

Church of the Epiphany

The Third Sunday in Lent, Year B
March 3, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

according to

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 1979

Enriching Our Worship 1
and The Hymnal, 1982

Welcome to the Church of the Epiphany. The Anglican tradition values common prayer. Praying together shapes our faith, binds us together, and helps us grow closer to God. We invite you to pray with us today. Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 (the red book). Hymns noted with an S are in the frontmost section of The Hymnal, 1982 (the blue book).

*The half-hour before the Mass is a time of quiet prayer and preparation.
Please wait quietly for the service to begin.*

Please silence or turn off your electronic devices.

Prelude: My Faith Looks Up to Thee – W. Held

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 143 The glory of these forty days

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The people kneel.

THE DECALOGUE

Enriching Our Worship 1

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of
bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**

And incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord
your God.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to
your neighbor.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**

**And write all these thy laws in our hearts,
we beseech you.**

The Kyrie is sung, all standing.

Kyrie: Lord, Have Mercy

Hymnal S-86

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

Kyrie eleison (repeat 3 times)

Christe eleison (repeat 3 times)

Kyrie eleison (repeat 3 times)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant faces the Holy Altar and says the Collect of the Day.

BCP 218

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

BCP 357

The people sit.

The Lessons, as appointed, are read. A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.

Reader A Reading from Exodus [20:1-17]

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

Directions for Reciting the Psalter

*The Psalm is read Responsively, the minister alternating with the congregation, verse by verse. An asterisk divides each verse into two parts. In reading, a **distinct pause should be made at the asterisk**. The pause is long enough to take a breath as one silently says the Name of Jesus. Commas in Psalms are not observed with a pause; a pause is observed at semi-colons. The Psalms are best able to be said when the readers both lower the pitch and volume of their voice.*

BCP 583

Reader The Psalm for today is

Psalm 19, *Caeli enarrant*

We will read responsively

by whole verse, pausing at the asterisks.

BCP 606

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * *(pause)*
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another, * *(pause)*
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, * *(pause)*
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands, * *(pause)*
and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * *(pause)*
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 again; *
(pause)
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; * *(pause)*

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; * (pause)
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; * (pause)
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, * (pause)
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * (pause)
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? * (pause)
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; * (pause)
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable in your sight, * (pause)
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said by All

THE GLORIA PATRI

BCP 406

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Reader A Reading from 1 Corinthians [1:18-25]

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who
are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power
of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will
thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the Gospel procession

Hymn 51 We the Lord’s people

Then, all standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John [2:13-22].

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said

to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Kristin Wickersham

Silence.

The people stand. The Celebrant and people say

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Intercessions for the Christian People

The Celebrant may introduce the Prayers with a sentence of invitation related to the occasion, or the season, or the Proper of the Day.

The Intercessor and people pray responsively

Celebrant Jesus Christ intercedes for us at all times. Together let us remember and pray to God through Christ, saying: Have mercy, O Lord.

Intercessor For the Church that the fasting of these forty days may clear away much that is needless and so open our eyes to the bright glory of the cross, we pray:

People ***Have mercy, O Lord.***

Intercessor For the church, that Debrah and all those baptized at Easter will learn from us to read and ponder and cherish the scriptures, we pray:

People ***Have mercy, O Lord.***

Intercessor For the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that the Jewish people may find blessing and a zeal for justice in their covenant with God, we pray:

People ***Have mercy, O Lord.***

Intercessor For all who suffer want, that God, in his mercy, may turn

our hearts toward one another and bring us to end our faithless reliance on weapons, war, and the threat of war, we pray:

People ***Have mercy, O Lord.***

Intercessor For prisoners, that all who are bound in body may find such a strength of spirit to lift up all of us, we pray:

People ***Have mercy, O Lord.***

Intercessor For ourselves, this church, its members, and its mission, that we may restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ, we pray:

People ***Have mercy, O Lord.***

Intercessor For all who have died, that they be at peace, we pray:

People ***Have mercy, O Lord.***

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people, in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

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A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.

One of the sentences from the Penitential Order may be said.

BCP 352

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

The Deacon or Celebrant says

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. 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 your Son 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.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.*

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with some sentence of Scripture.
During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

BCP 361

“The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to those who are being saved, it is the power of God.” *1 Corinthians 1:18*

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the Bread and Wine and in the money we give. An offering is received to support Epiphany's ministry

of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a thank offering as the plate is passed. The offerings are then brought to the altar to be blessed by the priest.

The people sit

Anthem: Lord, At Thy Mercy Seat – J. Runyan

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

BCP 361

Hymn 686. Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S-130

Celebrant and People

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

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

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 shed for you and for many 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, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

The Celebrant continues

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

People and Celebrant

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S-161

Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds and then immediately deliver it to the people.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who come seeking the Body and Blood of Christ, who earnestly repent of their sins, are in love and charity with their neighbors, and intend to lead a new life following the commandments of God are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

All are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing from the priest. Indicate this at the rail by crossing both arms over your chest.

The Sacrament is celebrated using wheat bread and fortified fermented grape wine.

We do not permit intincting the Holy Sacrament, or dipping the bread into the consecrated wine. If, for any reason, you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, please cross your arms as the minister

approaches. Although we encourage reception in both kinds, the grace of God present in the Holy Sacrament is fully available in the Body or Blood alone.

You may stand or kneel to receive Communion. The consecrated Bread is received in the hand, the right hand laid flat and placed on top of the left. To receive the consecrated Wine, grasp only the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips.

If you would like Communion brought to you in your pew, please inform an usher.

If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

BCP 365

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Communicant **Amen.**

Celebrant The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Communicant **Amen.**

The people join the choir in singing the hymns during Communion.

Hymn 676 There is a balm in Gilead

Taizé Chant: Eat This Bread

**Eat this bread, Drink this cup
Come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, Drink this cup,
Trust in him and you will not thirst.**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE Book of Occasional Services p. 10

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel.

Celebrant Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that
by your great goodness they may be governed and
preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people stand for the dismissal.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

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An Outline of the Faith
commonly called the Catechism

The Church

Q. What is the Church?

A. The Church is the community of the New Covenant.

Q. How is the Church described in the Bible?

A. The Church is described as the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members. It is called the People of God, the New Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and the pillar and ground of truth.

- Q. How is the Church described in the creeds?
- A. The Church is described as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.
- Q. Why is the Church described as one?
- A. The Church is one, because it is one Body, under one Head, our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Q. Why is the Church described as holy?
- A. The Church is holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, consecrates its members, and guides them to do God's work.
- Q. Why is the Church described as catholic?
- A. The Church is catholic, because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time.
- Q. Why is the Church described as apostolic?
- A. The Church is apostolic, because it continues in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles and is sent to carry out Christ's mission to all people.
- Q. What is the mission of the Church?
- A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.
- Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?
- A. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.
- Q. Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?
- A. The church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.
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Ministers

The ministers of the Church are all lay people, bishops, priests, and
deacons.

COMMUNICATION CARD
 March 3, 2024
 Welcome! You have blessed us with your presence. Please tell us how we can best serve you by completing the Communication Card.
Please place in the offering basket, hand it to an usher, or place on the table in the vestibule.

I'm looking for a church home
 I'd like to speak with a clergy member
 I'm ready to become a member
 I'm just visiting today

Name & Address Please update

Phone _____

Email _____

Children's names and ages


Please give me more information about:

Children's / Youth Programs
 Social events
 Outreach opportunities
 Classes and Small Group Studies
 Baptism or Confirmation
 How I can get involved

How did you hear about Epiphany?

(over)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

New to the Prayer List: Dan & Donna Ludwig—Dwight Ludwig's parents 

Parishioners: Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Martha & Milton Jenkins, Fran LaVigne, Marion Magruder, Joyce Melton, Irene Morris, Mike Young, Shirley Hughson, Dottie Strabley, Chris Tignor, Jeannie Riddick, Oscar Aderholt, John Sarvay

Family & Friends: Marie Patterson—Crystal Sarvay's mother, Jean Stone—John Stone's mother, Melanie Goodpasture—Carol McElhinney's daughter, Ed Morrow—friend of Kathy Jimerson, Rush Middleton—friend of Kim & Dwight Ludwig, Karen Rood—sister of Jeri Townley, John Henry Rice—son of Fr. John & Mackie Rice, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother, Linda Whitlock—sister-in-law of Wayne & Lucy Whitlock, Caitlin & Fr. Kyle Bomare & their family, Judy Watson—cousin of Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor, John Burkhardt—Brother-in-law of Chris & Sandy Tignor, Jeri Ligon—David Skinner's sister,

Prayers for the departed: Ina Sticker

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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Chalice: Florian Jones-Stamm

Sun. School Helper: Augustine Kiplagat

Altar Guild: Karen & Randy Holden

Coffee Hour: Conny & Becky


Counters: Kim Ludwig

The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2024



Welcome—we are glad you are here! Know that whoever you are, and where ever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place here. If you are new, or haven't yet given us your contact information, please complete the attached communication card and place it in the plate so that you can learn more about Epiphany's community.

Introducing the Lesson

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

In our first lesson Moses gives the people the ten commandments that God spoke to him on Mount Sinai. These precepts are at the heart of Israel's law or Torah, and form the basis of the covenant with God established through Moses. The first four commandments prescribe Israel's relationship with God. Those which follow require fundamental responsibilities in human relationships.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

In this epistle Paul directs the Corinthians' attention to God's way of using what is weak and lowly—even what the world regards as foolish—to accomplish God's purposes. Paul emphasizes this understanding because a number of these new Christians had come to think of themselves as especially gifted and wise. Yet the cross has shown God active in the world in a manner surprising both to the Jews' expectation of powerful signs and to the Greek's desire for worldly wisdom.

The Gospel: John 2:13-22

Our gospel is the story of Jesus' cleansing of the Jerusalem temple of its commercial activities, and his prediction that his body will become the new temple. The fourth evangelist places this incident very early in Jesus' ministry. It signifies the need to cleanse religious practices of corrupting influences and to put in their place a new form of worship. In the future Christians will worship God by sharing together in the risen life of Christ.

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sun. Mar. 3rd

8:15 am—Holy Eucharist—Rite 1
9:30—Children’s Sunday School
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

Mon. Mar. 4th

3:00 pm— Funeral for Ina Stickel at Nelson Funeral Home

Wed. Mar. 6th

6:00 pm—Bible Study

Thur. Mar. 7th

6:15 pm — Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm — Handbell Rehearsals.

Fri. Mar. 8th

7:30 pm — AA meeting in the parish hall

Sun. Mar. 10th

8:15 am—Holy Eucharist—Rite 1
9:30—Children’s Sunday School & Adult Forum
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

Stewardship: A person may decide either to accept or reject Christ, but once he or she accepts Christ, it is not for that person to decide whether or not to be a steward, for one becomes a steward when one becomes a Christian (Martin Luther)

The prayers & sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family & friends of Ina Stickel who passed away on Saturday, February 24th. Her funeral will be Monday, March 4th at 3:00 pm at the Nelson Funeral Home, 4650 S. Laburnum Ave. Richmond, VA 23231. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

The Bible Study meets on Wednesdays from 6—7:30 PM. They are reading Falling into Grace: Exploring Our Inner Life With God by the Rev. John Newton. All are invited to join.

2nd Sunday Lunch for April is cancelled due to Big Night Out.

May 19 — Sloppy Joes
June 9 — Church Picnic
It is free to all who would like to join us. We welcome guests to any and all meals!
The menu is subject to change, and meals will have a vegetarian option.

Adult Forum Sundays at 9:30 am. They are discussing Sunday’s lessons, focusing on the readings from the Gospel of Mark. Please join us for coffee, cookies and some great conversation about how the Word of God speaks to us today.

Save the Date: Saturday, April 13 from 6—9pm. Chapter 11’s Big Night Out! Stay tuned for more information!

I have some open flower dates for the rest of the year:
April 7, 21; June 2; July 7, 14, 21; Sept. 29; Oct. 20; Nov. 24; Dec. 22, 29. If you are interested in any of these dates, please let me know.

Attendance: February 25, 2024
8:15 am 6
10:30 am 58

Outreach Opportunities


The diaper ministry continues to hold diaper distribution on the third Saturday of every month from 10 am to 12 noon. This inspirational ministry has been touching families lives in our community since 2018 and continues to welcome new families each month. This ministry offers the parish an outreach opportunity to share God’s love and develop relationships within our community. The next diaper distribution will be on **March 16th**. A sign-up sheet is on the outreach board in the parish hallway for anyone interested in volunteering. Donations of diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6) and wipes are also appreciated. Thank you again to everyone for your continued support of this ministry!

Homeless Lunches: If anyone is interested in taking part in this ministry, ALL are welcome! Contact Mary Sam Abernathy (msabernathy88@gmail.com) or the team lead, for the team you are interested in helping. **The next lunches are scheduled to be prepared and delivered by Chapter 4 & 5 on March 30th**. Thank you to the Green Team who prepared and delivered on March 2nd. The 2024 homeless lunch schedule is now up on the outreach board and we will be entering our 25th year of participating in this ministry. **Donations of paper lunch bags, sandwich bags and napkins** are always welcome as well and can be dropped at the church office. Additionally, if you have further questions or concerns, I am always available to answer any questions. Crystal Sarvay, Outreach Coordinator (crystalsarvay@gmail.com).

Lambs Basket continues to need donations of food items, particularly cereals, peanut butter, jams, jellies, and canned foods. Please, bring in your donations and leave them in the parish hallway in the red wagon. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

A new opportunity to help our community: Lakeside Elementary School needs individually wrapped **healthy snacks and juices**. A box/basket will be in the parish hallway to collect these items. There are many students whose families cannot afford to send snacks to school with their children. Students during the day between breakfast and lunch need snacks and those who stay later in the afterschool program. Snacks are not provided by the school, although they do participate in the lunch program. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal.

Also, Please be on the look out for the **“Blessing Box”** and **“Little Library.”** They are in the works and will be here soon!

*The love and kindness that our parish shares is beyond amazing!
Love lives here!* 

COMMUNICATION CARD

March 3, 2024

Our Communication Card is for **all people at The Church of the Epiphany** so that you can share your thoughts and prayers, and request information.

If you are new, please complete the opposite side so we also have your contact information.

I'd like more information about an upcoming event or program

I am RSVPing or signing up for:

I am interested in learning more about how to be part of the following ministries or programs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office help | <input type="checkbox"/> Readers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Ed | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalice Bearer | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Prayer Requests / Comments