



The  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
of the  
**EPIPHANY**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 30, 2025 ✠ 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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*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**—Chorale Prelude on *New Britain*

Jon Spong

**The Procession**—*The People stand*

### A Penitential Order

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation:  
*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*Celebrant*

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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept*

*Minister and People*

**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 Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**Holy God**—S 100

David Hurd

*standing*

The musical score for 'Holy God' is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

### The Collect of the Day

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

**Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The First Lesson

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 32—Sung by the Choir

Samuel Wesley

*Beati quorum*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*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 467**—Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

St. Bees

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So Jesus told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### The Sermon

The Rev. Caroline Magee

*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 Lent

O God, you are our God; eagerly we seek you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. Guide us with your mighty hand and outstretched arm. Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**Guide us in wisdom, truth, and love.**

We pray for your church throughout the world. Help us who bear your name to live with integrity, bringing forth fruit to nourish this hungry world. Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**Guide us in wisdom, truth, and love.**

We pray for this nation, for all its leaders, and for all the nations of your world; wherever we are living in righteousness, strengthen us; wherever we have lost our way, guide us and make us repentant that we may find the way we should go. Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**Guide us in wisdom, truth, and love.**

We pray for your creation that is fractured by greed and fear; through your Christ make us one with yourself and all creation, that we might be transformed into the righteousness of God. Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**Guide us in wisdom, truth, and love.**

We pray for this city and all who have made this their home; create in us a spirit of true community where we, like you, would seek one another's safety and nurture. Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**Guide us in wisdom, truth, and love.**

We pray for our family, friends, and neighbors who are laboring beneath burdens too heavy to bear: for refugees and immigrants, for those without homes or adequate employment, for respectable households concealing domestic violence or addiction; merciful God, open our eyes and hearts, and join our hands to yours as we minister to those who suffer. Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**Guide us in wisdom, truth, and love.**

We pray for all those who have asked us to pray:

Forge for them a way through the wilderness; be for them a river in the desert. Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**Guide us in wisdom, truth, and love.**

We pray for those who have died; may everything that has passed away be gathered into Christ's new creation, that all may see your goodness in the land of the living. Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**Guide us in wisdom, truth, and love.**

*Celebrant's concluding Collect*

Gracious God, our refuge and stronghold, the God in whom we put our trust; guide your people through our Lenten wilderness, have mercy on us and answer us as we call, though Christ the Lord of all, who is generous to everyone who calls upon him. **Amen.**

## The Peace

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

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

## The Welcome

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessing: George and Liefy Smith

Offertory Anthem—Amazing Grace

David Ashley White

*Epiphany Choir • Rebecca Follman, flute*

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.  
The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer A, 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus W850—Holy, holy, holy Lord**

Jonathan Dimmock  
 from *Missa Appalachia*

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, Ho - san - na,  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, the high - est. —



*The people may stand or kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and creator of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior: 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.*

O Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

O Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

O Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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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 333—Now the silence

Now

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.

### Solemn Prayer—*Celebrant*

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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**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.*

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**For members who are bidding our prayers:** Ellen Mintzmyer • Jerry Kinnane • Philip Anderson • 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) • 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 Webb • Lynn & Joe O'Brien, family of David Thierry & Pam Tipton • Sue Bromley & Toby Coursen, friends of David Thierry & Pam Tipton • Kathleen & Sue, friends of David Thierry & Pam Tipton • Ford Phillips, family of George Ross • Amy McAlister, daughter of Mary Lou Bassett • 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:** Peggy King, friend of Pam Tipton

**For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 3/30-4/5:** Richard & Susan Messner • Carol & Chris Moser

**For those celebrating birthdays the week 3/30-4/5:** Kristin Banfield • Todd Davis • Beth Floyd • Abigail Wiles • Shea McNutt • Bobby Cunningham • Eva Brandon • Skye McKinney

**For our Haitian siblings** and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

**For racial justice:** For those with influence in our government that they will work to uphold justice and equity for those most in need.

**For our fragile and beautiful Earth:** Bats, our friends in controlling pests, pollinating plants, and dispersing seeds. They are suffering from a fungal disease and loss of habitat.

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

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in thanksgiving for Alex Belcore's birthday, by Barbara Belcore.

**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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**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.

FORMATION | **Adult Formation**—Sundays at 11:30 a.m. • *locations vary*

- **Seeking Shalom:** Often translated “peace,” the biblical word *shalom* entails far more than just the absence of war and conflict. *Shalom* describes God’s grand and beautiful dream for a world in which wholeness and healing are cultivated at the level of just societies and flourishing communities. This five-part study offers an in-depth exploration of the biblical concept of shalom, including its various spiritual, social, and economic dimensions. Emphasis will be placed on how we can respond to the call to shalom through the ministries of the church and our own lives of faith. Presented by Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio, Founding Director of the Candler Foundry. *This Sunday finishes this series. We meet in the parish hall.*
- **Faithful Families:** Parents of children and youth are invited to join others on the parenting journey for a five-part book study that began on March 9. We will read and reflect on *Raising Self-Reliant Children in a Self-Indulgent World: Seven Building Blocks for Developing Capable Young People* by H. Stephen Glenn. Facilitated by Cristin & Jeremy Davis. *Dates: March 30 and April 6 upstairs in the Music Suite*

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

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

WORSHIP | **Church of the Common Ground**—Worship with the youth 3/30 at 11:30 a.m. in Woodruff Park 3/30—Join the Epiphany Youth Group to worship at Church of the Common Ground, the “church without walls” in Downtown Atlanta. We will gather after the 10 a.m. service to eat lunch and carpool and should return to the church by 3:00 p.m. This is an outside event so please dress accordingly and be sure to register on Realm.

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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, request the login link from the parish office.
- Tuesday Morning Prayer (Holy Eucharist 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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.

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 Episcopalian 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.

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

4/1—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.

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

4/1—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](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

MUSIC | **Choirs for Children & Youth**—Tuesdays • *Music Suite upstairs* • Julie Ryder / [music@epiphany.org](mailto:music@epiphany.org)

- 4/1—Beginning Choristers (pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) meet from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- 4/1—Junior Choir (3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

4/1—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.

MUSIC | **Choirs for Adults & Youth**—Wednesdays • Julie Ryder / [music@epiphany.org](mailto:music@epiphany.org)

- 4/2—The Epiphany Ringers rehearse from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- 4/2—Our all-volunteer Epiphany Choir rehearses from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. in the Music Suite.

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

4/3—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.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

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FORMATION | **Adult Formation Next Sunday**—Sunday, April 6 • 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall

4/6—Join Georgia Interfaith Power and Light for a workshop on how solar energy can combat environmental injustice by fighting energy burden and rising utility rates. Learn how this solution can benefit your congregation and community by reducing carbon emissions, building local impact, and helping to advance Drawdown Georgia solutions across the state.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE | **A Lenten Journey with Etty Hillesum**—Sunday, April 6 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

4/6—Lenten Quiet Day: Etty Hillesum was in her twenties when she voluntarily accompanied her fellow Jews to a Nazi concentration camp. Etty's way of enduring hardship offers guidance for our lives, with specific practices that invite us to be people who practice choosing each day to embody peace, comfort, and courage during times of great suffering. Join the Rev. Lynnsay Buehler as we sit with the example of this Jewish mystic. Cost for the Quiet Day is \$25 and includes light refreshments and supplies. Please register at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) by April 3.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS | **Parish Workday**—from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

4/12—Please save the date for a work day that we will have on Saturday, April 12 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We hope you will be able to join your fellow Creation Caregivers of the Earth Guild and the Buildings & Grounds Committee as we spruce up our lovely grounds and interior spaces before Holy Week. All ages and all skill levels are welcome! We will provide snacks and beverages, but you will want to bring your reusable water bottle so we can avoid single-use plastics. If you have them, bring your work gloves, pruning shears, loppers, spades, clippers, and garden shovels.

WORSHIP | **Palm Sunday**

4/13—The narrative account of Jesus' last days is read at the service. We will gather over in the meadow, the grassy area off the paved parking lot, and process to the nave with our palms. Visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) if you would like to read part of the passion.

GIVING | **Easter Flowers & Music Sign up is NOW LIVE**

You are invited to make an offering for Easter Flowers and/or Music in thanksgiving or memory of a loved one. Visit [epiphany.org/easter-flowers-and-music](http://epiphany.org/easter-flowers-and-music) to list your intention. You can choose to pay online from a link on that page, or mail a check to the church. Submissions received by 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 14 will be listed in the Easter Bulletin.

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

4/14—The Epiphany Book Group will not meet in April. The next book group meeting will take place on May 12. The Book Selection for May: *Trust* by Hernon Diaz (at Epiphany).

PARISH EVENT | **Easter Candy Donations**

Please consider donating a bag of candy to Epiphany for our Easter Egg Hunt. You can drop off candy at Epiphany during regular office hours or on Sunday mornings, in the bin beside the front entrance. We need all candy by Tuesday, April 15. NO CANDY WITH NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER, PLEASE!

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

4/16—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.

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

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 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to register as participants, and all youth rising 6<sup>th</sup> recently graduated are invited to register as counselors. The registration link is located at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp).

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

4/8—The ECW meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Afterwards, we will adjourn to Melton's App & Tap for lunch. All women of Epiphany are invited to attend.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Our Quarterly Wednesday Dinner for Holy Comforter**

4/9—Holy Comforter is a unique worshipping community in the heart of Atlanta. About 60% of this congregation lives with mental illness. We will prepare a meal during the afternoon and take the meal to the church, leaving at 6:00 p.m., prepare to serve after the 6:30 p.m. service. After serving, the volunteers join the parishioners for dinner. Sign up to participate at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp). Contact: Jeanette Hanson.

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

4/9-11—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).

PARISH GROUP | **Fireside Sit & Sip**

4/10—This group, for women primarily in their 40s, 50s, and 60s gathers once a month in the courtyard.

Bring a camp chair and join us around the fire pit to sit, sip, and enjoy conversation with other women on the journey. Please RSVP at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) and sign up to bring drinks or snacks. Questions? Use Realm to contact Kathy Corcoran or the Rev. Carmie McDonald.

PASTORAL CARE | **Caregiver Group**—2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays at 11:45 p.m. • *Zoom*

4/11—The Caregiver Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## HOLY WEEK

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April 13—Palm Sunday • 10:00 a.m. (*live-streamed*)

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

April 14—Contemplative Anointing Service • 6:00 p.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. (*live-streamed*)

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

WORSHIP | **Palm Sunday**

4/13—The narrative account of Jesus' last days is read at the service. We will gather over in the meadow, the grassy area off the paved parking lot, and process to the nave with our palms. Visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) if you would like to read part of the passion.

**WORSHIP | Morning Prayer**

4/14-18—Morning Prayer takes place each morning at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. The login Link is not public. Contact the parish office at [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org) for login information.

**WORSHIP | Holy Week Contemplative Anointing Service—6:00 p.m.**

4/14—Right before Jesus' final entrance into Jerusalem, he stops in Bethany where Mary the Magdalene anoints him with costly perfume. In honor of this act of love, we offer a service during Holy Week where we remember that anointing, and Mary's presence accompanying Jesus at his crucifixion, at the tomb, and at the resurrection. The liturgy, written by the Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault, includes readings, contemplative chant, silence, and anointing one another. As we remember Christ's anointing and experience our own, we are drawn more deeply toward the heart of divine love and place Mary the Magdalene back in her rightful place as a central figure in Holy Week as one of Jesus' apostles.

**WORSHIP | Tuesday Morning Prayer/Holy Eucharist**

4/15— Morning Prayer takes place on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the side chapel. Holy Eucharist is celebrated on the first Tuesday of the month.

**WORSHIP | Wednesday Noonday Prayer & Healing Eucharist**

4/16—Noonday Prayer takes place in the side chapel at 12:00 p.m. (noon), followed by Eucharist at 12:15 p.m. The service includes a healing service with laying on of hands and anointing for healing for those who desire it.

**WORSHIP | Maundy Thursday "Agápe Supper"**

4/17—Maundy Thursday "Agápe Supper," begins at 6:00 p.m. with the liturgy that includes the Holy Eucharist and foot washing immediately following. The Supper requires reservations. Visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to reserve your seat by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 14. Childcare provided up to age 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**WORSHIP | Good Friday**

4/18—The Good Friday Service takes place at 12:00 p.m. The offering for the day will go to the support the ministry of the dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Our contributions are used to assist them to promote peace and mutual understanding and education programs throughout the region. You can learn more and donate directly at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/> or by cash or checking, noting "Good Friday Offering" in the memo.

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## EASTER SEASON

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### Easter Sunday - April 20

The Great Vigil of Easter • 6:00 a.m.

Easter Day Services • 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (*both live-streamed*)

Easter Breakfast • 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt • 10:15 a.m.

**WORSHIP | Easter Vigil**

4/20—Join us for the Great Vigil of Easter at 6:00 a.m. to begin our Easter celebration. There will be incense at this service. Remember to bring bells to ring and plan to stay afterwards for champagne and strawberries.

**WORSHIP | Easter Day Services**

4/20—Easter Sunday liturgies will take place at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Please bring a flower from home to flower the cross in the courtyard.

**PARISH EVENT | Easter Breakfast**

4/20—Easter Breakfast will be served from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Please sign up at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) with your TABLE READY breakfast dishes to share (fruit, sweets, casseroles, and other savories) and remember to put your name on your dishes. Parish Life will provide biscuits with jams and jellies, ham, and beverages. Include a card listing dietary/allergen comments (i.e., meat, dairy, gluten, nut ingredients). No charge/donations welcome.

**PARISH EVENT | Easter Egg Hunt**

4/20—Gather your children (up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) in the church nave after the first service for instructions and we will dismiss for the egg hunt from there at 10:15 a.m. Please bring your own baskets.