



The  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
of the  
**EPIPHANY**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Second Sunday of Easter*

April 12, 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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*You are invited to enter in silence as you prepare for worship  
Use the water in the font as a remembrance of your Baptism*

**Voluntary—Jesu, joy of man's desiring**

J. S. Bach

**Processional Hymn 205—Good Christians all, rejoice and sing**

*Gelobt sei Gott*

*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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the multitude, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 16—Sung by the Choir**

Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

*Conserva me, Domine*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.  
8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.  
9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**The Second Lesson**

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation 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 204**—Now the green blade riseth

*Noël nouvelet*

**The Gospel**

John 20:19-31

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

### The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ryder

*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—Chanticleer's Carol

Vernon Hoyle

#### Epiphany Choir

All this night shrill chanticleer, day's proclaiming trumpeter, claps his wings and loudly cries, mortals, mortals, wake and rise! See a wonder heaven is under; from the earth is risen a Sun shines all night though day be done. Wake, O earth, wake everything! Wake and hear the joy I bring. Wake and joy; for all this day death's dark pall is cast away, all amazing, still stand gazing. Angels, powers and all that be, wake, and joy this Sun to see. Hail, O Sun, O blessed light, sent into the world aright. Let thy rays and heavenly powers shine in these dark souls of ours; for most duly thou art truly God and man, we do confess: Hail, O Sun of Righteousness!

Text – William Austin

### 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.

**Communion Hymn 209**—We walk by faith, and not by sight  
Sung by all

St. Botolph

## 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 492**—Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Finnian

## 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**—Sonata II in C minor, Op. 65

*Allegro maestoso e vivace*

Felix Mendelssohn

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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.*

**For members who are bidding our prayers:** Lynda Smith • Evelyn Stewart • Rod MacLeod • Joy Boyden • Charity Terrell • George Ross • Lisa Gray • Pam Hall • 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:** 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 • Larry Peace, relative of Sharon Burrow • Mark McCord, cousin of Pam Tipton • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • Danny Nodine, brother of Larry Nodine • Mark Thornhill, uncle of Kurt Erskine • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

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

**For those who have died:** Alisa, friend of Ron Hutcheson

**For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 4/12-18:** Nancy Chandler & Peggy Palmiter

**For those celebrating birthdays the week of 4/12-18:** Christen Erskine • Graydon Stephenson • Rachel Thompson • Zjahni Smith • Rebecca Webb • Laura Jurotich • Kelly Loftin • Caleb Chaffins • Erin Braden • Sara Dangel • Jamie Hare • Liefy Smith • Galo Velasco-Jackson

*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 | 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.

**GIVING | United Thank Offering (UTO)**—*Ingathering is today.*

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, or you can give online at <https://onrealm.org/epiphanyatl/give/ecw>.

**FORMATION | Contemplative Practice**—*2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays in the Choir Loft at 4:00 p.m.*

The Contemplative Practice Group will not meet this month. They will next gather on Sunday, May 10.

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

Our youth group event this week is ice cream with Holy Trinity Parish! We will meet at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity to walk to Butter & Cream together. We will return around 6:30 p.m. Parents, please send your youth with \$5-10 (cash preferred) for their ice cream.

**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.

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

4/13—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For April: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride (at Epiphany). For May: *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II*, by Sonia Purnell. All are welcome. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

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

4/14—The Men's Breakfast Group gathers for breakfast and discussion following the 7:00 a.m. Tuesday service and are typically on their way by 8:00 a.m. Contact Dave Thompson with any questions.

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

4/14—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. For the month of April, our guest speaker is Tyese Lawyer, CEO of Our House, an agency providing services to children and families that include housing, education, and workforce development. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

**MUSIC & WORSHIP | Choir & Youth Choir Appreciation Dinner & Family Eucharist Service**

4/14—Children and Youth Choir members and their families, along with other families with young children, are invited to join us for dinner and a Family Eucharist on Tuesday, April 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP for the dinner at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

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

4/14—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.

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

4/15—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.

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

- 4/15—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 4/15—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.

FORMATION | **Contemplative Book Group**—*Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. April 16 through May 21 • Room 201 4/16*—The Contemplative Book Group will begin reflecting on *Fully Alive – Tending to the Soul in Turbulent Times* by Elizabeth Oldfield on Thursdays at 11:00 am from April 16 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**

DEADLINE 4/19—Our annual Youth Sunday and graduate recognition is Sunday, May 3 during the service. Youth are invited to serve in a variety of ways during this service. If your youth is interested in participating in the youth Sunday service, please contact Taylor at [tirwin@epiphany.org](mailto:tirwin@epiphany.org) by *Sunday, April 19*.

MEMBERSHIP & NEWCOMERS | **Spring Newcomers’ Gathering**—*Sunday, April 19 at 4:00 p.m. • Courtyard 4/19*—Epiphany’s membership committee invites all newcomers and visitors, both individuals and families, to a reception with sweet and savory snacks from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Old-timers are welcome too! 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. We also offer a tour of our campus. Please RSVP at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group Family Bowling Night**—*Sunday, April 19 at 5:00 p.m. • Comet Lanes 4/19*—Youth and their families are invited to a bowling night at Comet Lanes in Decatur! The cost of this event is \$10. Please RSVP at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) by April 12.

### PARISH GROUPS | **Young Adults | Church Construction and Compline with Carmie**

4/19—Church Construction and Compline with Carmie: Join the young adults on April 19 at 7:00 p.m. as we learn about church architecture. We will share a meal together, learn from our very own Carmie and end with compline. Reach out to Edie Brush if you have any questions!

### PARISH LIFE | **Chez Epiphany Cooking Class**—*Griddle Cooking • kitchen & parish hall*

4/23—The next Chez Epiphany Cooking Class with Joel Fowler will be Thursday, April 23 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The plan this time is to cook two griddle items. Okonomiyaki (Japanese savory pancakes) and grilled fruit skewers with dessert sauces. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes the class and the dinner we have together from what we cook. Register at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

### MUSIC & FORMATION | **The Bach/Biber Project**—POSTPONED

4/26—The sixth and final performance of the Bach/Biber Project with violinist Judith Cox and organist Julie Ryder has been postponed. Look for a new date to be announced soon. For more information, visit Bach/Biber Project at [bachbiberproject.com](http://bachbiberproject.com).

### PARISH LIFE | **Graduate Recognition**—*Sunday, May 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”** —*Sunday, 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. - 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!

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

4/21—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**

4/21—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.

#### **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.

#### **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).

#### **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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