



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025 ✠ 10:00 AM

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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 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 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.

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—Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel
Epiphany Ringers

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Lloyd Larson

Processional Hymn 390—Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

Lobe den Herren

Celebrant Blessed be the one holy and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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 S280—Glory to God

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evil/**doers**; *
do not be jealous of those who do / **wrong**.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the / **grass**, *
and like the green grass fade a-/**way**.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do / **good**; *
dwell in the land and feed on its / **riches**.
- 4 Take delight in the / **Lord**, *
and he shall give you your heart's de-/**sire**.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in / **him**, *
and he will bring it to / **pass**.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the / **light** *
and your just dealing as the / **noonday**.
- 7 Be still before the / **Lord** *
and wait patiently for / **him**.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who / **prosper**s, *
the one who succeeds in evil / **schemes**.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage a-/**lone**; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to / **evil**.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut / **off**, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the / **land**.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no / **more**; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not / **be there**.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the / **land**; *
they will delight in abundance of / **peace**.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the / **Lord**; *
he is their stronghold in time of / **trouble**.
- 42 The Lord will help them and / **rescue them**; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in / **him**.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

Children (up to 3rd 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 v124—Brother, sister, let me serve you

Richard Gillard

1 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav'1 - lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll
5 When we sing to God in hea - ven, we shall find such
6 Bro - ther, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as

Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each o - ther
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er
Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
of Christ's love and a gon - y.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

The Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 for Epiphany

As we celebrate the manifestation of God's love to all nations, with confidence let us bring our petitions to God's altar, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For God's people throughout the world, especially for those in positions of leadership and authority, that they might spread the good news of God's indiscriminate love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For each other, the people of God gathered in this place, that we might always proclaim with our lives the praise of the Lord and so be channels of the call to God's promise and plan, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters and siblings, that together we might see in the star of Bethlehem not a symbol of division but a call to reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all victims of prejudice and discrimination, that the light of Christ might shine as a beacon in the world's darkness; and for gifts of healing and unity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our siblings in need; for the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the abandoned; for the sick and the dying, that they might find hope and courage in the open arms of the Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant's concluding collect

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Read our hearts; hear our prayers; and continue to shed on us your light, Christ Jesus, who is Lord, this day and forever. Amen.

Confession of Sin—Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

**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 our Savior 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 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.**

The Welcome

Offertory Anthem—O sing joyfully

Adrian Batten

Epiphany Choir

O sing joyfully unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the song, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day. For this was made a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

Presentation Hymn 7—Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B, Expansive Language

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

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. Blest is the one who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The people stand or kneel

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember Christ's death,
 We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
 We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit 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—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 S163—Lamb of God

Robert Powell

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 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 Motet—Five Mystical Songs

4. The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Brenda Lloyd, soloist

Communion Hymn 577—God is love, and where true love is

Ubi caritas

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 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 304—I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary—Chorale Prelude on *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren*

Johann Gottfried Walther

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Names of friends and family are listed for a month. Contact the parish office if you would like them listed for another month.

For members who are bidding our prayers: Bruce & Ann Fort • Joey Saavedra • Kim Boswell • Louise Bedrossian (wife of Bob Thompson) • Mary Katharine Williamson • John Wyman • Pam Hall • Jerry Wall (husband of Lucy Davidson) • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Brandon Laird • Anne Warner • Francis Lee • Brett Boatright • Laura, John & Sarah Keys • Robin Hairston • Beth Towers • Sally Brockington

For those awaiting the birth of a child: Bekka & Freyja DePew

For friends and family: Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Harris • Charlton Allen and family, brother of Jewel Allan • Tony, Alex & Dede Powers, friends of Susan & Loren Williams • Marshall & Betty Keys, brother & sister-in-law of John Keys • Carrie & Mark Larson, sister & brother-in-law of Cristin Davis • Missy Aue, friend of Brenda Lloyd • Frank Klingberg, friend of Susan Williams • Gloria Davis, mother of Jeremy Davis • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • Sherri Sharpe, cousin 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 • Mary McCall Cash • Wende Crowe • Pat and Bill Graves • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Tom Mundy • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Colleen

For those who have died: Leisa Powers, friend of Susan & Loren Williams • Eric Olson • Francis “Coota” Whitworth, friend of Marion & Mike Curry

For all those serving in the armed forces, especially: Stewart Mundy

For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 2/23-3/1: Brent Henderson & Calvin Houts • Charlotte & Ray Piper

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 2/23-3/1: Nick Christian • Bill Gary • Barbara Nama • Claire Tobin • Wayne Richardson • Maggie Reetz • Owen Kavanagh • Amanda Kay Seals • Mike Towers • Jim Hoesterey • Rowan Cassinari-Foster • Eloise Wierwille • Finley Williamson • Wren Ballou • John Keys • Ben Morrisey • James Weigle

For our Haitian siblings and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

For racial justice: For the Holy Comforter Friendship Center, building community and offering support to those facing challenges at the intersection of mental health and poverty.

For our fragile and beautiful Earth: Reindeer or Caribou – living near the North Pole. Responding to changing climate.

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 so that we can update our records.

TODAY AT EPIPHANY

WE WELCOME Adam Hoyt as our preacher today.

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

Children up to 3rd 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.

FORMATION | Adult Formation—*Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • parish hall*

Path to Solar: A Panel Discussion: We invite you to join us for adult formation this Sunday as we continue to discuss the possibility of bringing solar energy to Epiphany. Our panel will feature Adam Hoyt, Senior Solar Consultant with Alternative Energy Southeast and Kathy Hancock who was instrumental in bringing solar to nearby Oakhurst Presbyterian. There will be plenty of time for Q&A and we hope you'll be part of this important conversation.

FORMATION | Children & Youth—*Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • locations vary*

- Godly Play—Ages 3 - 3rd grade, Room 203
- Youth Formation—4th - 8th Grade, Donut Den
- High School Coffee Hour—9th - 12th Grade, Room 201

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group—*today at 5:00 p.m. • parish hall*

Youth group will meet this week 5:00-6:30 p.m. for candle making. As we make our candles, we will discuss the role of fire/light in the season of Lent, including important traditions such as the paschal candle, the burning of the Palms, Ash Wednesday, and the Easter Vigil. Please contact Taylor Irwin tirwin@epiphany.org if you have any questions.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Parent Feedback Session • *Room 201*

Parents of the Youth are invited to join the Rev. Carmie McDonald and Taylor Irwin to discuss their experience youth programming at Epiphany. Please join us to share your thoughts, ask questions, and connect with others on the parenting journey! The session will be held February 23 during youth group. Please contact Taylor at tirwin@epiphany.org with questions.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Art Ministry—*now showing for the month of February*

For February, Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes art made from recycled materials by Carol Veliotis. The items used are collected from her daily walks. Learn more about the artist and the art ministry at epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery. *Carol is visiting with us today. Please come and greet her in the gallery.*

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of Eric Olson, with love from Jarrod, Susan, Jordan and Jessica Moody.

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 to reserve dates that have meaning for you.

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

WORSHIP | Weekday Services—*visit epiphany.org/worship-services for details*

- Weekday Morning Prayer—9:00 a.m. online, request the login link from the parish office.
- Tuesday Morning Prayer (Holy Eucharist 1st Tuesdays)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel
- Wednesday Noonday Prayer—in the side chapel; a Healing Service and Eucharist follows at 12:15 p.m.

PASTORAL CARE | The Community of Hope's Circle of Care—*Last Mondays of the month • parish hall*

2/24—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 login to Realm to contact Ann Fowler.

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

2/25—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. Log into Realm to contact John Yntema with any questions.

MUSIC | Choirs for Children & Youth—*Tuesdays • Music Suite upstairs • Julie Ryder / music@epiphany.org*

New members are welcome! Please register your student at epiphany.org/rsvp.

- 2/25—Beginning Choristers (pre-K - 2nd grade) meet from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- 2/25—Junior Choir (3rd grade-unchanged voices) meet from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

PARISH GROUPS | **Trivia Group**—*Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.* • *Wild Heaven in Avondale Estates*

2/25—All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group on Tuesdays at Wild Heaven in Avondale. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Questions? Log into Realm to contact Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

NOTICE | **Endowment Grant Submission Period CLOSSES FEBRUARY 26**

Now through 2/26—Endowment Fund Grant Applications are available online from the homepage and in the gallery tract rack. Grants may be for capital improvements; scholarships or grants to members; or community outreach projects. *Application deadline is February 26, 2025.*

MUSIC | **Choirs for Adults & Youth**—*Wednesdays* • *Julie Ryder / music@epiphany.org*

- 2/26—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 2/26—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.

PARISH LIFE | **Chez Epiphany Cooking Class**—*Topic: Pasta Making* • *kitchen & parish hall*

2/27—The next Chez Epiphany Cooking Class with Joel Fowler will be Thursday, February 27 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The topic for this session is Pasta Making! We'll make fresh pasta using rolling machines and rolling pins, and then, of course, cook and eat what we've made. No previous experience is needed. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes the class and the dinner we have together from what we cook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Non-Food Pantry Drive**—During the month of March

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) sponsor a pantry drive twice a year for Emmaus House for items not covered by the SNAP Program. This time for the month of March, we are collecting collect bar soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes with a goal of 75 donations for each item. Bins for donations are in the gallery.

PARISH LIFE & LITURGY | **Shrove Tuesday**

3/4—Come at 5:30 p.m. to help decorate the Alleluia Banner. All ages welcome! Then join us at 6:00 p.m. for pancakes (cooked by our Youth) and/or potluck Cajun (you bring it). There will be King Cake for dessert. The Burning of the Palms Liturgy will follow. Please RSVP for the pancakes so we know how much to cook. Adult volunteers are needed to help the youth set-up, cook, or clean up. Both sign ups can be found at epiphany.org/rsvp. Youth interested in helping cook should reach out to Taylor Irwin / tirwin@epiphany.org. Gluten-free options will be available.

LITURGY | **Ash Wednesday**

3/5—We will observe the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 & 7:00 p.m. in the nave and online.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Vacation Bible School: June 16 - 20 at St. Bartholomew's Church**

5/30 Deadline—This year's VBS theme is Be Loved. Be Kind. Be You. We will explore compassion for others, ourselves, and the world through a variety of activities and service projects. Children ages rising pre-K through 5th grade are invited to register as participants, and all youth rising 6th recently graduated are invited to register as counselors. The registration link is located at epiphany.org/rsvp. Register by May 30, 2025.

SEASON OF LENT — BEGINS MARCH 5

GIVING | **United thank Offering (UTO)**—*make a practice of thank offerings during Lent*

In 1889, two Episcopal women envisioned a way to collect small thank offerings in homes as a personal expression of gratitude. Today, UTO contributions from Episcopalians around the world support more than 5,300 Episcopal missions and ministries. UTO boxes/envelopes are in the Gallery. Make checks out to The Episcopal Church Women, noting UTO in the memo. Ingathering will be Sunday, April 27.

DEVOTIONALS | **From Living Compass**—*free in the gallery, limited supply*

If you are looking for a Lenten devotional to read as a spiritual practice during Lent, pick up one of the Living Compass booklets in the gallery: *Living Well Through Lent 2025: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit In Heart, Soul,*

Strength, and Mind. Prefer a digital practice? A free PDF version is also available at livingcompass.org. You can also sign up to receive a daily email of each reflection for free.

MEDITATIONS | From Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)—free online

You're invited to subscribe to ERD's Lenten Meditations! Visit episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/ to sign up for daily meditation emails, written by Jerusalem Jackson Greer, on the divine gifts we find in community.

THE RITE OF RECONCILIATION is available during the season of Lent. This rite, also known as confession, invites the confession of sin to God in the presence of a priest, followed by the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution. Contact the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright at adillswright@epiphany.org or the Rev. Carmie McDonald at cmcdonald@epiphany.org if you would like to schedule a time for this sacramental rite.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

3/7—The group meets online each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss. It is led by parishioner and trained psychotherapist, Nancy Thompson. Please log into Realm to contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

FORMATION | Contemplative Practice—join us in the Choir Loft at 4:00 p.m.

3/9—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 Bobbi Patterson, Elizabeth Ura, and the Rev. Amy Dills-Wright. Questions? Contact Amy at adillswright@epiphany.org.

PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Book Group—2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. • location varies

3/10—The Epiphany Book Group meets on second Mondays at 7:00 p.m. See listing below for titles and location. All are welcome. Log into Realm to contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions. Book Selection for March: *Soil* by Camille Dungy (Epiphany)

PARISH GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—2nd Tuesdays at 9:30/11:30 a.m. • parish hall

3/11—The ECW meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. The meeting and program begins at 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Our speaker for March is Larry Witherspoon, the director of the Jumpstart Automotive Training Center for at-risk youth and young adults. Afterwards, we will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Gateway Center Meal Ministry—meals served 2nd Fridays of the month

3/12-14—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter on 2nd Fridays. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

PASTORAL CARE | Caregiver Group—2nd Fridays at 11:45 p.m. • Zoom

3/14—Epiphany's Caregiver Group meets on the 2nd Friday of the month at 11:45 a.m. on Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is co-facilitated by parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist, and by parishioner Anne Bucey, a trained spiritual advisor. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Nancy Thompson.

WORSHIP | Family Eucharist Service & Service Project—all activities in the parish hall

3/18—Join us for a Family Eucharist at 6:15 p.m. Arrive by 6:00 p.m. if you'd like to eat pizza together, or come at 5:00 p.m. to take part in the Family Service Project. RSVP for the pizza at epiphany.org/rsvp.

PARISH GROUPS | The Munch Bunch—3rd Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. • Thinking Man Tavern

3/19—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. Log into Realm to contact Laura Keys if you have any questions.

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.

LITURGICAL & EVENT CALENDAR THROUGH SPRING

Asterisk () denotes services that will also be live-streamed*

Season of Lent

March 5—Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.*

March 9—First Sunday in Lent • 10:00 a.m.*

— EACH WEEK DURING LENT —

Sunday Holy Eucharist • 10:00 a.m.*

Weekday Morning Prayer • 9:00 a.m. (Zoom only, request link from office)

Tuesday Morning Prayer/Eucharist 1st Tuesdays • 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday Noonday Prayer • 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday Eucharist with Healing • 12:15 p.m.

Holy Week

April 13—Palm Sunday • 10:00 a.m.*

April 14—Contemplative Anointing Service • 6:00 p.m.

April 15—Holy Eucharist • 7:00 a.m.

April 16—Noonday Prayer • 12:00 p.m.

April 16—Eucharist with Healing • 12:15 p.m.

April 17—Agápe Supper (RSVP) • 6:00 p.m.

April 17—Maundy Thursday Liturgy • 7:00 p.m.*

April 18—Good Friday Liturgy • 12:00 p.m.*

Easter Sunday – April 20

The Great Vigil of Easter • 6:00 a.m.

Easter Day Services • 9:00 a.m.* & 11:00 a.m.*

Easter Breakfast • 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt • 10:15 a.m.