



The  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
of the  
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 19B*

*Season of Creation*

September 15, 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.

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The Season of Creation, September 1 through October 4, is celebrated by Christians around the world as a time for renewing, repairing, and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation. The Episcopal Church joins this international effort for prayer and action for climate justice and an end to environmental racism and ecological destruction.

The 2024 theme is *To hope and act with Creation*. In celebrating the Season, we are invited to consider anew our ecological, economic, and political ways of living.

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“We shall awaken from our dullness and rise vigorously toward justice. If we fall in love with creation deeper and deeper, we will respond to its endangerment with passion.”

“Glimpse at the sun. See the moon and the stars. Gaze at the beauty of earth’s greenings. Now, think. What delight God gives to humankind with all these things. All nature is at the disposal of humankind. We are to work with it. For without it we cannot survive.”

“All living creatures are sparks from the radiation of God’s brilliance, emerging from God like the rays of the sun.”  
*Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)*

**Hildegard of Bingen**, whose feast day is celebrated on September 17, was born in 1098 in the lush Rhineland Valley; she was a mystic, poet, composer, dramatist, doctor, and scientist. Her parents’ tenth child, she was tithed to the Church and raised by the anchoress Jutta in a cottage near the Benedictine monastery of Disibodenberg.

Drawn by the life of silence and prayer, other women joined them, finding the freedom, rare outside women’s religious communities, to develop their intellectual gifts. They organized as a convent under the authority of the abbot of Disibodenberg, with Jutta as abbess. When Jutta died, Hildegard, then 38, became abbess. Later she founded independent convents at Bingen (1150) and Eibingen (1165), with the Archbishop of Mainz as her only superior.

From childhood, Hildegard experienced dazzling spiritual visions. At 43, a voice commanded her to tell what she saw. So began an outpouring of extraordinarily original writings illustrated by unusual and wondrous illuminations. These works abound with feminine imagery for God and God’s creative activity.

In 1147, Bernard of Clairvaux recommended her first book of visions, *Scivias*, to Pope Eugenius III, leading to papal authentication at the Synod of Trier. Hildegard became famous, eagerly sought for counsel, a correspondent of kings and queens, abbots and abbesses, archbishops and popes.

She carried out four preaching missions in northern Europe, unprecedented activity for a woman. She practiced medicine, focusing on women’s needs; published treatises on natural science and philosophy; wrote a liturgical drama, *The Play of the Virtues*, in which personified virtues sing their parts and the devil, condemned to live without music, can only speak. For Hildegard, music was essential to worship. Her liturgical compositions, unusual in structure and tonality, were described by contemporaries as “chant of surpassing sweet melody” and “strange and unheard-of music.”

Hildegard lived in a world accustomed to male governance. Yet, within her convents, and to a surprising extent outside them, she exercised a commanding spiritual authority based on confidence in her visions and considerable political astuteness. When she died in 1179 at 81, she left a rich legacy which speaks eloquently across the ages.

From *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*

*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**—Sonata IV in E minor, BWV 528  
Alvin Blount, *guest organist*

*Adagio e vivace*

J.S. Bach

**Processional Hymn 8**—Morning has broken

*Bunessan*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of all creation.  
*People* Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

*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 S236**—Glory to you

John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your  
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the  
 depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to  
 you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### The First Lesson

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

*Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of / **God**, \*  
and the firmament shows his / **handiwork**.
- 2 One day tells its tale to a-/**nother**, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to a-/**nother**.
- 3 Although they have no words or / **language**, \*  
and their voices are not / **heard**,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all / **lands**, \*  
and their message to the ends of the / **world**.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the / **sun**; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its / **course**.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it a-/**gain**; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning / **heat**.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, and revives the / **soul**; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the / **innocent**.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just, and rejoice the / **heart**; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the / **eyes**.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, and endures for / **ever**; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true,  
and righteous alto-/**gether**.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine / **gold**, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the / **comb**.
- 11 By them also is your servant en-/**lightened**, \*  
and in keeping them there is great re-/**ward**.
- 12 Who can tell how often he of-/**fends**? \*  
cleanse me from my secret / **faults**.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion / **over me**; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great of-/**fense**.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your / **sight**, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my re-/**deemer**.

## The Second Lesson

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue— a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*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 288—Praise to God, immortal praise**

*Dix*

## The Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*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.

**Prayers of the People: A Litany for the Earth, Form A**

Let us offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures, saying, “God of glory, hear us.”

We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, for sharing the promise of abundant life and working toward it for all.

**God of glory, hear us.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples.

**God of glory, hear us.**

We pray for peace with justice around the world, especially for an end to violent competition for limited resources.

**God of glory, hear us.**

We pray for those who suffer illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation.

**God of glory, hear us.**

We pray for the environmental concerns that you may lift up now, either silently or aloud.

*Silence, during which the people may offer their concerns.*



We turn to you in our distress and fear,  
**God of glory, hear us.**

We pray for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors of God's creation in ways large and small; for gardeners, farmers, and ranchers; for rangers and park managers; for fishers and foresters; for climate scientists, ecologists, and activists, and for all who work to restore and heal our wounded Earth.  
**God of glory, hear us.**

We pray for the needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for those who have died.

For those who taught us to marvel in all God's works.

**God of glory, hear us.**

*Celebrant's concluding collect*

Creator God, you call us into being. Inspire us with your extravagant generosity, and sustain us with hope in resurrection life. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin—Celebrant**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*Celebrant 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 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—The gift of love**

*Epiphany Choir*

*O waly waly*

Arr. Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

\* $\frac{3}{7}$  Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

$\frac{3}{7}$  hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

$\frac{3}{7}$  tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

*Refrain*  
O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C**

BCP 369

*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.**

God of all power, Creator of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

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

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.

*Celebrant*

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

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

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

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

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah and Rachel; and God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

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

**The Lord’s Prayer**—*traditional language*

BCP 364

**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.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - 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**

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.

**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 383—Fairest Lord Jesus**

St. Elizabeth

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**

Go out into the world rejoicing, and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there; Rejoice in its richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty; and the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to all creation now and always. **Amen.**

**Hymn 398—I sing the almighty power of God**

Forest Green

**The Dismissal**

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary—Psalm 19**

B. Marcello/Schrader

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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:** Jerry Wall (husband of Lucy Davidson) • Barbara Belcore • Lisa Gray • Rod MacLeod • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Chris Belcore • Eloise Wierwille • Brandon Laird • Anne Warner • Jim Rabb • Kim Boswell • Ellyn Bryan • Eric Olson • Anne Bucey • Francis Lee • Brett Boatright • Laura, John & Sarah Keys • Robin Hairston • Beth Towers • Mary McCall Cash • Wende Crowe • Sally Brockington

**For friends and family:** Adalyn Belcher, cousin of Kaylie Gibbs • Annie Brown, friend of Kaylie Gibbs • Roseanne English, neighbor of Barbara Ryder • Joan Weigle, family of Sara Cushing • Mary Kemp, daughter of Lisa Gray • Susan Parks, sister of Rebecca Follman • Elliot Landsdowne, grandnephew of Cristin Davis • Brian May, friend of Philip Anderson • 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 on pilgrimage in Iona Scotland:** Carol Bartlett • David Brandon • Lisa Daily • Amy Dills-Wright • Julie Dodge • David Draper • Ann Fowler • Terri Lawrence • April Maa • Carol Moser • Bobbi Patterson • Joe Patterson • Nan Ross • Barbara Ryder • Julie Ryder • Annie Strahan • Brian Wright

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

**For those celebrating anniversary for the week of 9/15-21:** Amy & Jason Rooks • Jan Robinson & Edward Baltrusaitis • Katy & Evan Bassett • Katharine Hilliard-Yntema & John Yntema

**For those celebrating birthdays for the week of 9/15-21:** Billy Braswell • Jake Braswell • Henry Van Ness • Carmie McDonald • Riley Yeager • Barbara Bonner • Richard Ferrell • Eric Olson • Susan Scott • Oliver Dyer • Wyatt Smith

*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.

**FORMATION | Adults**—*Season of Creation • Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall*

During the Season of Creation, we will be exploring ways that we might live more fully into our calling to act as stewards of God's creation within our local communities and as advocates for broader change.

- **TODAY** our guest is Marqus Cole, Organizing Director with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL), will be discussing how following the Son of God can lead our communities to being powered by the "sun" of God. Come explore scripture and solutions for our house of worship.

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

Children & Youth formation takes place after the 10:00 a.m. service from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to register your children and youth or check out the bulletin boards on either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> floors.

- Room 205—Godly Play (children 3 years old through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
- Room 206—Searching the Scriptures (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Lower-Level Classroom / Donut Den—Youth Formation (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Interfaith River Clean-Up for World Rivers Day**

Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL), the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, and Ismaili CIVIC are joining together for the annual Interfaith River Clean-Up **TODAY** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please join members of Epiphany's Earth Guild and Youth Group as we build community and help clean the creek at the Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve. For more information, please contact Taylor Irwin at [tirwin@epiphany.org](mailto:tirwin@epiphany.org). Register online at <https://gipl.org/worldriverday>.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES | **Youth Group**

Youth Group is not meeting this Sunday or next Sunday. The next Youth Group meeting will take place on Sunday, September 29.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Art Ministry**—now showing in the gallery

**TODAY** guest artist **Keaton Posada is visiting and has brought more items for the exhibit.** Please greet her in the gallery. Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes crochet artist Keaton Posada for the month of September. Keaton specializes in "amigurumi," the art of crocheting toys or plushies. Learn more about the artist and the Art Ministry at [epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery](http://epiphany.org/epiphany-gallery). Remember, 25% of all sales benefit Epiphany.

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THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in celebration of Henry Van Ness's 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday, by Sally Brockington and Ed Van Ness.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of her brother Daniel Belcore, 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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## 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.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Harvey Fund Grant Application Cycle**—September 10 to October 10

Submit by-10/10—The Catherine D. Harvey Legacy Fund grant application cycle opens on September 10. Applications must be received by Monday, October 10. If you are aware of an organization that might qualify, please share the application found at <https://www.epiphany.org/communityengagement>. Questions? Email the Harvey Fund Advisory Board at [harveyfundadvisory@epiphany.org](mailto:harveyfundadvisory@epiphany.org).

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

9/15—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.

9/18—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.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | **Lecture (and dinner) at the Botanical Gardens**

9/18—The Earth Guild invites any interested parishioners to join them for a lecture by best-selling author Doug Tallamy at the Atlanta Botanical Garden at 7:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. No registration is required. Tallamy is the author of *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard*. Tallamy will discuss simple steps that each of us can take to reverse declining biodiversity, and why we must change our adversarial relationship with nature to a collaborative one. Guild members will also (optionally) meet for a meal at 6:00 p.m. at the garden's restaurant "Long Leaf." Contact Paul Hinson by Monday September 16 if you plan join.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### GIVING | Provide Donuts for the Youth Formation Hour!

Help sweeten up Sunday mornings for our youth by providing donuts for their Formation Hour (11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) Visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) if you would like to take a turn provide the donuts.

### REALM | Database Update Campaign—*is your parish profile up-to-date?*

Realm is our cloud-based church management software we use for the church database and it is a wonderful tool for contact information, event registration and financial tracking for members. This fall, our parish administrator Shea McNutt, will be reaching out to everyone to make sure the information we have for you and your family is current, that your pictures are recent, and that at least one member of the household has a login. If you would like to go ahead and request a login, contact her at [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org)

### ENDOWMENT | Magi Foundation Reception—*Members, PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!*

9/28—The Magi Foundation recognizes and honors individuals who have made provisions for the Epiphany Endowment Fund in their will or by other means of planned giving. This year's reception is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, so members will receive invitations shortly. If you have made a provision for Epiphany in your will and are not currently registered with the Magi Foundation, please email Shea at [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org) so that we can send you an invitation to the reception. More information about the Magi Foundation and the Endowment Fund can be found at [epiphany.org/endowment-fund](http://epiphany.org/endowment-fund).

### MUSIC | Choirs for Children & Youth—*registration is now open*

10/1—Choirs for Children & Youth returns on Tuesday, October 1! Learn more about the choirs and register your children and youth at [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp). Contact Julie Ryder / [music@epiphany.org](mailto:music@epiphany.org) with any questions.

### WORSHIP | Family Eucharist Service & Service Project

10/1—Join us for a Family Eucharist (6:15 p.m.) after choir practice or the Family Service project. 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).

### PARISH LIFE | Oktoberfest—*Saturday, October 5 • 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.*

10/5—Oktoberfest for Epiphanites of all ages will be celebrated in the courtyard from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Grilled sausages (or veggie option), German Beer & Wine, along with nonalcoholic drinks will be served. There will be a charge for the grill and you're invited to bring your favorite German-style side or a dessert. Visit [epiphany.org/rsvp](http://epiphany.org/rsvp) to register.

### MUSIC & FORMATION | The Bach/Biber Project—*Sunday, October 6 at 4:00 p.m. • Nave*

10/6—Join us for the third in a series of 6 performances over the next three years of the Bach/Biber Project. Violinist Judith Cox and organist Julie Ryder will present J.S. Bach's Sonata No. 2 in a minor for Violin Solo, BWV 1003, and H.I.F. Biber's Rosary Sonatas: VI. Agony in the Garden, VII. Scourging at the Pillar, VIII. Crown of Thorns. This presentation will take place as part of our monthly Contemplative Practice. Donations welcome. For more information, visit Bach/Biber Project at [bachbiberproject.com](http://bachbiberproject.com).

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Interfaith Children's Movement (ICM)

10/19-20—Epiphany is in partnership with ICM whose mission is to build a multi-faith grassroots advocacy coalition that works to create a Georgia where ALL children thrive. The 2024 Annual Interfaith Children's Sabbath Weekend is October 19-20. Saturday October 19 is Advocacy Day. Sunday, October 20 is the Interfaith Worship Service with Ambassador Andrew Young as guest preacher. If you have an interest in or questions about ICM, please contact Kay Lee.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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 monthly over Zoom, facilitated by long-time Epiphanite, Nancy Thompson, who facilitates our Grief Group. If you think you might be interested, please contact Nancy or let one of the staff know.

## MUSIC | Epiphany Choir Rehearsal

9/25—Our all-volunteer choir provides musical leadership for the 10:00 a.m. liturgy and feast days with rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. Membership is open to adults and high school youth. Contact: Julie Ryder / [music@epiphany.org](mailto:music@epiphany.org).

PASTORAL CARE | **The Community of Hope's Circle of Care**—*Last Mondays at 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. • parish hall*  
9/30—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.

PASTORAL CARE | **The Grief Pastoral Care Group**—*1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. • Zoom*  
10/3—The group meets online each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss, and is led by parishioner Nancy Thompson, trained psychotherapist. Please contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

FORMATION | **Contemplative Practice**—*for October, they will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday*  
10/6—For the month of October, we will gather instead on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, October 6 for the Bach/Biber Project presentation in the nave.

PARISH GROUPS | **The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**—*2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the month*  
10/8—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 begin 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 | **Gateway Center Meal Ministry**—*meals served 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays of the month*  
10/9-11—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 GROUPS | **Epiphany Book Group**—*location varies*  
10/14—The Epiphany Book meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. See listing below for location. All are welcome. Contact: Linda Ryder-Wolf.

- **October 14:** *Democracy Awakening*, by Heather Cox Richardson at Epiphany
- **November 11:** *Still Fooling 'Em*, by Billy Crystal on Zoom
- **December 9:** Appetizers & Dessert at 5:30 p.m. and pick books for 2025 at Epiphany

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## LITURGICAL & EVENT CALENDAR FOR FALL 2024

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### SEPTEMBER

- 11-22 Iona, Scotland Pilgrimage
- 14 Parish Work Day • 9:30 a.m.
- 15 Interfaith River Cleanup • 2:00 p.m.
- 20-22 Parish Retreat at The Mountain

### OCTOBER

- 1 Children's & Youth Choirs Rehearsals Begin  
Tuesday Family Dinner & Eucharist Resumes • 6:15 p.m.
- 2 Epiphany Ringers' Rehearsals Begin
- 5 Oktoberfest • 5:00 p.m.
- 6 St. Francis Animal Blessing • 10:00 a.m. service  
Pet Burial Service • 12:30 p.m. in the Pet Memorial Garden  
The Bach/Biber Project • 4:00 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

- 2 Parish Work Day • 9:30 a.m.
- 3 All Saints' Holy Baptism • 10:00 a.m. service  
All Souls' Evensong with Eucharist • 5:00 p.m.  
All Souls' Reception • 6:00 p.m.
- 10 Veterans' Recognition • 10:00 a.m. service
- 17 Newcomers' Gathering • 4:00 p.m.