

October 27, 2024
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
8:00AM and 10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Epiphany Episcopal Church

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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 Rodriguez-Hobbs, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Gail Tucker, Deacon

Dr. 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.

We Gather in the Name of God

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN H 493 - O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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 H 679 - Surely It Is God Who Saves Me



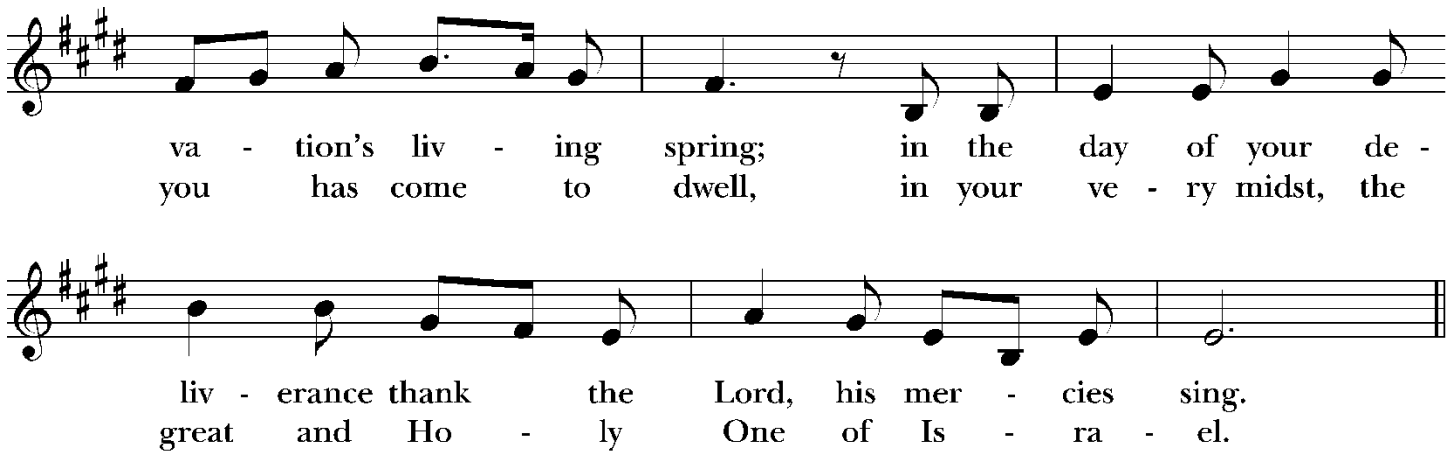
1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - jice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Lector A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

⁷For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALM: Psalm 126

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

- ¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
² Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
³ Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
⁴ The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
⁵ Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
⁶ Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
⁷ Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

Lector A reading from the book of Hebrews.

²³Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN: H 302 - Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast
Planted (vs. 1)**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

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

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

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN H 302 - Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast
Planted (vs. 2)**

We Respond to the Word of God

Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

THE SERMON *Rev. Joshua Rodríguez-Hobbs*

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to walk in love together.

I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect, Carrie, our Bishop, Josh, our Rector, Gail, our Deacon, and Jessica, seeking ordination. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for... (*The Intercessor names the parishes and clergy appointed in the diocesan cycle of prayer.*) As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to hostilities, for a spirit of Goodwill. We pray for our citizens as we elect leaders, and for leaders who serve with love. As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts. As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair, especially... (*The Intercessor prays for the congregation's written prayer requests*). We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn, especially... (*The intercessor prays for the congregation's written prayer requests.*) As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church. As Christ loved us, **We walk in love.**

Celebrant

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. **Amen.**

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: Enriching Our Worship 1

Deacon says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant prays

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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 OFFERTORY ANTHEM **The Epiphany Choir**

THE PRESENTATION HYMN **Levas 93 - Give Thanks to the Lord**

We Give Thanks to God

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer: Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship 1

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy... *The Celebrant continues with a Proper Preface...*

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE SANCTUS S 129 - Holy, Holy, Holy

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP p. 364

We Break the Bread of Life

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us!

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM H 333 - Now the Silence, Now the Peace

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 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 35 - O How He Loves You and Me

LEVAS 152 - Let Us Break Bread

We Go Forth in the Name of God

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN All My Days



1. You know my words be - fore they're said. You
2. If I should fly be - yond the dawn, the
3. Our ev - ery thought, each word we say, the
4. O mend my heart and free my voice. From



know my need and I am fed. You
dark - ness will not o - ver - come. If
whole of time, the pres - ent day, are
sin re - leased, I will re - joice. O

give me life. You know my ways, my
 I lie down in deep - est night, still
 held with - in your might - y hand, too
 search me, Lord, my spir - it cries, and

strength, my path, for all my days, my
 you are there, my Lord, my light, still
 won - der - ful to com - pre - hend, too
 let my song of praise a - rise, and

4
 praise a - rise!

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!

People **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 Nancy Green in memory of her son, Michael.

Adult Bible Study

The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study continues at 9 AM. In October and November, we will look at what the Bible says about stewardship from a variety of perspectives. How does God call us to be stewards of creation? What does Jesus say about stewardship in the parables? How did the early Christians take care of one another's needs? How are we called to be stewards of God's story for future

generations? Each week we will look at one topic. Join us at 9 AM in the Conboy Center. If you need a Bible, please let Rev. Josh know.

Celebration of New Ministry

Bishop Carrie will visit Epiphany on Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 PM to install Rev. Josh as our rector and to celebrate our new ministry together. All are invited to attend this special service, either in person or online. A dessert reception will follow. Please speak with Maryellen or Rev. Josh if you are interested in helping with the reception.

Thank You for Hurricane Helen Donations

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to St. James' Episcopal Church's Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. Epiphany made a contribution of \$540 to help with reconstruction efforts in western North Carolina.

Thanksgiving Celebration

We are concluding our Walk In Love Stewardship Campaign with a special thanksgiving for all of the blessings we have received through Epiphany. On Sunday, November 24, we will have one service at 10:30 AM. We will give thanks for our blessings, bless our pledges of time, talent, and treasure, and share a pot-luck meal together. Details on the pot-luck will be coming soon.