

October 1, 2023
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00AM and 10:30AM, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II



*Luigi Ademollo
(artist) 1764 – 1849
National Gallery of
Art*

He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed like a river in the desert.
Psalm 105:41

Epiphany Episcopal Church

Founded 1918

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*Epiphany-md.org – Information about the people, ministries, outreach,
and links to on-line worship.*

**We are a diverse community seeking to embody and share
the teachings and love of Jesus Christ for all people.**

The Rev. Anne Weatherholt, Interim Rector

Mark Hardy, Organist

Debbie Leonard, Director of Christian Education

Maryellen Polvino-Bodnar, Assistant for Pastoral Care

Welcome to Epiphany Episcopal Church

If you are a guest today, please sign the register and make yourself known to the people around you. The Episcopal Church welcomes everyone to the world-wide Anglican Communion, and to this historic WW I Chapel in the Diocese of Maryland. ***We are glad you are here*** and hope you will return! Please make yourself at home and if you need anything, just ask and someone will be glad to assist you. ***The restrooms*** are located through either door on the side of the fireplace at the back of the Church. There is a ***ramp*** for easy access on the side of the Church opposite the road. **Sign up for our weekly “E-News” delivered to your email by Constant Contact:** <https://epiphany-md.org/events/>.

Children and Youth, Toddlers-Teens, are invited to “Godly Play” on Sundays in the Conboy Center during the 10:30 AM service. The Mission of Godly Play is: To make meaning through story, wonder, and play and nurture spiritual lives by honoring the centrality, competency, and capacity of children. Children come into Church for Communion.

All baptized persons of any age are welcome to receive communion at our services. If you or a family member are not baptized and would like to know more about joining the Church and making a commitment to the Christian way of life, speak to the clergy or call the Church office. Holy Baptism is the initiation by which we become members of Christ’s body, the Church, and are invited to grow in love for God and service to others, supported by a spiritual family.

Health guidelines: Masks are encouraged, and hand sanitizer is provided on the literature tables.

At the time of Communion, you may intinct (“dip”) the consecrated bread in the small intinction bowl of wine offered by the Celebrant, or drink from the chalice of wine.

Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are offered by the Priest when you come forward to receive Holy Communion.

The Rev. Anne O. Weatherholt, Interim Rector

Rector’s Cell: 301-491-5792

Office Hours on Thursdays or by appointment

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Be sure to call the church office or the Interim Rector’s Cell Phone
if you or a loved one is in the hospital or in need of a visit.

WORSHIP NOTES

The Liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Hymns are found according to the following: H=Blue Hymnal, S=front portion of the Blue Hymnal,

LEVAS = Black cover, Lift every voice and sing. The Hymns are omitted at the 8 AM service.

You are invited to add names for today’s prayers on the clipboard near the Altar.

We Gather in the Name of God

THE PRELUDE

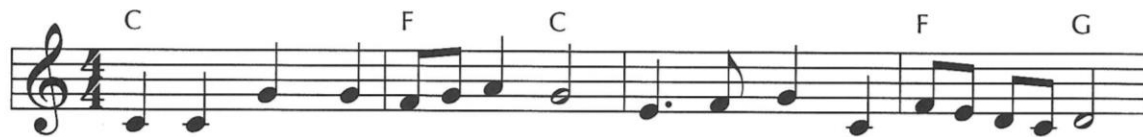
THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN H 435 - At the Name of Jesus

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

People 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.

THE SONG OF PRAISE God Of Great and God of Small



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

We Hear the Word of God

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

Lector A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALM: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *Attendite, popule*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us,
* we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, * and the wonderful works he has done.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, * and the waters gushed out like rivers.

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

Lector A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN H 439 - What Wondrous Love Is This (vs. 1-2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN **H 439** - What Wondrous Love Is This (vs. 3)

We Respond to the Word of God

Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

THE SERMON *The Rev. Anne O. Weatherholt, Interim Rector*

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form III BCP p. 387

The Lector adds petitions from the clipboard.

THE PRAYER FOR PEACE (Written by the Rev. Dr. Phebe McPherson)
Oh God, the Father and Mother of all, guide us into the ways of peace. Lead us from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred, cruelty, violence and mean spiritedness; fill us with generosity, hospitality, and love; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION BCP p. 360

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

You are invited to offer each other a sign of peace as each is comfortable.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Season kick-off

We Give Thanks to God

See Page 11 for details about offering our gifts.

THE OFFERTORY

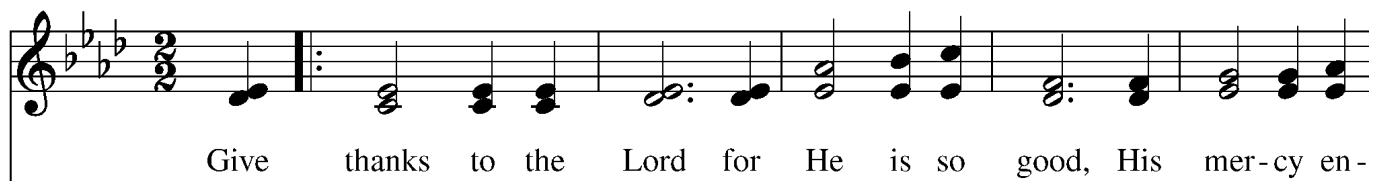
O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

Revelation 4:11

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Epiphany Choir

THE PRESENTATION HYMN **LEVAS 93**

Sung at 10:30.



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ev - er.) 1. To Him a - lone who does might - y won - ders,
2. He made the sun to gov - ern the day - time,

1. Who by His un - der - stand - ing made the hea - vens.
2. The moon and stars to gov - ern o'er the night - time. *D.C.*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER "C" BCP p. 369

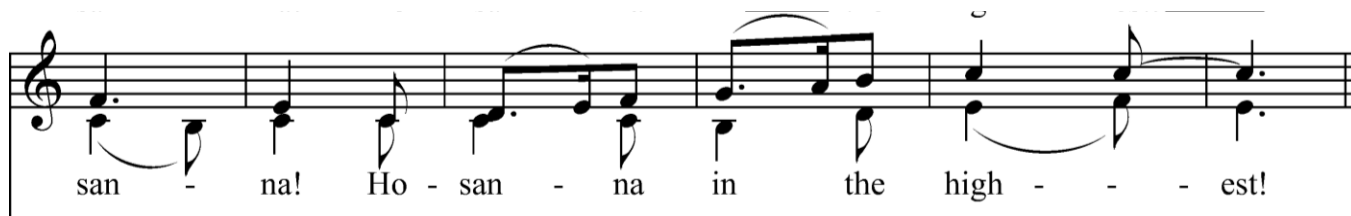
THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, God of power and

power and might, — heaven and earth are full, — are full

of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -

san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!



The Celebrant continues on page 371.

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP p. 364

We Break the Bread of Life

A moment of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us!

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM LEVAS 155 - This Is My Body THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Said at 10:30 on behalf of those viewing this service online.

From the Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces,

In Union, O Lord with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God.

We Share the Gifts of God

Everyone who comes to this Holy Table is welcome.

*You may be seated or kneel as you are able before and after receiving
Holy Communion.*

*If you wish to receive Holy Communion, come forward to receive the bread and wine.
You may receive the consecrated bread and either intinct ("dip") it in the small intinction bowl
or drink from the Chalice offered by the chalice.*

*Gluten free bread and non-alcoholic wine (in small cups) are available from the Priest.
If you have never been baptized, you are invited to explore with us what this entrance to the
Christian Faith is like. Prayers for healing are offered at each service.*

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

H 339 - Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness

Levas 111 - Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP P. 365

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If you have a birthday or anniversary during this past or coming week, you are invited to come forward as the community offers a prayer.

Birthday Prayer BCP p. 830

We Go Forth in the Name of God

THE BLESSING

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN H 711 - Seek Ye First

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ, to live as a diverse community – seeking to embody and share the teachings and love of Jesus Christ for all people! Alleluia, Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God!! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Please remain after the service for Fellowship

Offering Our Gifts



If you wish to give on-line, use the QR code to link to the “give” page on the Church website or go to <https://epiphany-md.org/giving/>. Text Epiphany1918 to 73256 to link to the online giving form. If you include a dollar amount after the word “Epiphany1918” the form will be filled in with that dollar amount for you.

You may also sign up for recurring gifts, as well as update or add your Church information by joining REALM, our Church database. <https://epiphany-md.org/giving/>. Pick up one of the brochures about REALM on the literature table to find out how to join the Church REALM community. *If you want to use a credit card for online giving, please double check to make sure the name & address you enter in REALM matches those on your credit card account billing profile.*

Gifts of time and talent are welcome! Please speak to the Interim Rector or a Vestry member for areas of need where you can offer your interests and abilities.

The Shared Life of the Community of Faith

The Flowers today are given by Maryellen Polvino-Bodner



We begin our Stewardship Season today with the enclosed meditation by Catherine Clair, a Vestry member and Stewardship coordinator. Each week we will hear from another member and another perspective. Pledge cards will be mailed in October and Sunday, November 26 will be our festive “In-Gathering” and presentation of our pledges for 2024.

COMING UP

October 8, St. Francis Pet Blessing

Bring your pet companions (suitably restrained) for a blessing following both services. The blessing will take place at the outside basin near the Memorial Garden. St. Francis Pet Medals will be blessed. *You may also bring a picture* of your pet companions if they cannot accompany you, and we will pray for pets who have died in the past year.



Saturday, October 14: Pilgrimage to the Harriet Tubman Museum and Education Center.

We will meet for carpooling at 9:30 AM in the parking lot of Fowler United Methodist Church, 816 Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD. Bring a packed lunch. We will eat at the center, and tours are scheduled for us. You may choose to stay longer at the end to view the exhibits or return home. We have invited members of Fowler UM to join us! This Pilgrimage is suitable for all ages.

“Open” baptism day Sunday, October 15! If you have not yet been baptized, you are welcome to present yourself or a family member for this special Sacrament! Contact Anne+ for more information: anneweatherholt@gmail.com

Adult Bible Study

Join with others to consider the lectionary lessons for the coming Sunday. 9:30 A.M. in the Conboy Center Lounge, led by Jessica Clark. New Bibles have been donated!

Food Insecurity is in our own community!

Thank you to those who have brought offerings for the **CAP Food Pantry!** There is a tremendous need in our area for food, especially canned proteins such as tuna or chicken, hearty soups, Peanut Butter, Jelly and boxed milk. Non-perishable food items are welcome. Please leave your offerings on the pew inside the front door.





CALLING ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED OR RECEIVED!

Confirmation is for baptized persons to affirm their commitment as members of the Episcopal Church. **Reception** is for baptized persons who have already been confirmed in the Roman Catholic or Lutheran Church who wish to transfer their membership to the Episcopal Church. The link for the online classes is:

<https://episcopalmaryland.org/formation/> Join *the Center for online learning* and create your account (FREE). Once you have registered, type “The Episcopal Way”

in the search bar. This is the introductory class. For the next five classes search “Walk in Love.” Start with # 1 and it will lead you through the entire course. Add on “English Origins of the Book of Common Prayer,” and that completes the entire course of study. If you wish, you may purchase “Walk in Love,” in paper or digital form. It is a wonderful guide to the Episcopal Church. *If you have not yet contacted Rev. Anne about your intentions to be Confirmed or Received, please do so at your earliest convenience. anneweatherholt@gmail.com.*

African American Civil Rights History – October 1963

SNCC members John O’Neal and Doris Derby join actor/journalist Gilbert Moses and thespians at Tougaloo College to form the Drama Workshop at Tougaloo College in **October**, which grows into the Free Southern Theater (FST). Racially integrated and dedicated to social change, the FST takes live theater to poor, rural, mostly Black audiences across Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Georgia, refusing to play to segregated audiences. Acclaimed artists Harry Belafonte, Langston Hughes, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, James Baldwin, Lorraine Hansberry, Sidney Poitier, Theodore Bikel, and Lincoln Kirstein support the project.

The movement against segregation and inequality in Chicago schools had been going on for years, but climaxed on **October 22**, 1963, when over 200,000 Chicago students boycotted school as part of “Freedom Day.” Additionally, at least 10,000 students, parents, and community members protested outside the headquarters of the Chicago Board of Education. While there wasn’t a clear-cut victory, the Board of Education felt the pressure and agreed to increase the number of Black students who could transfer to white schools.

On the morning of **October 7th**, on what SNCC and DCVL called “Freedom Day,” 350 Black residents of Selma bravely lined up at the county courthouse—risking their livelihoods—and attempted to register to vote. The registrars intentionally slowed down the proceedings. Sheriff Clark, his deputies, and supporters forbade Freedom Day participants from leaving the line to eat, drink, or use the restroom. A group of organizers attempted to bring food and water to the Black residents waiting in line. These organizers were beaten and shocked with cattle prods by the state and local officials. A reporter was also beaten by state troopers. Representatives of the FBI and the Department of Justice witnessed these unlawful attacks but did nothing to intervene.