



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 ✠ 10:00 AM

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

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

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

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

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



We are passing the plate, but if you would prefer to virtually pass the plate today, use your phone's camera to scan this QR code. Visit epiphany.org/ways-to-give to learn about other ways to give to our parish or to make a pledge. You'll also find more information about Realm, our secure online community.

Recording/Livestreaming may be in progress: Liturgies and meetings at Church of the Epiphany may be live-streamed and/or recorded so that we may include those who cannot be with us physically. If you prefer to sit in a location where you will be less visible to the camera, please let an usher, clergy, or staff person know.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, founded in 1898, is a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop.

Clergy: The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright, *Rector*; The Rev. Carmie McDonald, *Associate Priest for Family Ministry & Community Engagement*

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

Voluntary—Chorale Prelude on Jesus loves me

Arr. Albert L. Travis

Processional Hymn 518—Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

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.

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 4:5-12

The day after they had arrested Peter and John for teaching about Jesus and the resurrection, the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23—Sung by all, seated

Brother James' Air

Dominus regit me

1 The Lord's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, And me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence of my foes;

In pas-tures green; he lead-eth me The qui-et wa-ters by.
 With-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, E'en for his own name's sake;
 For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me com-fort still;
 My head thou dost with oil a-noint, And my cup o-ver-flows.

He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me The qui-et wa-ters by.
 With-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, E'en for his own name's sake.
 For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me com-fort still.
 My head thou dost with oil a-noint, And my cup o-ver-flows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
 and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be,
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The Second Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us~ and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Sequence Hymn 644—How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

St. Peter

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away~ and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

The Sermon

A period of silence is kept

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

The Nicene Creed—*Celebrant and People*

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

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

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

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People for Easter

God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the resurrection of your Son.

Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

We praise you, Almighty God.

Alleluia! Amen!

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

Alleluia! Amen!

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

Alleluia! Amen!

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

Alleluia! Amen!

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

We praise you, Almighty God.

Alleluia! Amen!

Celebrant's concluding collect

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Welcome

Offertory Anthem—My shepherd will supply my need

Virgil Thompson

Epiphany Choir

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name, in pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream; He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His way, and leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death His presence is my stay, one word of His supporting grace drives all my fears away; His hand in sight of all my foes doth still my table spread, my cup with blessings overflows, His oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may Thy house be my abode and all my work be praise; there would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home.

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

Gelobt sei Gott

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

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

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

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 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 208, verse 1

Victory

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

The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph

has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). It consists of five systems of music. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The second system has the lyrics: "The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -". The third system has the lyrics: "ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph". The fourth system has the lyrics: "has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!". The fifth system has the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines. A "Ped." (pedal) marking is present at the beginning of the first and fifth systems.

The Communion of the People

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

The Healing Rite

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

Communion Motet—JLM

Bradley Phillips

Epiphany Choir

Jesus loves me, of this I know, Jesus loves me for the bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, They are weak but he is so strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, the bible tells me so. Alleluia!

Communion Hymn 304—I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

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

Postcommunion Prayer—*Celebrant and People*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us heirs through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, bestow upon you the riches of divine blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 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

Grave

Felix Mendelssohn

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Names of friends and family are listed for four weeks. Contact the parish office if want them listed for another month.

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

For friends and family: Jeff Smith and Dave Hunter, family of Liefy & George Smith • Eleanor Whitman, aunt of Noelle Reetz • Ronnie Mercer, friend of David Draper • Ricky Vanhoy, uncle of Makayla Stadler • Jerry Butler, friend of Barbara Ryder, Linda Ryder-Wolf and Julie Ryder & Terri Lawrence • Susan & Zandra, friends of Nancy Chandler & Peggy Palmiter • Kathie Ashe, friend of Amanda Styles • Carrie Wade, partner of Chris Belcore • Burr Sutter, friend of Jeremy Davis • Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence and Julie Ryder • Gary Davis, father of Jeremy Davis • Diana Lawrence, niece of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

For members who desire our continuing prayers: Jewel Allen • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Tom Mundy • Pat Spivey • Ann Rowles • Shirley Sugden • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Kathy Walmsley • Colleen

For those who have died: Diana Moke Chadwick, friend of Susan Ashmore • Charlie Sawyer, family member of Amanda Styles

For those in the armed forces: Stewart Mundy

For those celebrating anniversaries for the week of 4/21-27: Chris Maurer & Paula Maiberger • Kenan & Ben Morrissey

For those celebrating birthdays for the week of 4/21-27: Jackie Mickle • Veta Smith • Keith Fox • Kaki Woodlief • Rebecca Follman • April Maa

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

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

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

For our endangered world: As we celebrate Earth Day, give us minds and hearts to rejoice in the majesty of creation. Teach us to be responsible stewards of this world and to seek the common good, that through your blessings all may flourish.

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

TODAY AT EPIPHANY

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

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

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

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

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

Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register your children and youth or check out the bulletin boards on the 2nd floor.

- **Room 205**—Godly Play children (3 years old through 2nd grade)
- **Room 206**—3rd and 5th grade
- **Lower-Level Classroom / Donut Den**—Youth (6th to 12th grade)

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group**

Tonight's Youth Group is an intergenerational gathering in which we'll talk about how our various identity markers can serve either as bridges or barriers. Join us and the Epiphany Racial Justice Group for good conversation, snacks, and fellowship. Email Emily Elder / eelder@epiphany.org if you plan to attend!

AN INTERGENERATIONAL EXPLORATION | **Identity - Barrier or Bridge?**

No matter how old we are, parts of our identity can draw us toward people who are like us and perhaps cause us to turn away from those who are different. Can understanding our own identities be used as a path to bring people together and follow Jesus' call to love one another? Join ERJG and Epiphany Youth tonight from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. to map the culture that formed you and how it affects the way you see the world. RSVP Required: If you plan to attend, please contact Emily Elder.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Art Ministry**—*now showing*

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

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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

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

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

4/23—The Men's Breakfast Group gathers for breakfast and discussion following the 7:00 a.m. Tuesday service and are typically on their way by 8:00 a.m. Contact: John Yntema

<p>CHOIR/CHILDREN & YOUTH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER TUESDAY, APRIL 23 FROM 5:30-7 P.M. • PARISH HALL</p>

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

- 4/24—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 4/24—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Car Wash!**

4/28—The Epiphany and Holy Trinity youth groups will be hosting a donations-based car wash in the Epiphany parking lot from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Donations will go toward this year's Youth Pilgrimage.

MEMBERSHIP | **Newcomers' Gathering**—*Sunday, April 28 from 4 to 5 p.m. • Courtyard*

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

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

WORSHIP/CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Sunday**—save the date

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

PARISH LIFE | **Graduate Recognition**

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

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

5/8-12—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter on 2nd Fridays. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

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

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

4/29—Members gather to pray, learn, and provide each other with mutual support as they reflect on their emotional and spiritual responses to pastoral encounters. If you or a loved one would like to receive a pastoral visit or home communion by one of the trained caregivers, please contact Ann Fowler.

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

5/2—The group meets each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss, led by parishioners Megan Fraijo-Paul and Nancy Thompson, both trained psychotherapists. Please contact Megan or Nancy before attending for the first time.

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

5/12—In May, the meeting time returns to 4:00 p.m. Come gather with us for a time of reflection, meditation instruction, and gathering with others seeking a more grounded way of being in the world. Led by Bobbi Patterson, Elizabeth Ura and Amy Dills-Wright. Contact: The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright.

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

5/13—All are welcome to join the Epiphany Book Group on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. This month they will meet in the parish hall. Contact Linda for the meeting link. Their book selection for May is *Cover Her Face*, by P. D. James. Contact: Linda Ryder-Wolf.

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

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

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

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

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