



The  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
of the  
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost • Proper 10B*

July 14, 2024 ✠ 10:00 AM



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## WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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Whether you just stopped in to visit, or you are looking for a place of belonging, we welcome you. In our worship, formation, fellowship, and community engagement work, we strive for justice and peace and to honor the dignity of every human being. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, we are glad you are here. We believe God loves you—no exceptions!

**Communion of the People:** All God’s people are welcome to share in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail or at the standing station on the floor level. At the altar rail you have the option to drink from the chalice, to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister to intinct for you, or to cross your arms after you receive the bread to indicate that you do not wish to receive the chalice. At the floor station, communion is received by intinction by the Priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest; the priest will bless you. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

**For the latest news and events at Epiphany**, visit our website at [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org) or subscribe to our weekly newsletter. There are newcomer cards available in the pew in front of you and on the newcomer page of our website. We hope that you will fill one out while you’re here and hand it to one of the clergy so we can welcome you personally.

**Children of all ages** are invited to participate fully in our liturgy. We welcome wiggles and giggles as signs of life and understand that sometimes children need to move about during worship. Children’s bulletins and activity bags are available. Ask an usher to help you locate those near the entrance to the worship space.

**If you do not have a nametag**, please sign up on the clipboard on the welcome table in the Gallery. For today, there are stick-on nametags available.



**We are passing the plate**, but if you would prefer to virtually pass the plate today, use your phone’s camera to scan this QR code. Visit [epiphany.org/ways-to-give](http://epiphany.org/ways-to-give) to learn about other ways to give to our parish or to make a pledge. You’ll also find more information about Realm, our secure online community.

**Recording/Livestreaming may be in progress:** Liturgies and meetings at Church of the Epiphany may be live-streamed and/or recorded so that we may include those who cannot be with us physically. If you prefer to sit in a location where you will be less visible to the camera, please let an usher, clergy, or staff person know.

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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, founded in 1898, is a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop.

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*You are invited to enter in silence as you prepare for worship  
Use the water in the font as a remembrance of your Baptism*

**Voluntary—Improvisation**

Jon Spong

**Processional Hymn 420—When in our music God is glorified**

Engelberg

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

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant*

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.**

**Hymn of Praise S406—The Song of the Redeemed**

Ronald Arnatt

1. O ruler of the  
universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done,  
surpassing human understanding.

2. Your ways are ways of righteousness and  
truth, O King of all the ages. 3. Who can  
fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your  
Name? for you only are the Holy One. 4. All  
nations will draw near and fall down before you,  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

5. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit: 6. As it was in the be -  
 gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

**O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell there in.
- 2 For it is he who founded it up on the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads O gates;  
lift them high O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD strong and mighty,  
the LORD mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Children (up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn for the reading of the Gospel and Children's Chapel*

**Sequence Hymn 469**—There's a wideness in God's mercy

*St. Helena*

### **The Gospel**

Mark 6:14-29

*Gospeller*    The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

King Herod heard of the demons cast out and the many who were anointed and cured, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

*A period of silence is kept*

*Celebrant*    With Christians from across time and around the world, we say together the Nicene Creed.

**The Nicene Creed**—*Celebrant and People*

**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:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

#### The Prayers of the People, Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; Rob our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.



Silence

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

Silence

*Celebrant's concluding collect*

Almighty and eternal God, creator of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is kept*

*Celebrant and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

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

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### **Welcome**

**Offertory Anthem**— Lift up your heads, O ye gates

William Mathias

*Epiphany Summer Choir*

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.*

**Presentation Hymn 680**—O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2**

Enriching our Worship

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

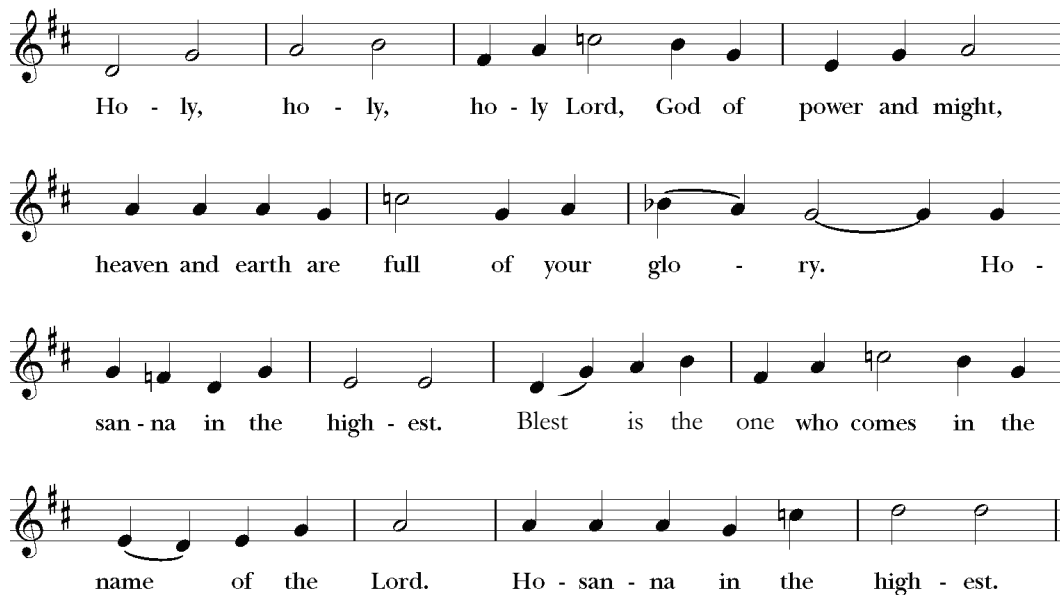
You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus S131**—Holy, holy, holy Lord

Gerald R. Near



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## The Lord's Prayer—traditional language

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

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept*

## Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover S 155

Gerald R. Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Communion of the People

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## The Healing Rite

During the Communion of the People, prayers for healing and anointing with oil are offered in the Chapel for those desiring them on their own behalf, or upon the behalf of another. All are welcome.

## Communion Hymn 559—Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

*Dulce carmen*

*Sung by all*

## Eucharistic Visitation

*Celebrant* We, the church of Jesus Christ, send you forth bearing these holy gifts so that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* We who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen

**Postcommunion Prayer—Celebrant and People**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Blessing—Celebrant**

**Hymn 518—Christ is made the sure foundationn**

*Westminster Abbey*

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary—Variation on Westminster Abbey**

Richard Proulx

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Names of friends and family are listed for four weeks. Contact the parish office if want them listed for another month.*

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**For members who are bidding our prayers:** Kim Boswell • Ellyn Bryan • Sherry Wallace • Eric Olson • Anne Bucey • Francis Lee • Rob Godsall • Brett Boatright • Laura, John & Sarah Keys • Robin Hairston • Audrey Banfield • Beth Towers • Mary McCall Cash • Wende Crowe • Judy Jarady • Sally Brockington

**For friends and family:** Mary Jane Lee, grandmother of Zac Toy • Bruce Copeland, friend of Jewel Allen • Jean Hinman, aunt of Johanna Hinman • John Quinn, step-father of Amy Shipp • Helen Gibson, friend of Lisa Gray • Dominic, Martha & Atta Herbert, friends of Candi Campen • The Boswell & Mahan families, relatives of Kim Boswell • Alice, Cantwell, aunt of Cristin Davis • Megan Koopman, friend of Nan Ross • Jerry Butler, friend of Barbara Ryder, Linda Ryder-Wolf and Julie Ryder & Terri Lawrence • Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder • Gary Davis, father of Jeremy Davis • Diana Lawrence, niece of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

**For members who desire our continuing prayers:** Jewel Allen • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Tom Mundy • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Shirley Sugden • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Kathy Walmsley • Colleen

**For those in the armed forces:** Stewart Mundy

**For those who have died:** Robert Hancock, uncle of Jeremy Davis • Ginny Galvin, mother of Beth Galvin

**For those celebrating anniversaries for the week of 7/14-20:** Linda Ryder-Wolf & Steve Wolf • Wallace Bryan-McGrath & Jeff McGrath

**For those celebrating birthdays for the week of 7/14-20:** Ethan Sheehan • Mark Banfield • John Kelly • Emma Zeller • Ross Democko • Trevor Graetz • Susan Cunningham • Abigail Dyer • Reid Prikkel • Scott Yaegle

**For racial justice:** We give thanks on July 18, Nelson Mandela International Day, for leaders who have stood for racial justice, and we pray God will raise up new generations of leaders to continue their work.

**For our fragile and beautiful Earth:** For all species of the honey bee—responsible for the pollination for most fruits, nuts, and vegetables, may their number increase.

*Did we miss your anniversary or birthday? Send the full date of your anniversary and/or your date of birth to the parish office at [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org) so that we can update our records.*

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## TODAY AT EPIPHANY

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### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | **Children's Chapel**—*during the service*

Children up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn and follow the cross to chapel after the reading of the Gospel. They return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join them.

### PARISH LIFE | **Expanded Coffee Hour**

Today's Expanded Coffee Hour is hosted by the Young Adults and will feature a brief presentation by Epiphany Youth about their recent pilgrimage to Asheville. Please join in the parish hall after the service.

There is still one date open for the Expanded Coffee Hour for the Summer: 8/18. Anyone is welcome to bring some simple breakfast items. Individuals and families may bring a dish or groups can sign up. Parish groups are welcome to set up displays, handouts, or fliers to promote their ministries.

### FORMATION | **Contemplative Practice**—*2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 4:00 p.m. • choir loft*

7/14—Come gather with us at 4:00 p.m. for a time of reflection, meditation instruction, and gathering with others seeking a more grounded way of being in the world. Led by the Rev. Dr. Bobbi Patterson, Elizabeth Ura and the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright. Contact: The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright / [adillswright@epiphany.org](mailto:adillswright@epiphany.org).

### CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Playground, Pizza, and Popsicle Hour**

7/14—All families with children & youth are invited to Epiphany on Sunday, July 14 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. for a time of pizza, popsicles, and play! Please RSVP to Emily Elder / [eelder@epiphany.org](mailto:eelder@epiphany.org).

### PARISH GROUPS | **Young Adults**—*2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays • 6:30 p.m. at the Geigers' residence*

7/14—The Epiphany Young Adults group will have “Goodbyes at the Geigers”—this alliterative pun was written specifically for Emily Elder—on July 14. Join us any time after 6:30 p.m. Join us any time after 6:30 p.m. Use your Realm login to look up the Geiger's address or to contact Jacob for directions.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in thanksgiving for Mark Banfield's birthday, by Rod & Michele MacLeod and in loving memory of Laura Case, by Jim Case.

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THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of his father, Walter Henry Edge, who would be celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 18, 2024, by Cliff Edge.

**Altar Arrangements & the Sanctuary Light** can be given in honor of an anniversary, birthday, or in memory of a loved one. Visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to reserve dates that have meaning for you.

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## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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### WORSHIP | **Weekday Services**—*visit [epiphany.org/worship-services](http://epiphany.org/worship-services) for details*

- Weekday Morning Prayer—9:00 a.m. online
- Tuesday Morning Prayer (Holy Eucharist 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel
- Wednesday Noonday Prayer—12:00 p.m. in the side chapel, a Healing Eucharist follows at 12:15 p.m.

### PARISH GROUP | **Men's Breakfast Group**—*Tuesdays following the 7:00 a.m. service*

7/16—The Men's Breakfast Group gathers for breakfast and discussion following the 7:00 a.m. Tuesday service and are typically on their way by 8:00 a.m. Contact John Yntema through Realm if you have any questions.

### PARISH GROUPS | **The Munch Bunch**—*3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month • 1:00 p.m.*

7/17—Give yourself a mid-week-treat and join friends and friends-to-be for lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Thinking Man Tavern on Howard Avenue in Decatur. No agenda. No reservation needed. Just fun. Contact Laura Keys.

### PARISH GROUPS | **Theologically Sound**—*Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. • Universal Joint in Oakhurst*

7/17—Come flex your noodle with Epiphany's own trivia team, Theologically Sound! We play trivia Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Universal Joint in Oakhurst. We arrive around 6:45 p.m. so we can ensure we get a table. Come join us for dinner, fellowship, and some friendly competition. Use your Realm login to contact Jacob Geiger.

## MUSIC | Sing in the Summer Choir

The Summer Choir is open to adults and youth; we rehearse one anthem on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. and then sing it during the 10:00 a.m. liturgy (no vestments, no weekday commitment, lots of fun and fellowship). Join us upstairs in the Music Suite each Sunday.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### PARISH LIFE | Parish Retreat—Registration is now open

The Annual Parish Retreat will once again take place at The Mountain in Highlands, NC the weekend of September 20 - 22. Visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) for more information and to register. Register by August 30.

### PASTORAL CARE | Interested in a Support Group for Caregivers of the Aging?

If there is sufficient interest, we would like to start a virtual support group for caregivers of the aging in which they would have an opportunity to talk about the issues they encounter in caregiving and the feelings they are experiencing. The group would meet once-a-month over Zoom, facilitated by long-time Epiphanyite, Nancy Thompson, who facilitates our Grief Group. If you think you might be interested, please contact Nancy or let one of the staff know.

### FORMATION | Episcopal Community Foundation (ECF)

7/21—Lindsey Hardegree of the Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia will lead an informational session on the spiritual and material importance of supporting the poor and oppressed through legacy giving. Join us to learn how Episcopalians in our parish and around the Diocese are caring for the least among us as well as providing ongoing sustainability for Epiphany for many years to come.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Gateway Center Meal Ministry—meals served 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays of the month

8-7-9—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp). Families with children and youth are especially invited to help with the Feeding Ministry this summer. If you can join us in serving dinner at the Gateway Center on June 14 or July 12, visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to sign up!

### FORMATION | Contemplative Book Group—meets over four weeks

8/15—The Contemplative Book Group will meet again on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. beginning August 15 for four weeks in Room 201. Our book this time will be *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul* by John Philip Newell. If you would like more information, contact the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright. You can register at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

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### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS | Watering Volunteers Needed

Some of our trees need to be watered every ten days whenever there's a lack of rain. John Yntema and Galo & Jeanette Hanson have been watering, but could use some help. People can volunteer for a period of time or "adopt" an area to keep watered. John Yntema tracks rain amounts from the rain gauge at church and will notify you. Use your Realm login to contact Jeanette Hanson.

### CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in serving with Epiphany's Children and/or Youth during the 2024-2025 school year? If so, please reach out to Emily Elder / [eelder@epiphany.org](mailto:eelder@epiphany.org).

PASTORAL CARE | **The Community of Hope's Circle of Care**—Last Mondays at 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. • parish hall Members gather to pray, learn, and provide each other with mutual support as they reflect on their emotional and spiritual responses to pastoral encounters. If you or a loved one would like to receive a pastoral visit or home communion by one of the trained caregivers, please contact Ann Fowler.

### PARISH GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the month

The Episcopal Church Women meet at 10:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House and go to lunch afterwards at Melton's App & Tap.

PASTORAL CARE | **The Grief Pastoral Care Group**—1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. • Zoom

The group meets each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss, led by parishioner Nancy Thompson, trained psychotherapist. Please contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Book Group**—on hiatus

The Epiphany Book Group will not meet for the months of July and August. We will resume meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in September in the parish hall. Their book selection for September is *The Unanswered Letter: One Holocaust Family's Plea for Help*, by Faris Cassel. Contact: Linda Ryder-Wolf.

PARISH DIRECTORY | **Realm**—request a login

Due to the high number of phishing/scam attempts parishioners have received from people pretending to be our clergy or staff, we no longer publish emails of parishioners. Please use Realm to lookup contact information for your fellow parishioners. Request a login from [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org).

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—40 words or less—are due by NOON on Wednesdays. Longer versions may run in the *Friday eNews*. Email submissions to [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org).

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