



Epiphany **EPISCOPAL**  **CHURCH**  
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
Year C  
*SHRINE MONT WEEKEND!*

**May 25, 2025**

**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".

**Dina E. Widlake, Rector**

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Jeanie Park

Processional Hymn

As those of old  
verses 1 and 2

Hymnal 705

### The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

*Please remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Hymnal S278

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

## Collect

A O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

*Acts 16:9-15*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 67

- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- <sup>2</sup> Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- <sup>7</sup> May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## The Second Lesson

*Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5*

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day~ and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be

in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand when those on the altar stand.*

Sequence Hymn

Now the green blade riseth

Hymnal 204

*Please remain standing until invited to sit.*

**The Gospel**

*John 5:1-9*

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

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids— blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Philene M Ware Dunn

*A brief silence follows the sermon.*

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Q:** Wait, isn't this the place for the Nicene Creed?

**R:** Yes, it is.



**Q:** Why is the Baptismal Covenant here? We don't have a baptism today.

**R:** Well, it is Eastertide! So, I asked Bishop Stevenson if we could make this change in worship. Even though there are limited times when we can make this change according to our rubrics in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), he agreed! Did you know Eastertide is 50 days? 50! So, for these 50 days of celebration, we get to say this special Covenant in place of the Nicene Creed.

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**People:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Celebrant:** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

## **Prayers of the People**

*Please remain standing.*

**Response:** Living God, *hear our prayer.*

*Priest closes with a collect.*

## **The Peace**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Congregation may be seated.*



*Celebrant:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sanctus**

**Hymnal S128**

*The people remain standing or kneel.*

**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.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*Celebrant and People*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

*Celebrant continues*

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

*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.*

All:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor:

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.

All:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### The Invitation

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 are welcome to receive Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, signal by crossing your arms across your chest. If you require a gluten free wafer, indicate that when you come forward. To receive bread only, extend one hand; for bread and wine, extend both hands, or tell the clergy or LEM offering the sacrament. If you want to know more about the connection between Communion and Baptism, we welcome your questions!*

Communion Hymn

Put peace into each other's hands

words: Fred Kann

D G A G D A Bm D G

1 Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands and like a  
 2 Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands with lov - ing  
 3 Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands like bread we  
 4 Give thanks for strong— yet ten - der— hands, held out in  
 5 Reach out in friend - ship, stay, with faith, in touch with

D G D Bm Em6 D Em

treas - ure hold it; pro - tect it like a  
 ex - pec - ta - tion; be gen - tle in your  
 break for shar - ing; look peo - ple warm - ly  
 trust and bless - ing. Where words fall short, let  
 those a - round you. Put peace in - to each

D A Bm D Em D A D G D

can - dle flame, with ten - der - ness en - fold it.  
 words and ways, in touch with God's cre - a - tion.  
 in the eye: our life is meant for car - ing.  
 hands speak out, the heights of love ex - press - ing.  
 oth - er's hands: the Peace that sought and found you.

## The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

*Inclusive language, approved via Resolution D078, 2018*

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal and heavenly God, 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

*Celebrant offers words of blessing.*

**People: Amen.**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our cre - a - tor, chil - dren all are we.

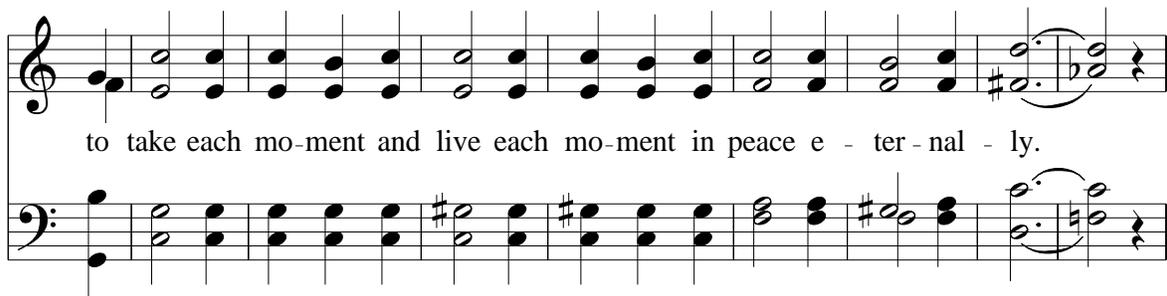
Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.



Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.



With ev - ery step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow:



to take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

## The Dismissal

*Words of dismissal.*

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## Postlude

## Life of Epiphany

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### TODAY AT EPIPHANY

Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults, 9:15 AM (Nave)

Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM (Nave and Online)

Joyful Noise Children's Choir, 11:15 AM (Room 120)

Sunday Circle (Youth Formation), 11:15 AM (Room 130)

### THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

May 26 Parish Life Meeting, 7:00 PM (Zoom)

May 27 Food Pantry Distribution, 4:00 PM (Community of Faith)

May 27 Epiphany Night at Piero's Corner, 6:30 PM

May 28 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM (Nave)

May 29 Ministry Leads Budget Meeting, 6:15 PM (Zoom)

May 31 Yoga, 10:00 AM (Nave)

### LOOKING AHEAD

June 1 Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults, 9:15 AM (Nave)

June 1 Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM (Nave and Online)

June 1 Joyful Noise Children's Choir, 11:15 AM (Room 120)

June 1 Children, Family & Youth (CYFM) Meeting, 11:15 AM (Room 130)

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## 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](mailto: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; Bev; Breanna & Family; Brian & Eddie;*

*Carolyn, Paul & Family; Cheryl; Clara & Family; Craig; Curt; Diana; Dick; Dinah & Bob; Don; Ellie & Family; Fred & Hillary; Gloria; Hesham (Sam) & Family; Jack & Family; Jim; John; Jon; Joshua; Kaitlyn; Laura & Bob; Linda; Maddi & Family; Mary; Moya; Patty, Mark & Brian; Paul & Linda; Rob & Family; Roy & Mickey; Rusty; Ruth & Tim; Sally; Sandee; Sandra; Sara & Family; Sarah, Family & Med Team; Steve, Miranda & Family; and Tom.*

*Names remain on the prayer list for 6 weeks. Please contact [prayers@EpiphanyEC.org](mailto: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 **all Christian Formation leaders and seekers**. We at Epiphany pray each week also 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, homelessness 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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