

**May 18, 2025**  
**Fifth 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  
Dr. Mark Hardy, Music Director  
Debbie Leonard, Director of Christian Education  
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 492 - Sing Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

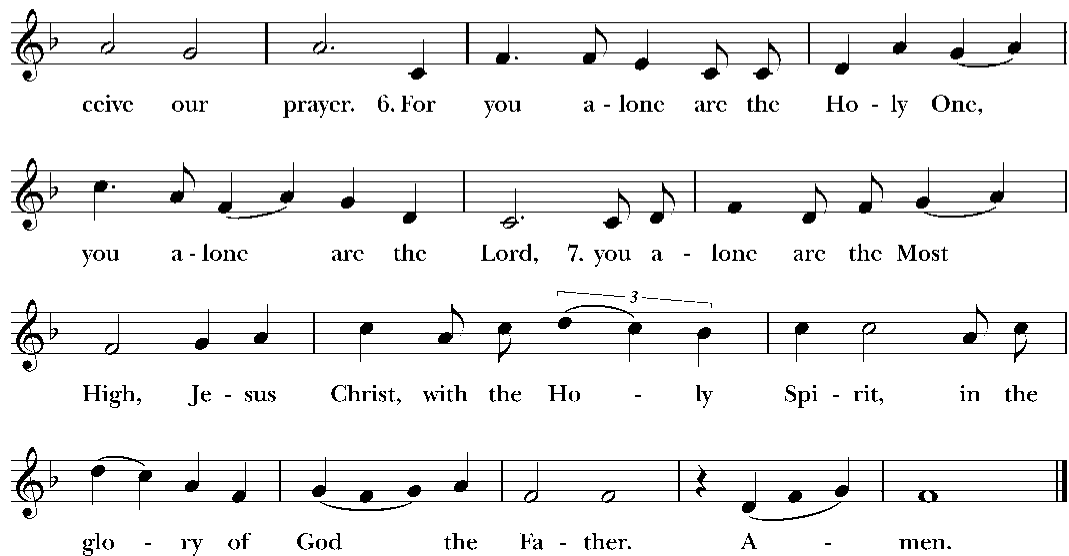
*People*

**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 - might - y 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 -



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 11:1-18

*Lector* A reading from the book of Acts.

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as

it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

## **THE PSALM:     Psalm 148**

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

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \* praise him in the heights.  
<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all you angels of his; \* praise him, all his host.  
<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; \* praise him, all you shining stars.  
<sup>4</sup> Praise him, heaven of heavens, \* and you waters above the heavens.  
<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
      for he commanded, and they were created.  
<sup>6</sup> He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
      he gave them a law which shall not pass away.  
<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth, \* you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, snow and fog, \* tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, \* fruit trees and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup> Wild beasts and all cattle, \* creeping things and winged birds;  
<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, \* princes and all rulers of the world;  
<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens, \* old and young together.  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
      for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup> He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
      the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

## **THE SECOND LESSON:    Revelation 21:1-6**

*Lector*    A reading from the book of Revelation.

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and

true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN    LEVAS 62 - In Christ There Is No East or West (vs. 1-2)**

**THE GOSPEL:    John 13:31-35**

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*All*             **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN    LEVAS 62 - In Christ There Is No East or West (vs. 3-4)**

**SERMON        *Rev. Canon Randy Callender***

**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





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 620 - Jerusalem, My Happy Home**

**L 60 - How Great Thou Art**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER      BCP p. 366**

*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 213 - Come Away to the Skies**

## 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.**

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## 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](mailto:realm.admin@epiphany-md.org) or [treasurer@epiphany-md.org](mailto: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 Randy Callender**

Our guest priest today is the Rev. Canon Randy Callender, our Canon for Mission in the Diocese of Maryland. Canon Randy serves on the bishop's staff, where he works with our diocesan Truth and Reconciliation Commission, our reparations ministry, the Sutton Scholars program, and the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network. He also helps congregations discern and launch new ministries in their communities. We are grateful to have Canon Randy with us this week while Rev. Josh is away at a conference.

### **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.

### **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.

## **Adult Bible Study Upcoming Readings**

### **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 Rita Spohn in honor of her granddaughter Ashley's graduation from the University of Maryland, College Park.

## **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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:catherine.ann.clair@gmail.com)) or another member of our community with whom you feel comfortable speaking.

