

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
8:00AM and 10:00 AM, The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say “I believe”

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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 362 - Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

All Glory to God for ever and ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP p. 355

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 LEVAS 107 - There's Something About That Name

Je-sus, Je-sus, Je - sus! There's just some - thing a - bout that
name! Mas - ter, Sav - ior, Je - sus! Like the fra-grance
af - ter the rain. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! Let all
heav - en and earth pro - claim: Kings and king-doms will
all pass a - way, but there's some-thing a - bout that name!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 33:12-23

Lector A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

THE PSALM: Psalm 99

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 people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Lector A reading from the letter to the first letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN H 685 - Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (vs. 1-2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN H 685 - Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (vs. 3)

THE SERMON *The Reverend Joshua Rodriguez-Hobbs*

THE NICENE CREED BCP p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Plenty Good Room

Leader Gracious God, you have prepared a seat for us at your table. We pray for Sarah, our Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Carrie, our own Bishop, Josh, our Rector, and Jessica, seeking ordination. Joining with congregations in the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for... Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader God of creation, you have made a world with room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need [especially N.]. Surround them with your healing and your peace.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace [especially N.].

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and fill us with your grace.. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader Please join me in our Prayer for Peace...

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 CONFESSION OF SIN BCP p. 360

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

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

THE ANTHEM The Epiphany Choir

THE PRESENTATION HYMN H 416 - For the Beauty of the Earth (vs.1)

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
Refrain
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: PRAYER C BCP p. 369

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS LEVAS 254 – Holy, Holy, Holy

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP p. 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM LEVAS 271 – Lamb of God

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first three staves are for the Leader, and the fourth is for the Response. The lyrics are: "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." The Response part is a simple melody: "grant us peace." with a long line indicating it continues.

Leader

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:

Response

grant us peace._____

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 60 - How Great Thou Art

Gather 1041 - In This Place

Verses



1. We are all hun - gry peo - ple, we need
2. All our lives are a mys - t'ry; we see
3. Though the world may tell us to
4. In the bread that is bro - ken is the

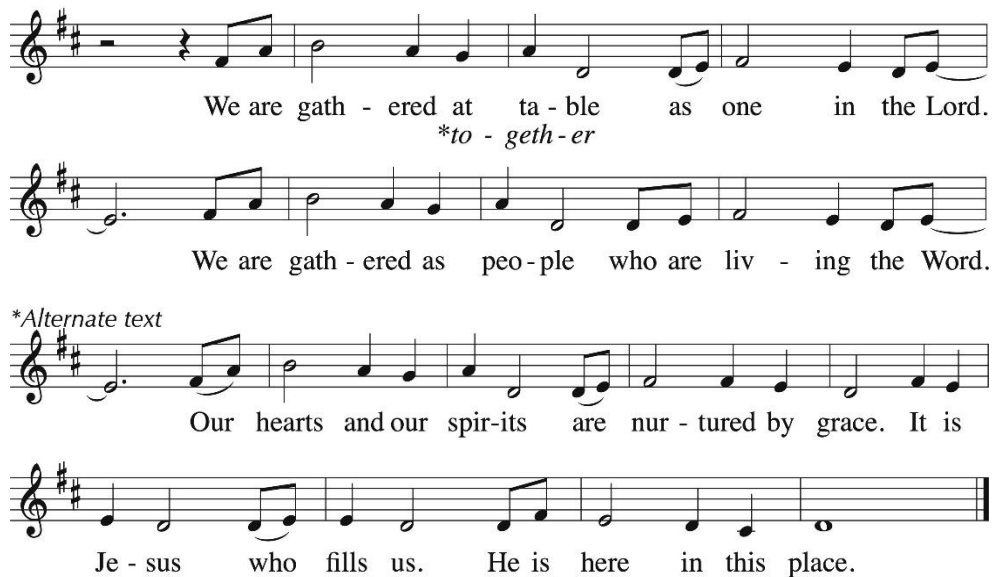
shel - ter and strength. We are one in our
not where they lead. We are asked now to
look at our - selves, we reach out to an -
Christ that re - stores. As we take, now re -

hurt - ing, we are one in our pain. In our suf -
trust you and we know we must be - lieve. As our feet
oth - er where suf - fer - ing dwells. As our hands
ceive him, we find love ev - er - more. As the bread

f'ring and sad - ness, we are saved by the grace
be - come Christ's feet, we go forth with the grace
be - come Christ's hands, we are healed by the grace
be - comes Bod - y, we are filled with the grace

of the pow - er and the Spir - it that is here in this place.

Refrain



We are gath - ered at ta - ble as one in the Lord.
*to - geth - er

We are gath - ered as peo - ple who are liv - ing the Word.

**Alternate text*

Our hearts and our spir - its are nur - tured by grace. It is
Je - sus who fills us. He is here in this place.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP p. 366

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

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN LEVAS 198 - Love Lifted Me

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 Christ for all people!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All **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

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 Coral Codner in celebration of Liam’s first birthday.

Rev. Josh's Office Hours Change

Rev. Josh is adjusting his schedule. Going forward, he will have office hours every Wednesday from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM instead of every Monday.

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>.

Donations for 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 do not 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.