## Easter 2023

## **Epiphany Episcopal Church**

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"Unity in Diversity"



"I know not where the road may lead

I follow day by day, or where it ends; I only know I walk the King's Highway.

I know not if the way is long and no one else can say;

but rough or smooth, up hill or down, I walk the King's Highway."

(# 647, Episcopal Hymnal 1980)

#### Dear Members and Friends of Epiphany:

It has been a little over a year since the Rev. Dr. Phebe McPherson retired as you long-time Rector. Since then, much has been happening at Epiphany! **Faithful volunteers have stepped up to keep the Church open, Worship services running as usual, Pastoral Care offered, and Outreach continuing**. As the old hymn says, we know not where the road may lead, but we walk the King's Highway!

As your Interim Rector, I am working with the Vestry and other leaders to ensure that Epiphany has what it needs to evaluate the resources and discern the way of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the people. Recently, the Vestry sponsored a program looking back on the stellar service of Phebe, and beginning to look forward to what (or who!) is coming next in the life of the Church. Stay tuned, keep praying for the Church, and ask God to help you respond in ways to support the growth of God's Kingdom at Epiphany. Be sure to check out the newly updated Church website, sign up to receive the on-line "E-News" sent weekly, and if you wish, sign up on REALM to make a one-time donation or recurring gift to the Church.

Meanwhile, we are all looking forward to the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Day, April 9. We hope you will be able to join us for the festive Eucharist services at 8 and 10:30 that day, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our Church and community.

But before that comes Holy Week: Palm Sunday and the "Great Three Days" of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. As always, Epiphany will offer Services to mark this Holy Season. A schedule of Holy Week Services is printed on the reverse side of this letter.

In addition, you are invited to give to the Easter Memorial Fund in memory of or in honor of any loved ones using the form and envelope included in this letter. Any amount is welcome and will be used for special purposes as the Vestry decides. You may also bring donations of canned goods, toiletries, paper goods, spices and small personal items such as combs or emery boards. Put them in the Church on the "donation pew" inside the front door. These will be given to local charities.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. It means so much to know that so many of you care about this Church. I am discovering "hidden treasures" every day I serve you.

--The Rev. Anne O. Weatherholt, Interim Rector

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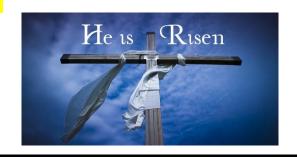
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# Holy Week Schedule, 2023

### April 1, Saturday before Palm Sunday



Join other Episcopalians as we walk the Outdoor Stations of the Cross, Saturday, April 1, at the Grotto of Lourdes, located on the campus of Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg. The address is: 16330 Grotto Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Information about the Grotto is found at <a href="https://www.nsgrotto.org/plan-your-visit.html">https://www.nsgrotto.org/plan-your-visit.html</a>. Meet in the Church parking lot at 8:30 AM to join a car pool, or at the Shrine Gift shop at 10 AM to join the group. Rev. Anne will meet you at the Grotto and be one of the guides for the morning pilgrimage.

### **April 2, Palm Sunday:**



8 AM - Holy Eucharist and Reading of the Passion Gospel 10:30 - Palm Sunday Procession, Holy Eucharist and Reading of the Passion Gospel.

### **April 6, Maundy Thursday:**



7 PM Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar



April 7, Good Friday: 12 Noon, Stations of the Cross at the Labyrinth (Indoors if weather is wet or cold)7 PM Good Friday Liturgy with Reserved Sacrament

### April 9, Easter Day:

8 & 10:30 AM – Festive Eucharist! Easter Egg Hunt!

