

June 1, 2025
Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:00AM and 10:00 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.**

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Debbie Leonard, Director of Christian Education
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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 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 10:00 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 561 - Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

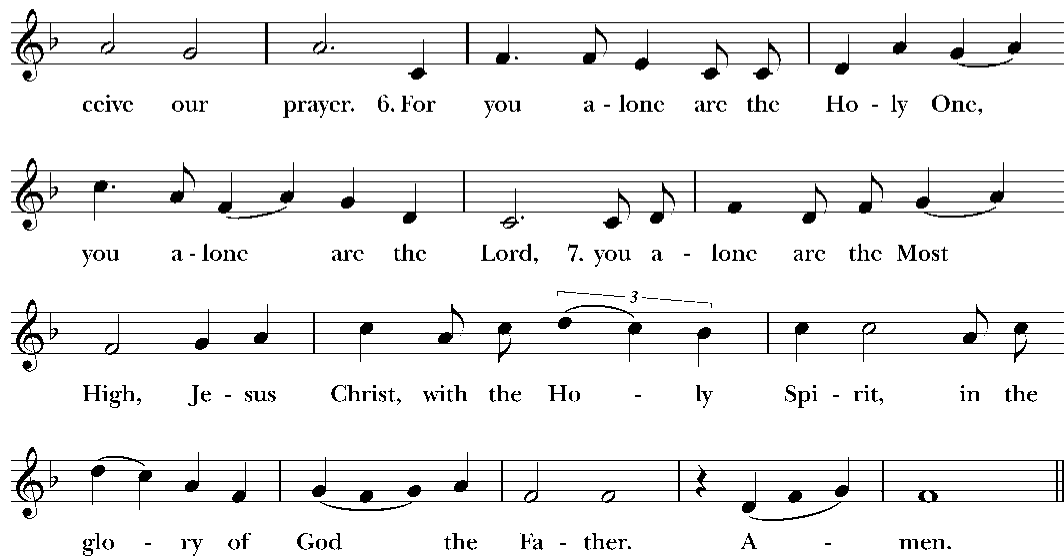
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 16:16-34

Lector A reading from the book of Acts.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of

the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

THE PSALM: Psalm 97

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

- ¹ The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- ² Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- ³ A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- ⁴ His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- ⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
- ⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.
- ⁹ For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰ The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- ¹¹ Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- ¹² Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, * and give thanks to his holy Name.

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Lector A reading from the book of Revelation.

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

SEQUENCE HYMN H 537 Christ for the World We Sing (vs. 1-2)

THE GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN H 537 - Christ for the World We Sing (vs. 3-4)

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.

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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 10:00 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 106 - Take My Hand, Precious Lord

LEVAS 129 - I Am Thine, O Lord

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 690 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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

Vacation Bible School: The Amazing Race

Mark your calendars! Our 2025 VBS will be held Sunday, June 22-Thursday, June 26. VBS will meet in the evenings. On Thursday, the entire parish is invited to join us for a potluck to hear about what our Vacation Bible Schoolers have learned. This year's theme is the Amazing Race. For more information, please contact Debbie Leonard.

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. This month's special request is peanut butter and jelly.

Strawberry Festival and Parish Hall Dedication

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 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 Chuck and Tatsuko Davis in honor of their daughter Alyssa's 31st birthday.

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>