

March 16, 2025
Second Sunday in Lent
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

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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

OPENING HYMN H 539 - O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling

PENITENTIAL ORDER BCP p. 351

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All His mercy endures forever.

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP p. 352

TRISAGION S 102 Holy God (*Sung three times*)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with accompaniment in the Bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The score consists of two systems of music, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Lector A reading from the book of Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

²But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALM: Psalm 27

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

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

³ Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

⁴ And though war should rise up against me, *

yet will I put my trust in him.
⁵ One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
⁶ To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
 and to seek him in his temple.
⁷ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
⁸ Even now he lifts up my head *
 above my enemies round about me.
⁹ Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
 I will sing and make music to the Lord.
¹⁰ Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
 have mercy on me and answer me.
¹¹ You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
 Your face, Lord, will I seek.
¹² Hide not your face from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
¹³ You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
 do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
¹⁴ Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
 the Lord will sustain me.
¹⁵ Show me your way, O Lord; *
 lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
¹⁶ Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
 for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
¹⁷ What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord *
 in the land of the living!
¹⁸ O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;
 * wait patiently for the Lord.

THE SECOND READING: Philipians 3:17-4:1

Lector A reading from the book of Philipians.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our

humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

SEQUENCE HYMN H 675 - Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (vs. 1-3)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

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

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

³¹Some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN H 675 - Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (vs. 4-5)

THE SERMON *The Rev. Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs*

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III BCP p. 387

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 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.

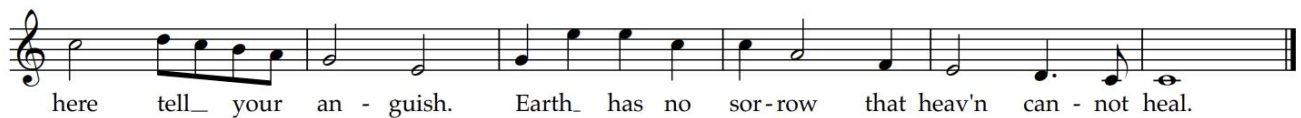
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 **L 147 - Come, Ye Disconsolate (vs.1)**



The Holy Communion

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A **BCP p. 361**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

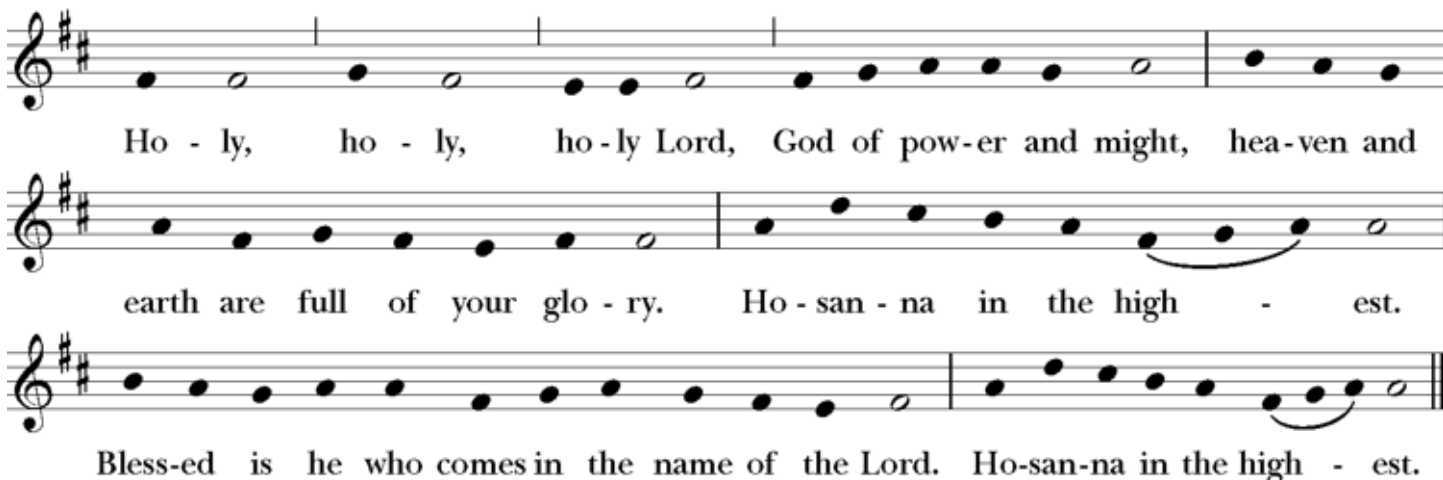
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth... 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 S 124 - Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious god: in your infinite love you made us for yourself... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP p. 364

Celebrant Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us!

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM S 161 – Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (From The Church of England's *Common Worship*)

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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

H 474 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LEVAS 60 - How Great Thou Art

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP p. 366

SOLEMN PRAYER

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **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

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN H 537 - Christ for the World We Sing

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Spring Clean-Up Day

We will hold a spring clean-up day for our buildings and groups on Saturday, April 12 beginning at 9:00 AM. Please join us as we clean our grounds, the chapel, and the Conboy Center as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30 AM service on Easter. If you would like to donate candy for the egg hunt, you may bring it to the Godly Play room no later than Sunday, April 13.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study meets at 9:00 AM in the Conboy Center.

3/16: 1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-52; 2 Samuel 6:5-19; 7:1-17; 11:1-17, 26-27; 12:1-25

3/23: Presentation on the Claggett Center by the Rev. Sara Yoe

3/30: 1 Kings 3:1-28; 4:29-30, 32-34; 7:51; 11:1-13; 2 Chronicles 3:1-14; 4:19-22; 5:2, 6-8, 10-14; 7:1-5, 12-22

4/6: 1 Kings 17:8-24; 18:1-2, 17-40; 19:9-18; Isaiah 6:1-8; 5:8-9, 11-12, 20-25; Jeremiah 1:4-10; 5:19-31; 7:1-15, 30; Psalm 137:1-6

Lenten Book Group

Joe Gill is leading a Lenten Book Group. It will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Conboy Center on Wednesdays, March 19, April 2, and April 9. A light supper will be provided. On March 19, we will discuss the essay *Grief* by Michael Stone. The essay is 13 pages and available as a .pdf, which Joe will provide ahead of time. On April 2 and April 9, we will discuss the book Following Jesus: Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety by Henri Nouwen. The Nouwen book, 125 pages, is available on Amazon for \$12.99. All are welcome. **Please let Joe know if you will be attending any of the sessions -- it is not necessary to come to them all – so that we can plan the evenings.** You can reach Joe via email at jgill84@comcast.net or via text or phone at 410 299-2965.

We Welcome the Rev. Sara Yoe

The Rev. Sara Yoe, the Program and Camps Director for the Claggett Center, will be our supply priest on Sunday, March 23. Sara will also lead a discussion about Claggett's programs for adults, youth, and children at 9:15 AM in the Conboy Center. Their presentation will have a special focus on Camp Claggett, the summer camp program for children and youth who have completed grades 2-12. Come and learn about the amazing summer camp program our diocese has. The Vestry included funds for camp scholarships in the congregation's budget.

The Christian Assistance Program (CAP)

CAP has ongoing needs from our member churches and friends to keep up with the increasing food pantry usage. During Lent, many Christians make a change as a spiritual practice, like giving up something they enjoy or making more time for something faithful. This Lent, with pennies unpopular in the marketplace and possibly out of production, CAP would appreciate change in the form of pennies. Please have your church members consider donating their “stash” of pennies to the Food Pantry. (Other coins and bills also accepted!)

