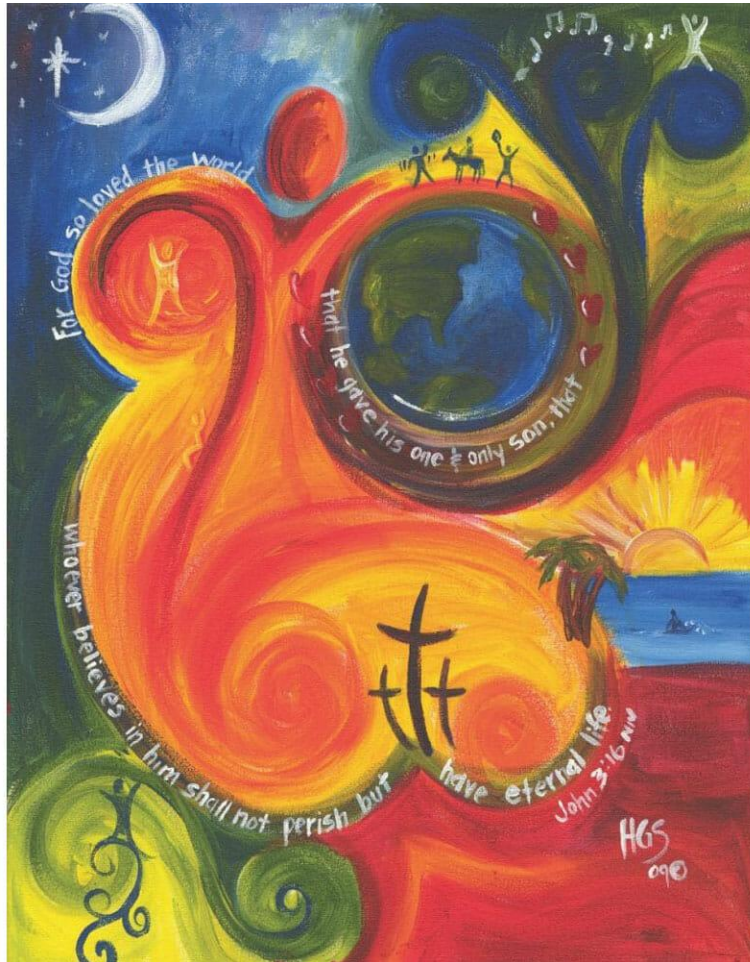


**March 1, 2026**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**8:00AM and 10:00 AM, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II**



## **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.**

The Rev. Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs, Rector

Dr. Mark Hardy, Music Director

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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:  
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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.*

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# The Word of God

## THE PRELUDE

## OPENING HYMN G 913 - Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,  
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,  
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,  
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,  
We are the old— who yearn for your face,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,  
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
Now is the King - dom, now is the day.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,  
Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,  
Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;  
Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
 Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion,  
 Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,

We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**PENITENTIAL ORDER BCP p. 351**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

**CONFESSION OF SIN BCP p. 352**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**TRISAGION S 102 Holy God (Sung three times)**



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

*Lector* A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God!**

## THE PSALM: Psalm 121

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

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

## THE SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*Lector* A reading from the book of Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God!

## SEQUENCE HYMN H 439 - What Wondrous Love Is This (vs. 1-2)

*Unison*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL    John 3:1-17**

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

## **SEQUENCE HYMN    H 439 - What Wondrous Love Is This (vs. 3)**

**THE SERMON**            *The Rev. Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs*

## **THE NICENE CREED    BCP p. 358**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III BCP p. 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially... *(The Intercessor reads the people's written prayers.)*

### **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      G 909 - Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race (vs. 4)

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has three measures with lyrics "4. God, let us be a ta - ble spread With". The second staff has four measures with lyrics "gifts of love and bro - ken bread, Where all find wel - come,". The third staff has four measures with lyrics "grace at - tends, And en - e - mies a - rise as friends.".

## 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.

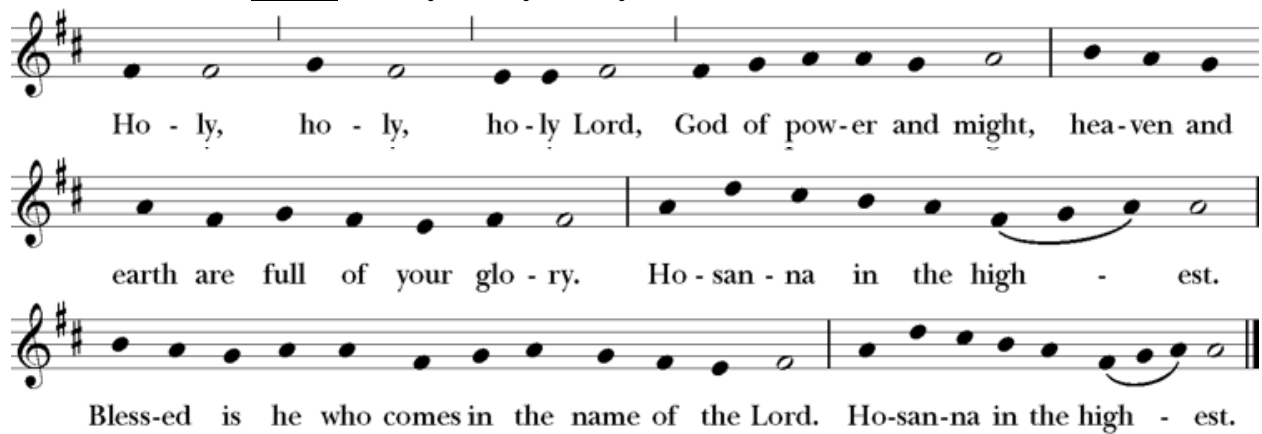
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*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

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **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)* *Celebrant and People*

**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 10:00 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.*

# THE COMMUNION HYMNS

## LEVAS 208 - We've Come This Far by Faith

*Refrain*  
§

We've come this far\_\_\_ by\_\_\_ faith, Lean - ing on the  
Lord;\_\_\_ Trust - ing in His ho - ly word,  
He's nev - er failed\_\_\_ me yet. O\_\_\_  
\_ can't turn a - round. \_\_\_ We've come this far\_\_\_ by\_\_\_ faith. \_\_\_ **Fine**  
1. Don't be dis - cour - aged\_\_\_ when trou - ble's\_\_\_ in your life. He'll bear your  
**D.S.**  
bur - dens and move\_\_\_ all mis - er - y and strife. That's why we've

2. Just the other day I heard someone say  
He didn't believe in God's word;  
But I can truly say that God had made a way  
And He never failed me yet.  
That's why we've (Refrain)

## LEVAS 181- Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
\* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP p. 366

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

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he*

may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* falls; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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**

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN H 473 - Lift High the Cross**

*Descant*  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*  
the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

**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](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

### Lenten Book Group

Starting today, our Lenten Book group meets after the 10 AM service on Sundays in Phebe’s Room to discuss The Wounded Healer by Henry Nouwen. We will meet for a maximum of one hour each Sunday for the next month. Copies of the book are available. Each week we will read a section of the book together and discuss. For more information, please speak to Michelle Jarrett Stapko.

### Practicing Our Faith: An Introduction to the Episcopal Church

Do you wonder where the Book of Common Prayer comes from? Are you unsure of the differences between an Anglican and an Episcopalian? Would you like to learn more about the Episcopal Church? Rev. Josh leads a discussion on an aspect of our Episcopal identity every Sunday at 9 AM. Attending these classes is encouraged for anyone wanting to be confirmed or formally received into the Episcopal Church at the regional confirmation service at the Cathedral of the Incarnation on Sunday, April 26.

### The Christian Assistance Program (CAP)

CAP has ongoing needs from our member churches and friends to keep up with the increasing food pantry usage. We will continue to collect cans of soup at this time.

### Sutton Scholars Benefit

Sutton Scholars, in conjunction with TopGolf Baltimore, is welcoming members of the Episcopal diocese to participate in a fundraiser to benefit Baltimore City high school students.

The event will be held at TopGolf on Wednesday, March 11, 6 to 8 PM. Additional information and ticket information is available at <http://Suttonscholars.org>.