



Epiphany **EPISCOPAL**  **CHURCH**
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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
YEAR C
March 23, 2024
10:00 a.m.

YOU
 *welcomed*
ME

WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to Epiphany Episcopal Church, Oak Hill (Herndon)! What a blessing to have you worship with us today.

If you join us today as a visitor, we hope you depart as a friend. We invite you to complete the information card in the pews. You can place the completed card in the offering plate, give it to an usher, or give it to the clergy following the service and we will reach out to say hello.

We welcome children at worship. We are grateful for their wonder and excitement. Share with them what you notice throughout the service and celebrate their exuberance with us.

In a fraught and harsh world, we hope your time with us fills you with a sense of your worth and deep welcome. May any part of your life that aches and seeks comfort find it in the ways we seek, with God's help, to make known God's presence, power, and abiding love.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dina E. Widlake" followed by a small cross symbol.

Dina E. Widlake, Rector

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Jeanie Park

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn

Lord, who throughout these forty days

Hymnal 142

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Please remain standing.

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Summary of the Law

Mark 12:29-31

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 to God.

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 eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison.
 Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
 Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison.

(translation: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.)

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 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.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

The congregation may be seated.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also

seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8

Said responsively by whole verse

- ¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- ² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, ***
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- ³ For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- ⁴ **So will I bless you as long as I live ***
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- ⁵ My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- ⁶ **When I remember you upon my bed, ***
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- ⁷ For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- ⁸ **My soul clings to you; ***
your right hand holds me fast.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand when those on the altar stand.

Sequence Hymn

If thou but trust in God

Hymnal 635

The Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Please remain standing until invited to sit.

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

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have

come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dina E. 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.

The Prayers of the People

Please continue to stand as you are able.

Reader: God, in your mercy.

People: Receive our prayer.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of God be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Congregation may be seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

What wondrous love is this

Hymnal 439

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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.

Inclusive language, approved via Resolution D078, 2018

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift our hearts to God.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

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, the Maker 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S124

The Celebrant and People

**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.

O God, you are holy and gracious: 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, our Rock and our Foundation. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our 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, Most Holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal Reign. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant continues

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

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.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S164

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sin: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.**

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 Hymn

Shepherd of souls

Hymnal 343

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

The glory of these forty days

Hymnal 143

The Dismissal

Words of Dismissal offered.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jeanie Park

Life of Epiphany

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

TODAY AT EPIPHANY

- Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults, 9:15 AM
- Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM (Nave and Online)
- Sunday School (children's formation), 10:00 AM
- Sunday Circle (youth formation), 11:15 AM (Room 130)
- Joyful Noise Children's Choir, 11:15 AM (Room 120)

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- March 24 Parish Life Meeting, 7:00 PM (Zoom)
- March 25 Food Pantry Distribution, 4:00 PM (at Community of Faith)
- March 25 Epiphany Night at Piero's Corner, 6:30 PM
- March 26 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM (Nave)
- March 27 Compline, 7:00 PM (Zoom)

LOOKING AHEAD

- March 23 Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults, 9:15 AM
- March 23 Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM (Nave and Online)
- March 23 Sunday School (children's formation), 10:00 AM
- March 23 Joyful Noise Children's Choir, 11:15 AM (Room 120)

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

Ash Wednesday, March 5

7:30 am service with imposition of ashes

12:00 pm ashes-to-go

7:00 pm service with imposition of ashes

Evening Compline on Zoom, Thursdays 7pm

3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13, 10 am

Mauudy Thursday, April 17, 7 pm

Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 18, 12 pm & 7pm

Holy Saturday Prayers, April 19, 10 am

followed by Parish Workday

Easter Sunday | April 20, 10 am

Flowering the cross | Easter egg hunt

Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit
in heart, soul, strength, & mind

& Coming Back to Life

Engagement Opportunities

Lenten Take-Home Bags

Starting 3/2/2025

Lenten Devotionals

Starting 3/2/2025

Lenten Reflection Stations

Starting 3/2/2025

Shrove Tuesday

5:30 Pancake Supper, 3/4

Hot Meals

Bring ground beef 3/23

Pack toppings & such 3/26 or 3/27

Deliver food 3/27

Easter Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt

Flowering of the Cross

Sing with the Choir



Lenten Season Activities to Cultivate Fruits of the Spirit and Come Back to Life

Compline over Zoom

7:00 pm

3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10

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Join the Choir for Easter Sunday

Make a weekly commitment in Lent to rehearse with a great group of people in the choir! All are welcome! Then sing with them and professional singers Easter Sunday.

Rehearsals:

7pm in the nave | 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9





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in thanksgiving for...

in memory of...



Help celebrate Easter with a donation for Easter flowers and music! Please complete the front of the envelope, place your donation inside, and drop it in the offering plate now through **SUNDAY, April 13th**. Or, you can mail a check to the church and in the memo line write "Easter Flowers and Music." Or, use the QR code. Suggested donation is \$25.00. Your gift will be recognized along with your special intention in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

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: Abby; Allen; Breanna & Family; Brian & Eddie; Carolyn & Family; Clara & Family; Craig; Dana; Danielle; Diana; Dick; Dinah & Bob; Don; Edmond's Family; Ellie & Family; Fred & Hillary; Hesham (Sam) & Family; Jim; John; Joshua; Kaitlyn; Laura & Bob; Maddi & Family; Mary; Moya; Nadia & Family; Patty, Mark & Brian; Paul & Linda; Rick & Sherry; Roy & Mickey; Ruth & Tim; Sally; Sandee; Sara & Family; Sarah & Med Team; Steve, Miranda & Family; and Tom.

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 **Shrine Mont Camps and The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting.** 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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