



Epiphany

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CHURCH

God Loves You. No Exceptions.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
YEAR B

March 17, 2024
10:00 a.m.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Jiji Park

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn Lord who throughout these forty days Hymnal 142

The Word of God

Please remain standing.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Summary of the Law

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

Congregation kneels as able.

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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

Kyrie



The congregation may remain kneeling or stand.

Salutation

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:9-16

Said responsively by half verse

⁹ How shall a young man cleanse his way? *

By keeping to your words.

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; *

let me not stray from your commandments.

¹¹ I treasure your promise in my heart, *

that I may not sin against you.

¹² Blessed are you, O Lord; *

instruct me in your statutes.

¹³ With my lips will I recite *

all the judgments of your mouth.

¹⁴ I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *

than in all manner of riches.

¹⁵ I will meditate on your commandments *

and give attention to your ways.

¹⁶ My delight is in your statutes; *

I will not forget your word.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand when those on the altar stand.

Sequence Hymn

O love of God

Hymnal 455

Please remain standing until invited to sit.

The Gospel

John 12:20-33

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Dina Widlake

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

**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.

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayers of the People

People's Invitation to Respond: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

People's Response: and renew a right spirit within us.

The Peace

God receives, pardons, and loves us; God created us as a Beloved Community; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ with one another.

The congregation may be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

We are deeply grateful for your generosity. Several methods to give are available to you.

Give by Text: Text EEC to 73256 or use the QR Code:



Give Online: EpiphanyEC.org/give

Mail a check:

Epiphany Episcopal Church, 3301 Hidden Meadow Dr., Oak Hill, VA 20171

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

What wondrous love is this

Hymnal 439

The congregation stands when the offerings are being presented.

Presentation Hymn

Doxology

Hymnal 380

verse 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Celebrant: 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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... (*proper preface said*).

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Craig Phillips

Celebrant and People:

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

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.

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 forever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread/Fraction

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.

Fraction Anthem

Craig Phillips



Celebrant: The gifts of God;

People: We are the people of God;

Celebrant: Behold who you are, become what you receive. **Amen.**

Those drawn to the Lord's Table with reverence and in faith are welcome to receive Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing or prayer in place of Communion, signal by crossing your arms across your chest. If you require a gluten free wafer, notify us when you come forward. If you want to know more about the connection between Communion and Baptism, please ask the clergy or lay leadership.

Communion Anthem

Drop, drop, slow tears

Richard Shephard

*Drop, drop, slow tears and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of peace.*

*Cease not wet eyes, his mercies to entreat
to cry for vengeance, sin doth never cease.*

*In your deep floods drown all my fault and fears
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

Hymn

God is love

Hymnal 577

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

O love how deep

Hymnal 448

The Dismissal

Words of Dismissal offered.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jiji Park

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

An Easter flower in honor of...in thanksgiving for...in memory of...

Help adorn the altar this Easter with a donation of Easter flowers! Look for the special Flower envelopes on the front table of the Narthex and in the back of the Nave. Suggested donation is \$25. Please place your donation inside this special envelope and drop this in the offering plate.

Or, use the QR code.



If you have any questions, reach out to churchoffice@epiphanyec.org or call the parish office at 703-466-5200.

Reflection from Living Compass for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Walking into Forgiveness— A Journey or a Destination?

Anna Noon

“Solvitur ambulando” – “It is solved by walking.”

—St. Augustine of Hippo

Walking time for me, in addition to being good exercise, is good thinking and praying time. There's something about the rhythm and pace of walking that can break free the log jams of my mind and lift my spirit when it is troubled. In the summer of 2021, after the borders opened up for international flights, and vaccinations made it possible to move out of Covid isolation, I made my way to St. Jean Pied de Port in the French Pyrenees to begin a walking pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

Any pilgrim who has walked the Camino carrying a backpack is well acquainted with the weight of things. The weight of things on my mind and in my heart were just as heavy if not heavier than the pack on my back. I know that with time and distance on a journey comes perspective, provided that the time and terrain traveled is accompanied with attention and prayerful intention. I didn't know when I set out if anything would be solved by the time I reached my destination, but I knew I needed release from the grief and hurt and loss that were magnified by being stuck inside.

Bringing only that which serves you on your journey and letting go of that which does not is essential when walking a Camino. Unpacking my bag of belongings nightly and re-packing in the morning before returning to the journey of putting one foot in front of the other; taking time to pray and sort out what hurts and needs healing; being open for new encounters, and offering gratitude for whatever is received were good practice for re-calibrating life back home.

LIFE OF EPIPHANY

To find out more, go to <https://EpiphanyEC.org>

TODAY AT EPIPHANY *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

9:15 AM Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults (Room 120)
10:00 AM Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, Rite II, (Nave and Online)
10:00 AM Sunday School (children's formation), 10:00 AM, *Narthex has room locations.*
11:00 AM Fellowship Hour (Narthex)
11:15 AM Joyful Noise Children's Choir (Room 120)

CONTINUING THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Four Wednesday Evenings in Lent at 7pm: 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 (Last one!)

A short worship service the church calls "putting the church to bed."

It will be centered on the *Living Well Through Lent* theme: Forgiveness.

Link will be in eNews and on the Epiphany website.

LOOKING AHEAD

Holy Week 3/24 - 3/30

3/24 - Palm Sunday

3/28- Maundy Thursday - Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing in Nave & Stripping of the Altar: 7 p.m.

3/29 - Good Friday - Service in Chapel: 12 p.m.; Service in Nave: 7 p.m.

3/30 - Holy Saturday - Short said service in Nave: 10 a.m.

Decoration of church for Easter Sunday 10:15 a.m.

Easter Sunday! 3/31

Worship at 10am, Flowering the Cross before and Egg Hunt follows.

See the eNews for the most up-to-date information about the Life of Epiphany.

Not on our list? Go to <https://EpiphanyEC.org> and sign-up today!

Welcome Guests and Visitors

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13).

We have been blessed by your presence with us in worship and hope you have felt blessed by your time with us. However strong or tender your faith, hope, and love are, you have an open invitation to join us. We hope to have a chance to get to know you. If you complete a newcomer's welcome card (located in the chair rack in front of you), you can place it in the offertory plate or give it to the clergy as you leave. Alternatively, you can call or email us: 703-466-5200, clergy@EpiphanyEC.org



Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7).

Please pray for: Allen; Ann; Annie & Richard; Bill & Cindy; Bob, Terry & Patrick; Brian, Lisa & Family and Lunsford Middle School; Caitlin, Kyle and Children; Camille; Carolyn; Carrie; Catherine, Anne & Family; Clara & Clyde; Cora and her family & friends; Dinah & Bob; Donna; Ellen; Fred & Hillary; George & Joanne; Ginger & her Mother; Hazel, Family & Caregivers. Hesham (Sam) & Family; Jane & Elizabeth; Janie, Bill & Family; Jim; John; Joshua; Kay & Family; Laura & Bob; Baby Luke and Family; Maddi & Family; Maggie; Mary; Noah's Family; Oliver's Family & Friends; Pam; Pam; Patty, Mark & Brian; Rhonda; Roy & Mickey; Steve, Miranda & Family; and Susan & Family.

Names remain on the prayer list for 6 weeks. Please contact prayers@EpiphanyEC.org if they can be removed sooner or if they need to be added again.

*As part of the Virginia Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, this week we pray for **Emmanuel Brook Hill, Richmond; Franham, Warsaw; St. Dunstan's, McLean; and St. John's, Warsaw.** We at Epiphany pray throughout the week for those who have suffered hurt and loss; who grieve and are impacted by any illness of body, mind, and spirit. We pray for all who suffer or spread violence of any kind. We pray for those that know food insecurity, and experience natural disasters. We pray for those who cannot safely practice their faith in freedom and suffer oppression of any kind. And we pray for those beginning new lives in new communities; may they be welcomed warmly and supported well.*

The ministries and ministers of the Church are supported by the vestry, clergy, and staff of this parish.

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