

The  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
of the  
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Second Sunday in Lent*

March 1, 2026 ✠ 10:00 AM



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## WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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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](http://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](http://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.

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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**—My faith looks up to thee

Karl Osterland

**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.

**O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 121—*Sung by the Choir*

Henry Walford Davies

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

## The Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Children (up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn for the reading of the Gospel and Children's Chapel

Sequence Hymn 680—O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

### The Gospel

John 3:1-17

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### The Sermon

The Rev. Amy Dills Wright

*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 the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and address the needs of our siblings throughout the world; for the rural and urban poor; for the rebuilding of our communities; and for an end to the cycles of violence that threaten our future.

God of generosity and compassion,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may embrace the most vulnerable members of our society; we pray also for an end to the growing disparity between rich and poor; and for the grace and courage to strive for economic justice.

God of all gifts and blessings,

**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**—Teach me, my God and King

Arlen Clarke

*Epiphany Choir*

*Teach me, my God and King, in all things Thee to see, and what I do in anything, to do it as for Thee.*

**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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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*

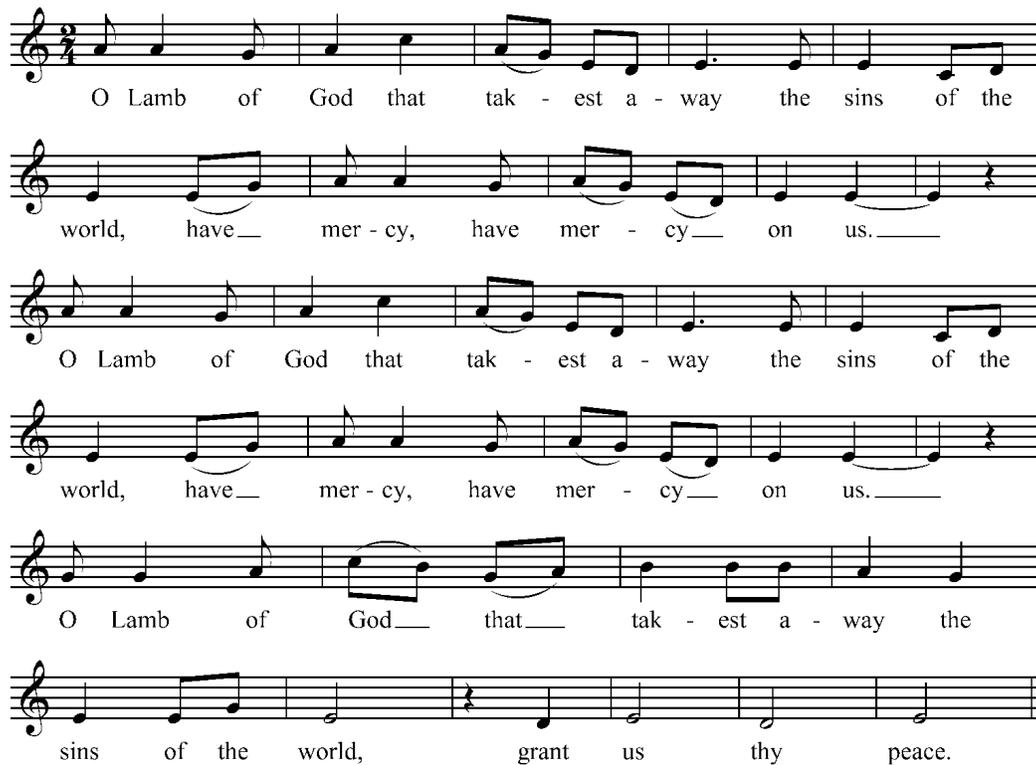
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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 337**—And now, O Father, mindful of thy love  
*Sung by all*

*Unde et memores*

## 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*

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn 525**—The Church's one foundation

*Aurelia*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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## LENTEN PRACTICES - Now through March 22

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**GIVING | United thank Offering (UTO)**—*make a practice of thank offerings during Lent*

In 1889, two Episcopal women envisioned a way to collect small thank offerings in homes as a personal expression of gratitude. Today, UTO contributions from Episcopalians around the world support more than 5,300 Episcopal missions and ministries. UTO boxes/envelopes are in the Gallery. Make checks out to The Episcopal Church Women, noting UTO in the memo. Ingathering will be Sunday, April 12, but checks can be made out to the ECW anytime between now and April 12.

**DEVOTIONALS | From Living Compass**—*online option available*

There are just a few of the Lenten devotional booklets from Living Compass—*Living Well Through Lent 2026: Cultivating Healing and Wholeness in Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*—still in the gallery. A free PDF version is also available at [livingcompass.org](http://livingcompass.org). You can also sign up to receive a daily email of each reflection for free.

**MEDITATIONS | From Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)**—*free online*

This year, Episcopal Relief & Development is offering Lenten Meditations with spiritual reflections from author and TikTok influencer Sister Monica Clare, on the holy habits that bring us closer to God. Visit [episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/](http://episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/) to sign up for daily meditation emails, read them online, or download their booklet.

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## 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.*

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**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 • 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:** 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 • Ron, neighbor of Linda & Paul Parisi • 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 • 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 & 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 those who have died:** 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 3/1-7:** Rebecca & Tristan Webb • Craig McDonald & Carlos Quiroz • Polly & Larry Nodine

**For those celebrating birthdays the week of 3/1-7:** Wren Ballou • Ben Morrissey • Audrey Weigle • Kelly Alexander • Ken Holley • Nelson Oyesiku • Linda Ryder-Wolf • Clara Gaeddert • Judy Jarady • Dirk Zwemer

*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](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org) so that we can update our records.*

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## TODAY AT EPIPHANY

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

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

**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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to register your children and youth for formation.

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

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

The Youth (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) curriculum, *Current: Seeking God Together*, explores 13 spiritual practices that can deepen and transform our relationship with God and others using interactive, age-appropriate strategies to help children and youth connect with God and the church as whole.

**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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) if you would like to take a turn to provide the donuts.

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](http://epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery).

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

This week our youth group will host friends from Holy Trinity Parish for a taco bar and family game night! We'll also work together on a service project benefitting DEAM which is housed at Holy Trinity.

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THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in thanksgiving for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Craig McDonald & Carlos Quiroz, and in loving memory of John Keys, and in thanksgiving for their 54 years together, by Laura Keys.

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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to reserve dates that have meaning for you.

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## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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

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WORSHIP | **Weekday Services**—visit [epiphany.org/worship-services](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 GROUP | **Men's Breakfast Group**—Tuesdays following the 7:00 a.m. service

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

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

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

**FORMATION | Contemplative Book Group**—*Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. through March 12 • Room 201*  
3/5—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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

**PASTORAL CARE | The Grief Pastoral Care Group**—*1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. • Zoom*  
3/5—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 contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

**PARISH GROUPS | Fireside Sit & Sip**—*monthly at 7:00 p.m. • Courtyard*  
3/5—The Fireside Sit & Sip is for women primarily in their 40s, 50s, and 60s to come together just as you are. Bring a camp chair and join us around the fire pit in the courtyard to sit, sip, and enjoy conversation with other women on the journey. Please RSVP at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) and sign up to bring drinks or snacks. Contact Kathy Corcoran or the Rev. Carmie McDonald. **Future Dates:** 4/2 and 5/7.

**PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Men's Fellowship Dinners**—*Gumbo Rescheduled • Register by 3/6*  
3/7—The Epiphany Men's Fellowship Dinners (EMFD) group rescheduled the Gumbo gathering for Saturday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. No agenda—just a gathering to prepare a meal and enjoy conversation. Cost including drinks, is \$30 per person. We are asking everyone to bring a new pair of sweat pants and/or a sweat shirt for those in need at a local psychiatric hospital. Register by Friday, March 6, so we know how much food is needed. For questions or suggestions, contact Brian Wright or Joel Fowler.

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## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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**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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp)), and 6:15 p.m. for the start of the service.

**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 | 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hunger Walk/Run**—*Sunday, March 15*  
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](http://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. Register at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://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, the grassy area off the paved parking lot, 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](http://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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> graders) and Work Camp (July 12–18 for rising 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## PARISH GROUPS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

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### PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Book Group—*2<sup>nd</sup> 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 GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—*2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Gateway Center Meal Ministry—*meals served 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

### PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Earth & Soul—*3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.earthandsoul.org).

PASTORAL CARE | **Caregiver Support Group**—3<sup>rd</sup> 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**—3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

PARISH GROUPS | **Social Justice Action Group**—*virtual 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.

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**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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.