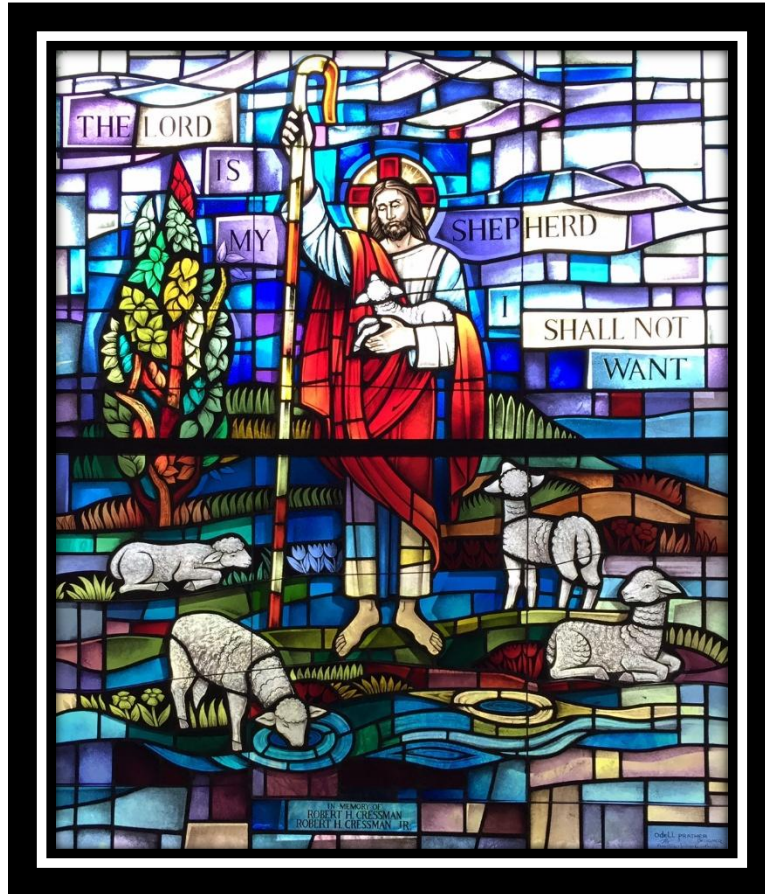


May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00AM and 10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II



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

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 or black **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 fireplace 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 or black **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 690 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 S 280 - Glory to God

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 9: 36-43

Lector A reading from the book of Acts.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALM: Psalm 23

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

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

Lector A reading from the book of Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

SEQUENCE HYMN H 664 - My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (vs. 1-2)

THE GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

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

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

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

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

SEQUENCE HYMN H 664 - My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (vs. 3)

SERMON *The Rev. Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs*

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358

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 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

H 646 - The King of Love My Shepherd Is
LEVAS 149 - In Remembrance of Me

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.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN H 708 - Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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

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

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 Philip and Marian Vernon in honor of their grandson Ryan's high school graduation.

Claggett Camp is open for registration!

Week-long, over-night camp programs for youth completing 2nd to 12th grade. From adventures on the Monocacy River and Sugarloaf Mountain, to swimming, games, and campfires, campers are sure to find God in this place. Summer Camps at Claggett are grounded in Scripture and tradition, and encourages everyone to use their whole selves as ways to explore the Christian Story. Each week a chaplain participates in all camp activities, and supports the ministry of camp through prayer, participation and spiritual direction.

Scholarships are available through Epiphany and the Claggett Center.

For more information check out: <https://www.claggettcenter.org/youth-programs>

Pledge Update

As of April 30th, we have received ~33% of our pledges. Thank you to all who have fulfilled their pledge, partially or in full! As we receive more, our "heart will be filled." As always, if you are having challenges with fulfilling your pledge, please reach out to Catherine Clair

(catherine.ann.clair@gmail.com) or another member of our community with whom you feel comfortable speaking.

