

April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Lent
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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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 LEVAS 31 - Lead Me to Calvary

PENITENTIAL ORDER BCP p. 351

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All God's 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 one flat (B-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. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

Lector A reading from the book of Isaiah.

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALM: Psalm 126

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

- ¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- ² Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- ³ Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
- ⁴ The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- ⁵ Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- ⁶ Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- ⁷ Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Lector A reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians.

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew

born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

SEQUENCE HYMN H 474 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (vs. 1-2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

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

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

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN H 474 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (vs. 3-4)

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.

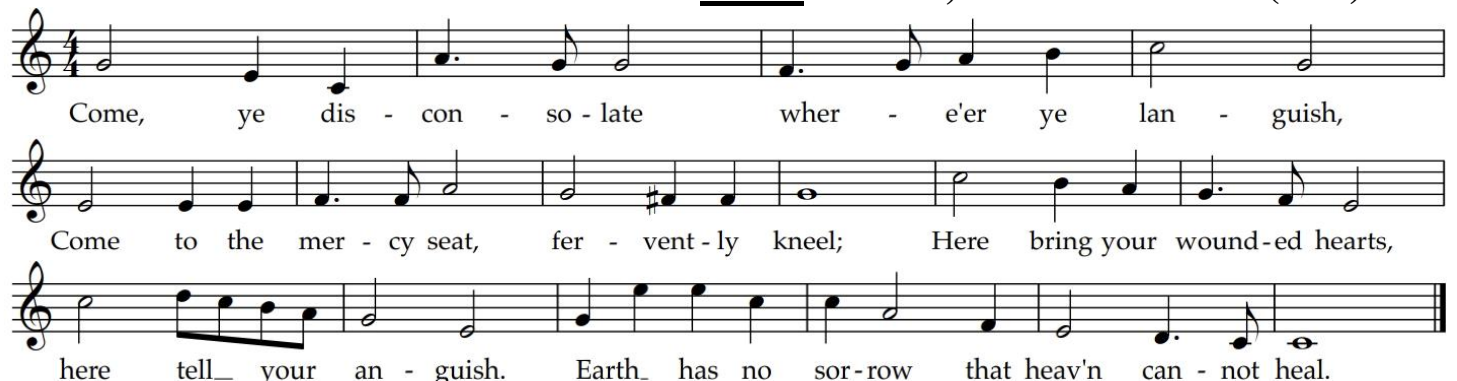
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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)



Come, ye dis - con - so - late wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel; Here bring your wound - ed hearts,
here tell_ your an - guish. Earth_ has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.

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.

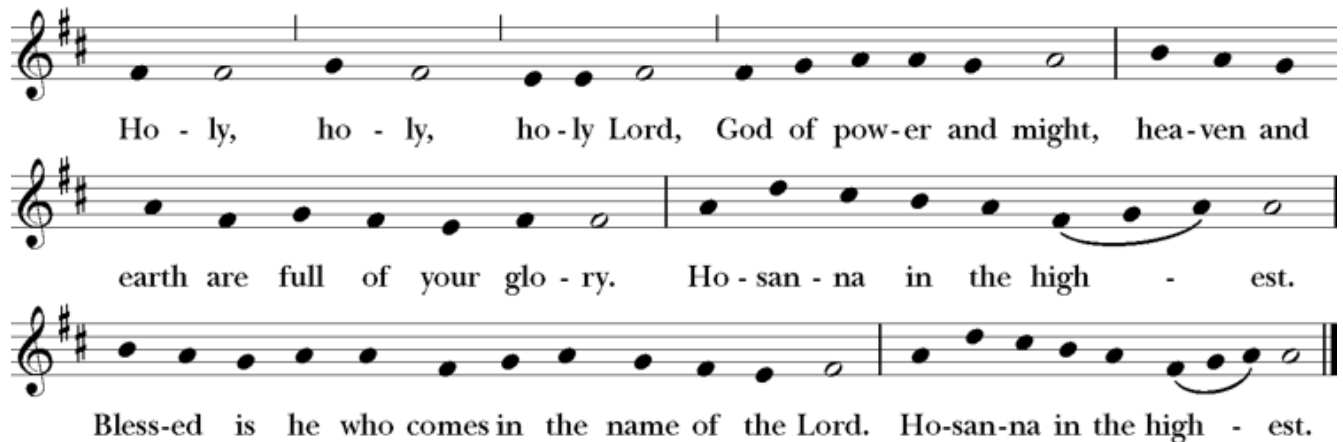
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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*)

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 469 - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

H 312 - Strengthen for Service, Lord

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP p. 366

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.

SOLEMN PRAYER

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN W 819 - Guide My feet, Lord

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I

don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____

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

Adult Bible Study

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

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 **Wednesday April 9**. A light supper will be provided. 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.

Miss Debbie

Follow the link for further information concerning Debbie, or check out the Epiphany newsletter. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084EAAAD2CA75-55742545-meals>

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 are also accepted!)

New Beginnings Retreat, April 25-27, 2025

6th - 12th grade, Camp Wright, Stevensville. Cost: \$55

The annual retreat for middle school youth is a fantastic weekend at Camp Wright in Stevensville, MD. Previous New Beginners that have reached high school serve as the design team and staff for the weekend. These peer ministers know what it is like to be a first time camper or an eighth grader about to enter high school. This is a whole weekend dedicated to youth working through the transitions of middle school with their peers, testimonies given by their high school staff, skits and small groups. We even have a talent show on Saturday night! New Beginnings is a place where they can find community in Christ and mentors in high school students and adult leaders. Register at the following link:

https://episcopaldioceseofmaryland.formstack.com/forms/new_beginnings_consent

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.**

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.

Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday, April 13 - 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 17 - 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 18 - 12:00 PM Experiential Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 20 - 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt following 10:30 AM service.