

October 11, 2026
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00AM and 10:00 AM, Morning Prayer II



Morning Prayer

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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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.

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The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN H 8 - Morning Has Broken

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP p.79

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Invitatory Hymn H 377 - All People that on Earth Do Dwell

The Psalm: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

The Lessons

THE FIRST READING Exodus 32:1-14

Lector A Reading from the book of Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle H 679 - Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

THE SECOND READING Philippians 4:1-9

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

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle Gather 106 - Holy Is Your Name

Verses



1. My soul is filled with joy as I
2. I am low - ly as a child, but I
3. I pro - claim your pow'r, O God! You work
4. To the hun - gry you give food, send the
5. In your love you now ful - fill all you



sing to God, my Sav - ior. You have looked up - on your
know from this day for - ward that my name will be re -
won - ders for your ser - vants; you have scat - tered the proud -
rich a - way with noth - ing. In your mer - cy you are
prom - ised to your peo - ple. I will praise you, God, my



ser - vant, you have vis - it - ed your peo - ple.
mem - bered, and the world will call me bless - ed.
heart - ed, you have lift - ed up the low - ly.
mind - ful of the peo - ple you have cho - sen.
Sav - ior, ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy.

Refrain



And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er - a - tions!



Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the peo - ple you have



cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name!

THE THIRD READING Matthew 22:1-14

Lector A Reading from the book of Matthew.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON *Dr. Maryellen Polvino-Bodnar, Assistant for Pastoral Care*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFICE HYMN LEVAS 148 - I'm A-Going to Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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 in the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

All **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

All **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

All **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

All **And guide us in the way in justice and truth.**

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

All **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

All **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

All **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ANTHEM The Epiphany Choir

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 their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their 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.**

A PRAYER OF ST CHRYSOSTOM BCP p. 102

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN LEVAS 184 - Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

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 are given today by Michelle Jarrett in honor of the Filbeck Family.

Rev. Josh Away

Rev. Josh will be away from Saturday, October 10 through Wednesday, October 14 to attend the annual conference of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. He will be available by phone, text, or email. Please contact Maryellen for any pastoral needs while Rev. Josh is away.

Epiphany Receives Unity Gardens Grant

Epiphany has received a \$1000 grant from Unity Gardens to add native plants to our gardens. Thank you to Judy Feldt and Sandy Riggs who worked on our grant application! We will need volunteers to help with planting on **Saturday, 10/17** (rain date 10/24). If you would like more information, please contact Judy Feldt (judyfeldt@verizon.net) or [443-223-7324](tel:443-223-7324).

Gift Cards for Odenton Elementary

We are collecting \$5 gift cards to Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts, or fast food restaurants. The cards are used to help show appreciation to teachers and staff. Gift cards may be left at the church office. You may also give gift cards directly to Rev. Josh or Dessolene Davis, the principal of Odenton Elementary.

Trunk or Treat

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be on **Saturday, October 31** from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. We need volunteers to decorate cars, hand out candy, and help with carnival games. Donations of individually wrapped candy are also welcome! For more information, contact Debbie Leonard at drmaqueen2004@yahoo.com.

Get Your High Tea Tickets!

The Epiphany Tea is set for a leisurely 90 minutes on **Saturday, November 7**, perfect for gathering, celebrating, or simply enjoying a late morning or afternoon tea. Each guest will be served five handcrafted savory bites, one baked scone accompanied by butter, sweet cream, and jam, and a selection of various teas. A thoughtfully prepared assortment of delicate desserts will provide a sweet finish. During each seating, there will be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a variety of tea-centered prizes. Tickets are \$20. There will be an 11:00 AM seating and a 2:00 PM seating. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/epiphany-tea-2>.

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.

***Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by email to office@epiphany-md.org.
The deadline for inclusion is every Wednesday evening.***