



Epiphany **EPISCOPAL**  **CHURCH**
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
YEAR C
March 30, 2024
10:00 a.m.

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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

Come thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal 686

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

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

The First Lesson

Joshua 5:9-12

The congregation may be seated.

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

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

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Said responsively by whole verse

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

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God,

who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: 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

When Christ was lifted

Hymnal 603

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable:

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

eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

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

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 Music

Jeanie Park

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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.

Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book Page 361

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

Softly and tenderly

LEVAS 101

The musical score is written for a soprano voice and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. The first system has four vocal lines with lyrics: 1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, 4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised, The second system has two vocal lines with lyrics: 1. Call - ing for you and for me; — See, on the por - tals He's The third system has two vocal lines with lyrics: Come home, Come home, come home, The fourth system has two vocal lines with lyrics: Come home, come home, The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef and provides harmonic support for the vocal lines.

Ye who are wea-ry, come home! Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
 Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

Words: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909). Music: Will L. Thompson.

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

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal 470

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

- March 30 Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults, 9:15 AM
- March 30 Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM (Nave and Online)
- March 30 Sunday School (children's formation), 10:00 AM
- March 30 Joyful Noise Children's Choir, 11:15 AM (Room 120)

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- April 1 Food Pantry Distribution, 4:00 PM (at Community of Faith)
- April 2 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM (Nave)
- April 3 Compline, 7:00 PM (Zoom)

LOOKING AHEAD

- April 6 Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults, 9:15 AM
- April 6 Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM (Nave and Online)
- April 6 Joyful Noise Children's Choir, 11:15 AM (Room 120)
- April 6 Children, Youth and Family (CYFM) Meeting, 11:15 (Room 130)

*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

Maundy 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



HOLY WEEK
2025

13 APRIL	Palm Sunday, 10 am Liturgy of Palms & Holy Eucharist
17 APRIL	Maundy Thursday, 7 pm Holy Eucharist w/Footwashing & Stripping of the Altar
18 APRIL	Good Friday 12:00 pm & 7 pm
19 APRIL	Holy Saturday Prayers, 10 am Followed by Parish Work Day
20 APRIL	Easter Sunday, 10 am Holy Eucharist Flowering the Cross Egg Hunt to follow

Easter Flower and Music Dedications

Easter flowers and music in honor of...
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; Bev; Breanna & Family; Brian & Eddie; Carolyn & Family; Clara & Family; Craig; Curt; Dana; Danielle; Diana; Dick; Dinah & Bob; Don; Edmund's Family; Ellie & Family; Fred & Hillary; Hesham (Sam) & Family; Jack & Family; Jim; John; Joshua; Kaitlyn; Laura & Bob; Maddi & Family; Mary; Moya; Nadia & Family; Patty, Mark & Brian; Paul & Linda; Rick & Sherry; Roy & Mickey; Rusty; Ruth & Tim; Sally; Sandee; Sara & Family; Sarah, Family & Med Team; Steve, Miranda & Family; Tom; and Veronica's 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 ***Incarnation, Mineral; St. George's, Fredericksburg; St. Michael's, Arlington; and St. Paul's, Hanover.*** 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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