The Men's Breakfast Group gathers for breakfast and discussion following the 7:00 a.m. Tuesday service and are typically on their way by 8:00 a.m. Contact: John Yntema

MUSIC | Choirs for Adults & Youth—Wednesdays • Music Suite upstairs

- 5/1—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 5/1—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Threaded at Spelman Museum of Fine Art—meet at Epiphany @ 1:30 p.m.

5/1—Join ERJG to visit *Threaded*, an exhibit of quilts and contemporary artworks created by Black women working in textiles, including Gee's Bend quilts and prints, in conversation with contemporary works. We'll also spend time with Spelman's permanent art collection primarily from the African Diaspora. \$5.00 suggested donation at the door. Meet at Epiphany at 1:30 p.m. to car pool. For more information and ride-sharing, contact Suzanne Yoder.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORSHIP/CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Sunday

5/5—More information is coming soon, but if you are interested in preaching, reading, acolyting, or playing music on Youth Sunday on May 5, please reach out to Emily Elder.

PARISH LIFE | Graduate Recognition

5/5—We will honor all 2024 graduates (i.e., High School, College and Graduate) at the Youth Sunday service on May 5. If you would like to celebrate a 2024 graduate, please contact Emily Elder.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | The Feeding Ministry—meals served 2nd Fridays of the month

5/8-12—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.

WORSHIP | Taizé Prayer—Monday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.

5/20—Please join us in the nave for a Taizé Prayer service on Monday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. Taizé Prayer is a distinctive style of meditative prayer characterized by sung and chanted prayers, meditation, periods of silence, liturgical readings, and the use of icons. Come for prayer, quiet and music.

PARISH GROUPS | ECW Luncheon for the Women of the Parish • 11:30 a.m.

6/2—The Epiphany chapter of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) would like to treat all the women of the parish to lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 2 following the service. Not a potluck, no program, or agenda, just a chance to visit and meet other women who attend Epiphany. A gluten-free option will be offered. So that we know how many to prepare for, please RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp by Friday Morning (9:00 a.m.), May 31.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

PASTORAL CARE | The Community of Hope's Circle of Care—Last Mondays at 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. • parish hall

4/29—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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Dates for Vacation Bible School (VBS)—Registration is open

6/10-14—Register for this year's VBS, which will take place from June 10 to June 14. We will once again host VBS with St. Bart's and Holy Trinity Parish. For more details and to register, please visit the Epiphany RSVP page. Reach out to Emily Elder with any questions, or if you'd like to volunteer. **REGISTRATION ENDS APRIL 30!**

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

5/2—The group meets each month 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 or Nancy before attending for the first time.

FORMATION | Contemplative Practice—2nd Sundays at 4:00 p.m. • choir loft

5/12—In May, the meeting time returns to 4:00 p.m. Come gather with us 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 Amy Dills-Wright. Contact: The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright.

PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Book Group—2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. • parish hall, sometimes Zoom

5/13—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. Contact Linda for the meeting link. Their book selection for May is *Cover Her Face*, by P. D. James. Contact: Linda Ryder-Wolf.

PARISH GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—2nd Tuesdays of the month

5/14—The ECW meets on 2nd Tuesdays in the parish hall at 10:30 a.m. This month, we are eating in, so please bring your lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

PARISH GROUPS | The Munch Bunch—3rd Wednesdays of the month • 1:30 p.m.

5/15—Give yourself a mid-week-treat and join friends and friends-to-be for lunch at 1:30 p.m. at the Thinking Man Tavern on Howard Street in Decatur. No agenda. No reservation needed. Just fun. This month is our first-time meeting. Contact Laura Keys with any questions.

MUSIC | Summer Choir—Begins June 2

6/2—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 2.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Pilgrimage—Registration is NOW LIVE

6/24-28—Registration is now LIVE for our Summer Youth Pilgrimage to Asheville, NC. Holy Trinity youth will join us for a time of exploration, service, prayer, and play in this wonderful mountain town. We hope you'll join us from Monday, June 24 to Friday, June 28. Visit the Epiphany RSVP page to sign up.

PARISH LIFE | Parish Retreat—Save the Date

9/20-22—SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Parish Retreat will take place at The Mountain in Highlands, NC the weekend of September 20 - 22.