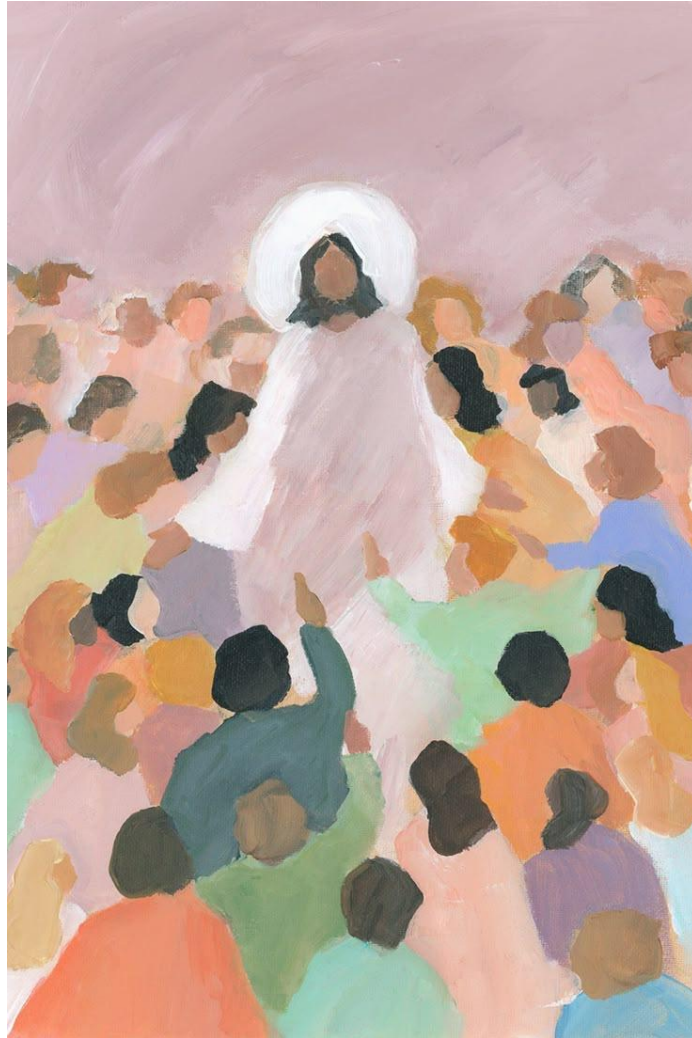


February 16, 2025
The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
8:00AM and 10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II



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 becoming a Christian, speak to Rev. Josh. 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.

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

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

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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Lector A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

⁵Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord.⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by

water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALM: Psalm 1

The Psalm is said responsively by whole verse at 8:00 AM and sung at 10:30 AM.

- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ² Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- ⁴ It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Lector A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to

be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS 91 - Give Me Jesus (vs.1-2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

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

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

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS 91 - Give Me Jesus (vs.3)

THE SERMON *The Rev. Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs*

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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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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

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 and alcohol-free wine are available. You may receive the consecrated wine by drinking from the common cup or dipping your host into the cup held by the priest. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms across your chest. Prayers for healing are offered at the rear of the chapel.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

WLP 812 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have

heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____

_____ if you lead me, _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my

1. 2. | 3.

heart. _____ heart. _____

LEVAS 54 - Nearer, My God, to Thee

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 690 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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!**

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 this week are given by Coral Codner in honor of her brother's birthday.

Donations for the CAP Food Bank are desperately needed.

The next few weeks we are requesting soups of all kinds in celebration of Souper Bowl Sunday. The cans can be left at the foot of the altar where they will be blessed being delivered. Soups 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.

2/16: Joshua 1:1-9; 2:1-24; 3:1, 5-17; 6:1-25; 11:16-23; 23:1-16; 24:1, 14-31

2/23: Judges 2:6-23; 3:7-30; 4:1-10, 12-23; 16:4-31; 21:25

3/2: Ruth 1:7-18, 22; 2:1-23; 4:1-17 1 Samuel 1:9-28; 2:12-13; 3:1-21

Livestream Volunteers Needed!

Our livestream ministry is looking for new volunteers to help run the Sunday livestreams. This ministry allows us to share our Sunday services with those who otherwise may not be able to make it to church in person. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Sarah Kleinwechter

at sarah.kleinwechter@gmail.com.