

July 7, 2024
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
8:00AM and 10:00 AM, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II



“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. “— **Marianne Williamson, A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of "A Course in Miracles"**

Epiphany Episcopal Church

Founded 1918

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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.**

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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 10:00 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.**

For Pastoral Care, please Contact Maryellen Polvino-Bodnar
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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 413 - New Songs of Celebration
Render

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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 LEVAS 216 - In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Lector A reading from the book Ezekiel.

¹He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALM: Psalm 123

*The Psalm is said responsively by whole verse at the 8 AM service,
and sung at the 10:00 service.*

- ¹ To you I lift up my eyes,
* to you enthroned in the heavens.
- ² As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
* and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- ³ So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
* until he show us his mercy.
- ⁴ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
* for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- ⁵ Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
* and of the derision of the proud.

THE SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Lector A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

2 I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. 3 And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— 4 was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. 5 On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. 6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, 7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, 9 but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN H 635 - If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee (vs. 1)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

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

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

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power

there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN **H 635 - If Thou but Trust in God to Guide
Thee (vs. 2)**

We Respond to the Word of God

Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

THE SERMON The Rev. Canon Christine McCloud

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form III BCP p. 387
*The Lector adds petitions listed by the people on the clipboard
at the front of the Church.*

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 PRESENTATION HYMN “Diverse in Culture” *Tallis Canon*

Said at 8:00, sung at 10:00.

*Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace.
God help us be a meeting ground, where hope and healing can be found.*

*God let us be a bridge of care connecting people everywhere.
Help us confront all fear and hate and lust for pow’r that separate.*

*When chasms widen, storms arise, O Holy Spirit, make us wise.
Let our resolve, like steel, be strong to stand with those who suffer wrong.*

*God let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread;
Where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as friends.*

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 255 – Holy, Holy, Holy

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 LEVAS 155 - This Is My Body

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Said at 10:00 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 chaliceist.

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 149 - In Remembrance of Me

Levas 194 - Lead Me, Guide Me

We Go Forth in the Name of God

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To

him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
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 BLESSING

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring
be with you, now and always. *Amen.*

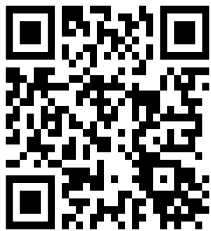
RECESSIONAL HYMN Levas 181- Amazing Grace

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!**

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 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 Anna Barton and John Cunningham In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren: Rebecca, Sarah, Caitlin, Jacob, and Jane, Emma, and Clara.

We warmly welcome back **The Rev. Canon Christine McCloud**, Canon to the Ordinary for Administration, to celebrate today's services at Epiphany.



