

October 6, 2024
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00AM and 10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II



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 Rodriguez-Hobbs, Rector

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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 10:30 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 416 - For the Beauty of the Earth

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 678 - Surely It Is God Who Saves Me



1 Sure - ly it is God _____ who saves me;
2 Make his deeds _____ known to the peo - ples;



trust - ing him, I shall not fear. For the Lord de - fends and
tell out his ex - alt - ed Name. Praise the Lord, who has done



shields me and his sav - ing help is near. So re - joice as
great things; all his works his might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your



you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the
voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to dwell, in your



day of your de - liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
ve - ry midst, the 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, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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: Genesis 2:18-24

Lector A reading from the book of Genesis.

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALM: Psalm 8

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

- ¹ O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- ² Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- ³ You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- ⁴ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- ⁵ What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- ⁶ You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- ⁷ You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- ⁸ All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- ⁹ The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- ¹⁰ O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Lector A reading from the book of Hebrews.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a

little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN H 353 - Your Love, O God, Has Called Us
Here (vs. 1-2)**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

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

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

²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and

said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN H 353 - Your Love, O God, Has Called Us
Here (vs. 3)**

We Respond to the Word of God

Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

THE SERMON *The Rev. Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs*

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form VI BCP p. 392

*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. 393

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 C BCP p. 369

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned

against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS S 129 - Holy, Holy, Holy

The Celebrant continues in the BCP, page 371.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *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 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 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 593 - Lord Make Us Servants of Your Peace

VF 107 - Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and

The first system of the musical score is for the hymn 'Let All Things Now Living'. It features a vocal line in G major and 3/4 time, with two verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand part with chords and a left-hand part with a steady bass line.

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics describe God as the creator who has shaped the world.

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

The third system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics describe God's protection and guidance.

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our

The fourth system concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics express the hymn's purpose and the singer's participation.

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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

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 H 400 - All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1-4)

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 Coral Codner in honor of Dwight’s 39th birthday.

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>

Trunk or Treat

We will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26 from 2-5 PM. Thanks to generous donations from parishioners, we will have a popcorn machine and a snowball machine to provide treats for children. If you are interested in decorating your car and passing out candy or helping in another way, please reach out to Debbie Leonard at drmaqueen2004@yahoo.com. Flyers are available by request to invite members of your neighborhood to join us for the Halloween fun!

Fund for Hurricane Helene Relief

As many may have seen on the news over the last week, Western North Carolina was hit by record-breaking rainfall and wind from Helene, leading to catastrophic flooding, washed out roads, and a continued loss of power and utilities across the area. Sarah Kleinwechter's parents live in this area and made it safely through the storm; this week they were able to leave to be with family out of state. They passed along this info from their rector at St James Episcopal in Black Mountain, for any who are looking for ways to help people affected by the storm: "Many of us have friends and connections beyond this devastated region asking how they might support the recovery efforts. St. James is committed to supporting our community for the long-haul required for the restoration of lives and community. To this end we now have on our donation page the option to designate to The Helene Relief Fund. The entirety of these funds will be disbursed directly to those most impacted by Helene, particularly addressing vital losses that are not addressed by FEMA and private insurance." Donations may be made at <https://www.stjameswnc.org/giving>.

Adult Bible Study

The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will resume on Sunday, October 20 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.