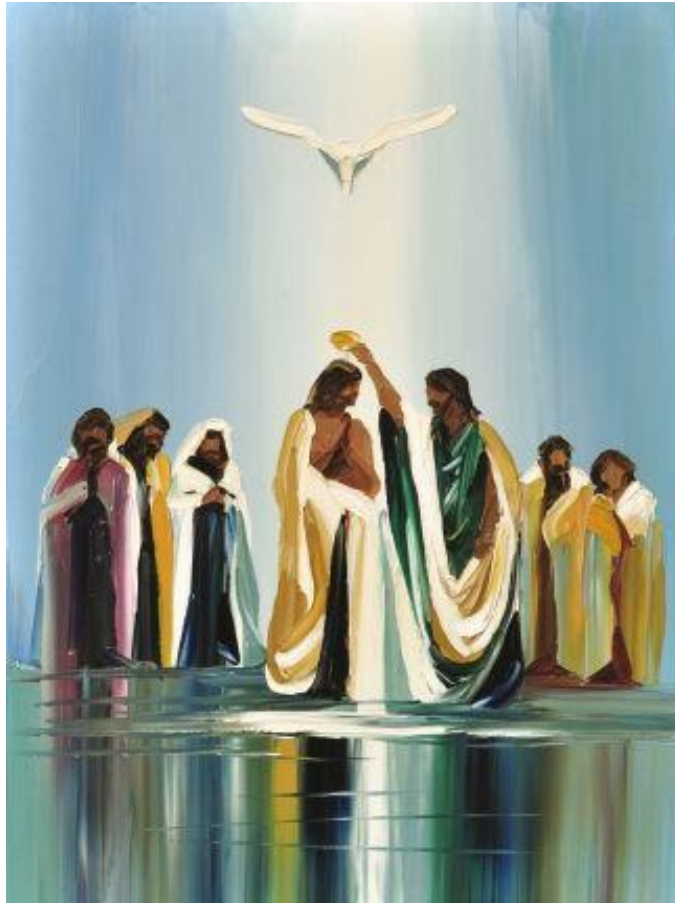


**January 12, 2025**  
**First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**The Baptism of Our Lord**  
**8:00AM and 10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II**



**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

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.*

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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.*

# The Word of God

## THE PRELUDE

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN    LEVAS 141 - Shall We Gather at the River

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*        Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*            And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*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.**

## SONG OF PRAISE    LEVAS 219 - This Is the Day

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*All*            **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING:    **Isaiah 43:1-7**

*Lector*    A reading from the book of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love

you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*All*            **Thanks be to God!**

## **THE PSALM:    Psalm 29**

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
    ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
    worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory  
    thunders; \* the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
    the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
    the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
    and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord  
    shakes the wilderness; \* the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- <sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
    and strips the forests bare.
- <sup>9</sup> And in the temple of the Lord \*  
    all are crying, “Glory!”
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
    the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
    the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**THE SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17**

*Lector* A reading from the book of Acts.

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God!**

**SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS 143 - Wade in the Water (vs. 1-2)**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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

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

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS 143 - Wade in the Water (vs. 3-4)**

**THE SERMON *Rev. Joshua Rodríguez-Hobbs***

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS BCP. 292**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV BCP p. 388**

## **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** 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**

### **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** H 410 - Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

## The Holy Communion

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B** BCP p. 367

*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... 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

**THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP p. 364**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us!

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

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM LEVAS 149 - In Remembrance of Me**

1. In re - mem - brance of me,  
2. (In re - ) mem - brance of me,

1. eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re -  
2. heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re -



1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is  
 2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

1. done. In re -  
 2. in, Let him in.

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber

too. That this in my bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for

you, shed for you. In re - mem - brance of me

search for truth. In re - mem - brance of me al - ways love. In re -

mem-brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart —  
 — look for God. Do this in re - mem-brance of me.

## 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.**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. You may receive the consecrated wine by intincting—dipping the host into the vessel held by the priest—or by drinking from the common cup. The intinction vessel contains alcohol-free wine. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Prayers for healing are offered at the rear of the chapel. If you would like to learn more about baptism, please speak to Rev. Josh following the service.*

## THE COMMUNION HYMNS

**H 296 - We Know that Christ Is Raised**

**H 304 - I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord**

**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

### 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 490 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

### THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*    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!**

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## 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](mailto:realm.admin@epiphany-md.org) or [treasurer@epiphany-md.org](mailto: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.

### **Donations for the CAP Food Bank are needed.**

This month and next, CAP is requesting beans - canned beans and dry beans, any flavor, any kind. Ready-to-eat meals in rip-top cans are especially helpful to those who don't have access to kitchens or can openers.

### **Adult Bible Study**

Adult Bible Study meets at 9am in the Conboy Center.

**1/12:** Genesis 25:29-24, 27:1-4, 18-40, 28:12-22, 32:24-31, 37:3-8, 17-28, 41:14-45, 45:1-15, 50:15-26

**1/19:** Canon Randy Callendar presents on Truth & Reconciliation Ministries

**1/26:** Exodus 1:8-22, 2:1-5, 3:1-20, 4:1-31, 7:14-24, 11:4-10, 12:1-32, 50-51

### **Paper Towels**

We need donations of paper towels. You can drop off paper towels in the Conboy Center on Sundays or on Mondays between 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM.

### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**

We will hold our annual celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 19. Canon Randy Callendar, the Canon for Mission at the diocese, will be our guest preacher.

### **Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26 following the 10:30 AM Worship service. See your bulletin insert for more information.