

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30am – Baptism and Holy Eucharist, Rite II



WE THANK YOU, FATHER, FOR THE WATER OF BAPTISM

Epiphany Episcopal Church

Founded 1918

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

The Rev. Joshua Rodríguez-Hobbs, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Gail Tucker, Deacon

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.

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 Rev. Joshua Rodríguez-Hobbs
rector@epiphany-md.org - 443-931-9989 by call or text.

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.

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

We Gather in the Name of God

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 READINGS ARE FOUND BEGINNING ON PAGE 5
IN THIS BULLETIN.

We Respond to the Word of God

THE SERMON *The Reverend Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs*

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form VI BCP p. 392

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 BCP p. 360

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.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Give Thanks to God

THE 8 AM SERVICE CONTINUES
WITH THE OFFERTORY AND HOLY EUCHARIST
BEGINNING ON **PAGE 11.**

10:30 AM – HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

We Gather in the Name of God

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN H 379 - God Is Love

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We Hear the Word of God

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector: A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to

those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALM: Psalm 54

- ¹ Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- ² Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- ³ For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- ⁴ Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- ⁵ Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- ⁶ I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- ⁷ For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

THE SECOND READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Lector: A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or

hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN LV 70 - I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (vs. 1-2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

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

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

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN LV 70 - I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (vs. 3)

We Respond to the Word of God

THE SERMON *The Reverend Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs*

Holy Baptism

THE BAPTISMAL HYMN H 490 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the
Light

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

River Vincent Udani Robertshaw

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents **We present River to receive
the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought
up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the
full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

The Renunciations

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that
rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and
destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

The Affirmations

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Response of the Community

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support River in his life in Christ?

People **WE WILL!!**

Celebrant Let us join with this child who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT **BCP, p. 304**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES **BCP, p. 305**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER **BCP, p. 306**

THE BAPTISM

River, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

River, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

River, receive the light of Christ; a sign of new life enkindled within you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant, River, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Welcoming the New Member

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized!

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood!

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

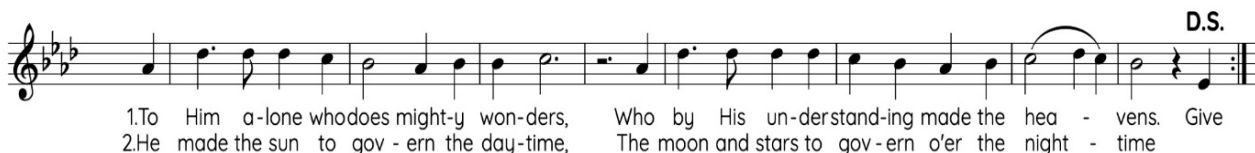
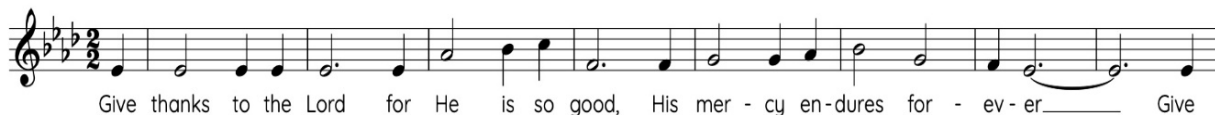
We Give Thanks to God

THE 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

THE PRESENTATION HYMN



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D BCP, p. 372

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 him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

THE SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full are full of your glo - ry
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love... Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

The Celebrant adds the congregation's prayer requests.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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 LV 149 - In Remembrance of Me (vs. 1 only)

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

H 635 - If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

H 482 - Lord of All Hopefulness

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

Watch over your child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Blessing *Book of Occasional Services p. 214*

Grant, O God, in your compassion, that N. and N., having taken each other in marriage, and affirming again the covenant which they have made, may grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

THE BLESSING

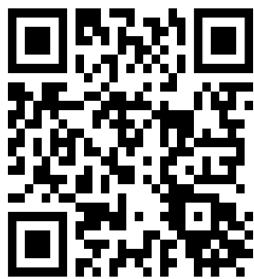
THE RECESSIONAL HYMN **H 492 - Sing Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon 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!

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

Offering Our Gifts

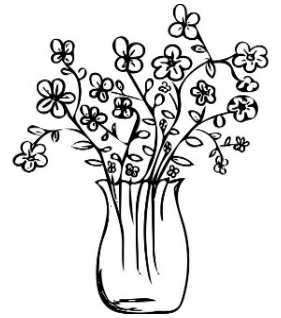


Use the QR Code to link to the “giving” page on the Church website: **<https://epiphany-md.org/giving/>**. **Text** Epiphany1918 to 73256 to link to the online giving form. If you include a dollar amount after the word “Epiphany1918” the form will be filled in with that dollar amount for you. See your 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 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.

The flowers today are given by Chuck and Tatsuko Davis in honor of their daughters, Alyssa and Sara.

Buildings and Grounds Clean-up

You are invited to join us on Saturday, September 28 for a Buildings and Grounds Clean-Up day. We will gather at 9:00 AM. We will be focusing keeping our outdoor spaces looking wonderful and inviting.

Blessing of the Animals

We will have our annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 6 following both the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. All creatures great and small are welcome at the 10:30 AM services. To allow those with allergies to attend worship safely, we ask that you do not bring pets to the 8:00 AM service.

Odenton Elementary's Fall Festival

The Odenton Elementary PTA has invited us to join them for their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 19. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, you can sign up online

at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45AAA92DA4FA7-51007408-fall>