

April 27, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter
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

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us! Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at Epiphany. Whether you have questions about faith, are curious about Christianity, or are looking for a church home, we are glad you're here.

Our worship service primarily comes from the red **Book of Common Prayer** located in the back of the pew in front of you. The congregational responses are printed in the bulletin in **bold**. If you have a special prayer request today, please feel free to write it in the black notebook located on the prayer stand at the front of the center aisle. During the Prayers of the People, the leader reads all written prayer requests out loud.

If you are a guest today, please sign the guest book located on the welcome table. This will help us follow up with you after today's service and answer any questions you may have. Rev. Josh, our priest, tries to follow up with everyone who visits. ***The restrooms*** are down the hall by the fire place in the rear of the chapel. There is a ***ramp*** for easy access on the side of the Church opposite the road.

Our Sunday School meets during the 10:30 AM service. The classroom is located in the Conboy Center, the building behind the historic chapel. At Epiphany, we use Godly Play, a Montessori-based curriculum that helps Christians of all ages learn about God's love through hands-on lessons. The children return following the Prayers of the People so families can receive communion together.

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.

Sign up for our weekly "E-News" delivered to your email by Constant Contact:

<https://epiphany-md.org/events/>.

For Pastoral Care, please Contact Rev. Joshua Rodríguez-Hobbs
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WORSHIP NOTES

*The prayers are 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

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Tune: TWO OAKS, 9 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

SONG OF PRAISE S 280 - Glory to God

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 5:27-32

Lector A reading from the book of Acts.

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

THE PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29

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

- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.
¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:
¹⁶ "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the Lord.
¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.
¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord; * he who is righteous may enter."

- ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
²² The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ This is the Lord's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! * Lord, send us now success.
²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
 we bless you from the house of the Lord.
²⁷ God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
 form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
²⁸ "You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you."
²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4-8

Lector A reading from the book of Revelation.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS 185 - Blessed Assurance (vs. 1-3)

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen

the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS 185 - Blessed Assurance (vs. 4-5)

SERMON *The Rev. Canon Kristofer Lindh-Payne*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI BCP p. 392

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 H 400 - All creatures of Our God and King (vs. 7)

7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain
O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Communion

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: 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:

SANCTUS S 130 - Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are

full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us!

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM WLP 880 - Christ our Passover

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LEVAS 120 - There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place

H 335 - I am the Bread of Life

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

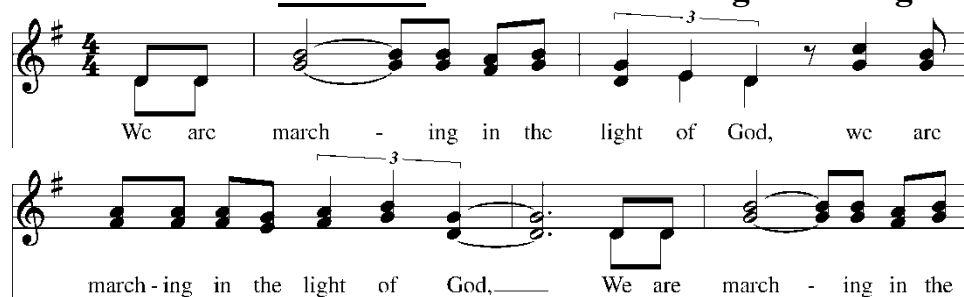
*If you have a birthday or anniversary during this past or coming week,
you are invited to come forward as the community offers a prayer.*

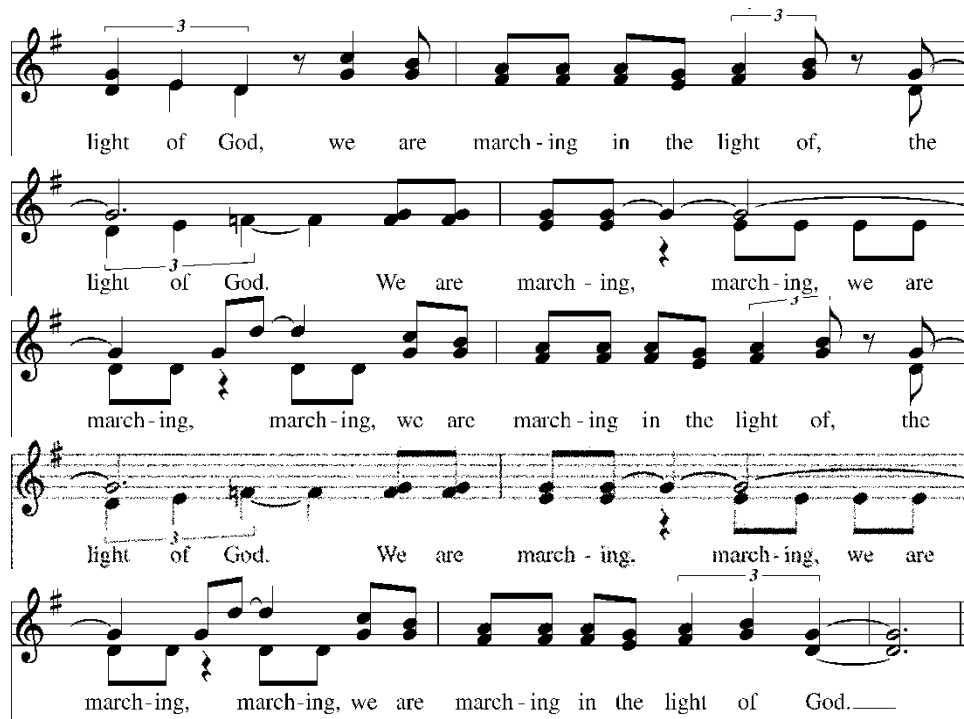
BIRTHDAY PRAYER BCP p. 830

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 WLP 787 - We Are Marching in the Light of God





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

We Welcome the Rev. Canon Kristofer Lindh-Payne

Canon Kristofer Lindh-Payne will join us on Sunday as our guest preacher. Canon Kristofer serves as our Canon to the Ordinary for Leadership. His responsibilities on diocesan staff include congregational health and resources, clergy and warden gatherings, Diocesan Council, Clergy Conference, and property development. He also serves as the bishop's representative on the Commission on Ministry, a diocesan ministry that helps individuals discern calls to lay or ordained ministry. Kristofer is a member of the Order of Saint Francis.

Mark Your Calendars!

We will celebrate our Strawberry Festival on Sunday, June 8. Following the 10:00 AM service, we will have a short ceremony dedicating the Parish Hall in honor of the Rev. Phebe McPherson. More information on how you can volunteer to help with both events will be shared in the near future.

The Christian Assistance Program (CAP)

CAP has ongoing needs from our member churches and friends to keep up with the increasing food pantry usage. 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 Upcoming Readings

4/27: Ezra 1:1-7; 3:10-13; 6:14-22; Haggai 1:1-9; Nehemiah 7:73b-8:1-3, 5-6, 9-18;
9:6-32; Esther 3:5-6, 8-11; 4:1-3, 13-17; 7:3-6

5/4: John 1:1-5, 10-14, 16-18; Luke 1:26-56, 2:1-52; Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-23

5/11: Luke 3:2b-6; 4:14-22a; 10:25-37; 15:1-2, 11-32; 16:19-31; Mark 1:9-13, 16-20;
2:23-3:6; 4:1-20; John 1:43-51; Matthew 4:23-5:24, 27-32, 38-48; 6:19-34; 7:24-39; 25:31-40

5/18: No Bible Study

5/25: Luke 5:17-26; 19:1-10; Mark 5:21-43; 9:2-10; 10:17-27; Matthew 9:35-10:4;
8:5-13; 15:21-28; John 6:1-14, 35-51, 53-58; 7:53-8:11; 9:1-7; 11:1-53

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 Elise and Jim Rand in memory of Margaret Giebel.