



The  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
of the  
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

April 26, 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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**Clergy:** The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright, *Rector*; The Rev. Carmie McDonald, *Associate Rector*

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

**Voluntary**—Easter Bells  
*Epiphany Ringers*

Michael Ryan

**Processional Hymn 304**—I come with joy to meet my Lord

*Land of Rest*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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

**Hymn of Praise 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.

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

**The First Lesson**

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 23**—Sung by all

Robert K. Kennedy

*Dominus regit me*



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

## The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*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 708—Savior, like a shepherd lead us**

*Sicilian Mariners*

## The Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Carmie McDonald

*A period of silence is kept*

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

**The Nicene Creed—*Celebrant and People***

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People for Easter

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

*Celebrant's concluding collect*

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

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## The Welcome

**Offertory Anthem**— Paschal Lamb who suffered for us

Carl Schalk

*Epiphany Choir*

*Paschal Lamb who suffered for us, sheepgate guarding all your sheep, Let us hear your voice which summons each of us, God's will to keep. Dead to sin through your great mercy, by your wounds we are made whole; You have gathered us from straying, O great Shepherd of our souls. Guard and guide us through our sufferings, let us hear you call our name, Knowing you as our Messiah who, for us, bore cross and shame. In your victory make us sharers; lead us now through sin and strife That we all who share one Baptism safe may pass from death to life.*

*Text—J. Michael Thompson*

**Presentation Hymn 182**—Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Truro

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer B, 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.**

*Celebrant*

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

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord S 125**

Richard Proulx

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.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand during the Easter Season*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

**The Lord's Prayer**—*traditional language*

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

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept*

**Fraction Anthem Hymn 201, verses 1 & 4**

*Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag*

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

**The Communion of the People**

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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.

**Music during Communion**—Be thou my vision

*Slane*

*Epiphany Ringers*

Arr. Cynthia Dobrinki

**Communion Hymn 487**—Come my Way, my Truth, my Life

*The Call*

*Sung by all*

**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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Postcommunion Prayer**—*Celebrant and People*

**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 334**—Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

*Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

**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 *Christus der ist mein Leben*

J. S. Bach

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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:** Lynda Smith • Joy Boyden • George Ross • Lisa Gray • Richard Shirah • Larry Wilcox • Mike Curry • Wes, Kelly & Lillian Wright • 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:** The McCord & Bloom families, relatives of Pam Tipton • Marshall Keys, brother-in-law of Laura Keys • Paul & Nan O'Conner, friends of Jewel Allen • Kely Grace, friend of Linda Ryder-Wolf • The Morse Family, friends of Rod & Michele MacLeod • Brian Peacock, grandfather of Elli Peacock • Jay Harris, father of Rebecca Webb • Ben, nephew of Christen Erskine • Betty, family of Christen Erskine • Rosalind, sister of Katharine Hilliard-Yntema • Kyle, friend of Lucy Davidson • Vernell & Teresa, sisters of Larry Wilcox • Cherise MacArthur, friend of Cliff Edge • Rachel Williams, daughter-in-law of Susan & Loren Williams • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • Danny Nodine, brother of Larry Nodine • 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 those who have died:** Mark McCord, cousin of Pam Tipton

**For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 4/26-5/2:** Kenan & Ben Morrissey • Mary Beth Nelson & Jackie Breitenstein • Bert Bender & Kay Lee

**For those celebrating birthdays the week of 4/26-5/2:** Rebecca Follman • April Maa • Brian Gross • Lily Brandon • Andrés Rojas • Jimmy Rabb • Esther Bryant • Rekha Gross • Evan Vega • Michael Elliott

*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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**PARISH LIFE | Welcome Video Shoot**—*Diocesan film shoot of our campus*

We welcome Easton Davis, Canon for Communications & Digital Evangelism for the Diocese to our parish today. The diocese has been visiting churches to capture footage and interviews with parishioners to help create a welcome video for each parish, so he will be discreetly capturing video footage of our campus and service today. These videos are a great way to share the story of our congregation as we seek to embody the love of God in Christ in our community.

**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 | Sabbath**—*Sundays at 11:30 a.m. through May 17 • parish hall*

Join us for this six-part course as we explore the biblical concept of Sabbath and what it means to embrace God's rest in the midst of our busy lives and restless world. In doing so, we will come to understand the ancient idea of Sabbath as more than just downtime on the weekend. Rather, we will discover Sabbath as a disruptive and life-giving invitation to think differently about our priorities, the pace of our lives, and what it means to be created in the image of a God who rests. Each week will consist of a video presentation by Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio followed by conversation facilitated by Epiphany clergy and lay leaders.

**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 | **Free Micah 6:9 Yard Signs**—while supplies last

One of our neighbors, weary of all the negativity in the world now, made a yard sign with a quote from Micah for neighbors, family, and friends. He has offered them to us for our parishioners as well. They are located in the gallery. If they run out and you would still like one, use QR Code posted in the gallery or email the office at [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org) to request one.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group**—Tonight at 5:00 p.m. • Epiphany Courtyard

This week our youth group focus is on creation care. We will be making and decorating bird houses. We will meet in the courtyard from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

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

For April, Epiphany's Art Ministry is featuring works by our parish youth. The works cover a range of mediums. Please support our impressive youth exhibit and enjoy reading their brief artist statements/bios in the gallery. 50% of all sales benefit the youth Summer trip and 50% to our youth artists. Stands and frames are included in the purchase. Please sign up on the price sheet then use the QR code to make payments. You can also pay by check. Payments need to be made to Church of the Epiphany, and note the number of the art piece in the memo field. Donations also welcome!

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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](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.

PASTORAL CARE | **The Community of Hope's Circle of Care**—4<sup>th</sup> Mondays • parish hall

4/27—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 GROUP | **Men's Breakfast Group**—Tuesdays following the 7:00 a.m. service

4/28—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

4/28—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 | **Contemplative Book Group**—Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. through May 21 • Room 201

4/30—The Contemplative Book Group is reflecting on *Fully Alive – Tending to the Soul in Turbulent Times* by Elizabeth Oldfield on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. through May 21 in Room 201. Oldfield's book provides a framework for exploring ways we can stay "fully alive," resilient, kind, open, generous, and brave, in these turbulent times. Register at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

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## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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### WORSHIP | **Youth Sunday on May 3**

5/3—Our annual Youth Sunday and graduate recognition is Sunday, May 3 during the service. Youth will be serving in a variety of ways during the service.

### PARISH LIFE | **Graduate Recognition—Sunday, May 3**

5/3—If you would like to honor a 2026 graduate (i.e., High School, College, and Graduate) in our morning bulletin, please send their information by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 28 to the parish office at [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org).

### PARISH LIFE | **Diocesan Graduation Ceremony—Sunday, May 3 at 4:00 p.m.**

5/3—This year Epiphany will be hosting the Diocesan graduation! Graduates and their families are invited to the service which takes place at 4:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. The service will feature youth musicians, readers, and preachers and Bishop Wright will officiate the Eucharist. A dessert reception will be held afterwards in the parish hall. Please register at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | **Potluck for Families with "Littles"—Friday, May 8 at 5:30 p.m.** • *Chaffin's Home*

5/8—We invite all families with "littles" (newborn through kindergarten + any siblings) to a potluck dinner at the Chaffin family's house on Friday, May 8 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The main dish is included. Please bring a side item to share. There will be games, chalk, bubbles, and the Epiphany bouncy house! Please register at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) and sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.

### YOUTH MINISTRIES/PARISH LIFE | **Annual Youth Car Wash—Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

5/9—Join us for our annual Car Wash to support the youth trip to Camp Mikell! Swing by on Saturday to get your car sparkling clean and support a great cause. This also makes for a great Mother's Day gift. Youth—especially those going on the trip to Camp Mikell together—are encouraged to come help wash cars. Everyone is invited to come get their car washed and cheer on our hardworking crew!

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

5/24—Please join Parish Life for a picnic style lunch served after the service. Joel Fowler and his crew will be grilling beef tenderloin, hot dogs, and veggie burgers. Please sign up to bring a table ready dessert or side dish to share. Parish Life will provide beverages (tea, lemonade, and water). Cost for the tenderloin is \$10 and \$3 for the hot dogs and veggie burgers. Family maximum cost is \$35. Register by Wednesday, May 20 using the link at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp). Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Intergenerational field games will take place in the meadow.

### PARISH LIFE | **Intergenerational Field Day**

5/24—Intergenerational field games will take place in the meadow during the parish picnic. Adults and children of all ages are invited to participate. You may want to bring a change of clothes and some comfortable shoes for this event. Bring lawn chairs to watch the games!

### MUSIC & FORMATION | **The Bach/Biber Project—NEW DATE: Sunday, May 31 at 4:00 p.m.** • *Nave*

5/31—Join us for the 6<sup>th</sup> and final performance of the Bach/Biber Project with violinist Judith Cox and organist Julie Ryder. Donations welcome, and a reception in celebration of this 3-year cycle will follow. For more information, visit Bach/Biber Project at [bachbiberproject.com](http://bachbiberproject.com).

### YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Trip to Camp Mikell—June and July**

This year, our youth 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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**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Gateway Center Meal Ministry**—meals served 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays of the month 5/6-8—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).

**PASTORAL CARE | The Grief Pastoral Care Group**—1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. • Zoom  
5/7—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  
5/7—The Fireside Sit & Sip group 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. Questions? Contact Kathy Corcoran or the Rev. Carmie McDonald. Sign up to bring drinks or snacks at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

**FORMATION | Contemplative Practice**—2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays in the Choir Loft at 4:00 p.m.  
5/10—Come gather with us on second Sundays at 4:00 p.m. for a time of reflection, meditation instruction, and gathering with others seeking a more grounded way of being in the world. Led by Bobbi Patterson and Amy Dills-Wright. Contact Amy if you have any questions.

**PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Book Group**—2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7:00 p.m. • Parish Hall for May & June  
5/11—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. **For May:** *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II*, by Sonia Purnell. **For June:** June 8th: *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride. All are welcome. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf.

**PARISH GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**—2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 9:30/11:00 a.m. • parish hall  
5/12—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, they will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

**PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Earth & Soul**—3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. • Hybrid  
5/19—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  
5/19—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  
5/20—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.

**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.

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