

April 21, 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00AM and 10:30AM, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II



**The Unfaithful
Shepherd,
c.1567/69**
**Pieter Bruegel the
Elder** Location:
Philadelphia
Museum of Art,
Pennsylvania,
USA

“The proud person always wants to do the right thing, the great thing. But because he wants to do it in his own strength, he is fighting not with man, but with God.” — Soren A. Kierkegaard

Epiphany Episcopal Church

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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, Music Director

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 205 – Good Christians All Rejoice
and Sing

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

All 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 S 280 - Glory to God (*Powell*)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.*

Please be seated.

We Hear the Word of God

THE FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Lector A reading from the book of Acts.

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are

questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALM: Psalm 23

*The Psalm is said responsively by whole verse at the 8 AM service,
and sung at the 10:30 service.*

¹The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways
for his Name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Lector A reading from the first book of John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How 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? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness

before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And 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. ²⁴All 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN H 664 - My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
(vs. 1-2)**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint John.

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

Jesus said, ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN H 664 - My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
(vs. 3)**

We Respond to the Word of God

Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

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

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III BCP p. 387

The Lector adds Petitions.

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

We Offer our Gifts to God

Information about giving is at the end of this bulletin. Links are provided.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and Sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

THE ANTHEM **The Epiphany Choir**

PRESENTATION HYMN H 380 - From All that Dwell below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung through every land, by every tongue!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord, and truth eternal is thy word:
thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

We Give Thanks to God

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP p. 361

Celebrant The Lord 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**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

THE SANCTUS LEVAS 256 – Holy, Holy, Holy

(piano) Ho - ly,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow'r_ and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.____

The Celebrant continues in the BCP, page 362.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...
 ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father....

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP p. 364

We Break the Bread of Life

A moment of silence is kept.

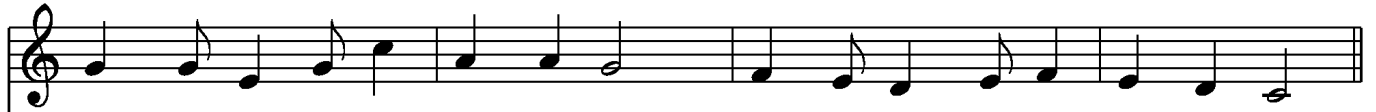
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us!

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

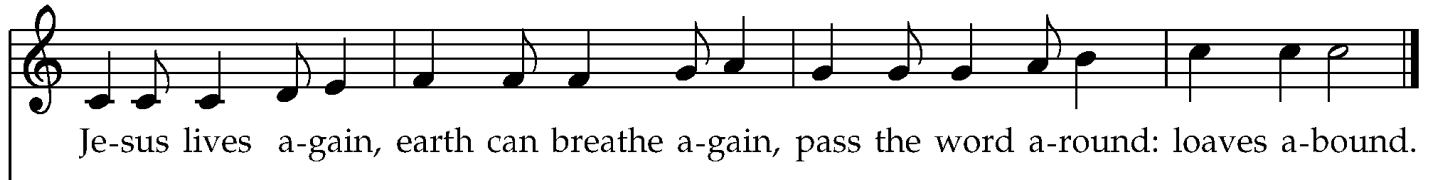
THE FRACTION ANTHEM Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal-ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is brok-en, the wine is poured, Christ is spok - en and seen and heard:
teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press:
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God Em-man - u - el ev - ery - where:



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the word a-round: loaves a-bound.

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.

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.

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

LEVAS 104 - The Lord Is My Shepherd.

LEVAS 96 - He Is King of Kings

We Go Forth in the Name of God

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

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

THE EASTERTIDE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **AMEN**

RECESSIONAL HYMN H 304 - I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

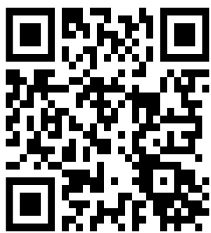
THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant and People

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

The Flowers today are given by an anonymous donor.

Offering Our Gifts



Use the QR Code to link to the “giving” page on the Church website: <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. See your YTD giving, as well as update or add your Church information by joining REALM, our Church database. Send an email request

to realm.admin@epiphany-md.org or treasurer@epiphany-md.org.

- Pick up a brochure about REALM on the literature table to find out how to join the Church REALM community.
- Use a credit card for online giving and 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 Flower donation chart has plenty of space!

There is a list of dates on the literature table. Sign up to donate flowers for our Sunday morning worship. You will get a call to remind you when it is your turn to bring flowers to decorate our Sanctuary! You may donate in the name of a loved one or occasion.



MEAL TRAIN FOR DEBBIE LEONARD:

While Debbie is recuperating, we can help by signing up for a “Meal Train” for her family. Due to her stroke, Debbie will be out on disability from her school job and unable to work in the coming months. Use this link:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/7zy288>, and

extend your ministry! All necessary details for diet and delivery are on the webpage.

Recognition and Investiture of the XV Bishop of Maryland, this Saturday, April 27, at 11am. All are invited to join in one of the most unique, festive and joyful traditions in The Episcopal Church, the Recognition and Investiture of a Diocesan Bishop. Since seating at the Cathedral is limited, you are encouraged to join in on-line at <http://bit.ly/edomlive>.

A Retirement Party for Bishop Sutton takes place Sunday, May 5, 4-6 PM at Claggett Center in Buckeystown, Maryland. All are welcome to attend and say a fond farewell to Bishop Sutton who has faithfully served the Diocese of Maryland for many years.

Four named to election slate for 28th Presiding Bishop

Electing and confirming a new presiding bishop to serve a nine-year term will be a top order of business for the 81st General Convention when it convenes June 23-28 in Louisville, Kentucky. Five candidates are scheduled to address bishops and deputies in a two-hour session on June 21. The nominating committee will formally submit their names June 25 during a joint session of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, and on June 26, the House of Bishops will hold a closed session at Christ Church Cathedral for the election. The bishops then will ask the House of Deputies to vote to confirm the result of the election. Bishops J. Scott Barker (Nebraska), Daniel Gutiérrez (Pennsylvania), Sean Rowe (Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York), and Robert Wright (Atlanta) have been selected for nomination as the church's next presiding bishop. Central New York Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe on April 16 was added as a nominee by petition to stand for election as The Episcopal Church's 28th presiding bishop, joining four other bishops who were announced two weeks ago on the initial slate of nominees to succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. For more information about this important event in the life of our Church go to:

<https://generalconvention.org/nominees-for-the-28th-presiding-bishop>