



Epiphany

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Year C

*a youth-focused service*

**May 4, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**



## 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

Processional Hymn

Come, ye faithful  
verses 1, 3 and 4

Hymnal 199

### 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

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lesson

*Revelation 5:11-14*

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 30

*The congregation is invited to sing the response.*



- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD,  
because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- <sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.
- <sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. (ANT)
- <sup>4</sup> Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- <sup>5</sup> For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.
- <sup>6</sup> Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning. (ANT)
- <sup>7</sup> While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- <sup>8</sup> Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear. (ANT)
- <sup>9</sup> I cried to you, O LORD; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- <sup>10</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- <sup>11</sup> Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O LORD, be my helper." (ANT)
- <sup>12</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- <sup>13</sup> Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever. (ANT)

*All stand when those on the altar stand.*

## Sequence Hymn

## The Church of Christ

## DUNEDIN



1. The Church of Christ in ev - 'ry age Be - set by
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims
3. Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing
4. For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve In full o -



change but Spir - it led, Must claim and test its her - it -  
of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for bread to  
Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -  
fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to share our  
be - dience to our Lord: To care for all, with - out re -



age And keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
eat, And nev - er live un - til they die.  
fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
serve, And spread his lib - er - at - ing Word.

## The Gospel

*John 21:1-19*

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

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So

they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

*Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

*Please remain standing until invited to sit.*

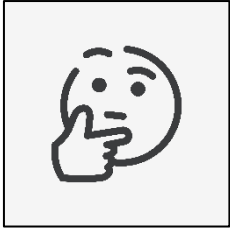
## **The Sermon**

Dana Hale, CYFM Minister

*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.*

### BIRTHDAYS & SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH

We joyfully celebrate & bless the birthdays and special anniversaries this month!

**Birthdays:** Tyler Ault; Gina, Kyle & Mike Barylski; Madeline Countess; Lena Handlos; Molly Jung; Sarah Khosa; Shirley Vaughn; Melissa Woodhead

**Baptism Anniversaries:** Raegan Hale; Wyatt Hale; Johana Jung; Tim Skjerseth; Ellen Whittet

# The Holy Communion

Offertory Music

Would I have answered

Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.



1. Would I have an - swered when you called, "Come,  
2. Would I have fol - lowed where you led through  
3. Would I have matched my step with yours when  
4. O Christ, I can - not search my heart through



fol - low, fol - low me!""? Would I at once have  
an - cient Gal - i - lee, on roads un - known, by  
crowds cried, "Cru - ci - fy!", when on a rock - y  
all its tan - gled ways, nor can I with a



left be - hind both work and fam - i - ly? Or  
ways un - tried, be - yond se - cu - ri - ty? Or  
hill I saw a cross a - gainst the sky? Or  
cer - tain mind my stead - fast - ness ap - praise. I



would the old, fa - mil - iar round have  
would I soon have hur - ried back where  
would I too have slipped a - way and  
on - ly pray that when you call, "Come,



held me by its claim and kept the spark with -  
home and com - fort drew, where truth you taught would  
left you there a - lone, a dy - ing king with  
fol - low, fol - low me!"" you'll give me strength be -



in my heart from burst - ing in - to flame?  
not dis - turb the or - dered world I knew?  
crown of thorns up - on a ter - ri - ble throne?  
yond my own to fol - low faith - ful - ly.

*We are deeply grateful for your generosity in giving. Please consider giving. Several methods are available. See below:*

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



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*Mail a check:* Epiphany Episcopal Church, 3301 Hidden Meadow Dr., Oak Hill, VA 20171

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*The flowers in the Nave this morning are given in thanksgiving for another year with the Epiphany community by Melissa Woodhead.*

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*The congregation stands when the offerings are being presented.*

**Presentation Hymn**

**Doxology**

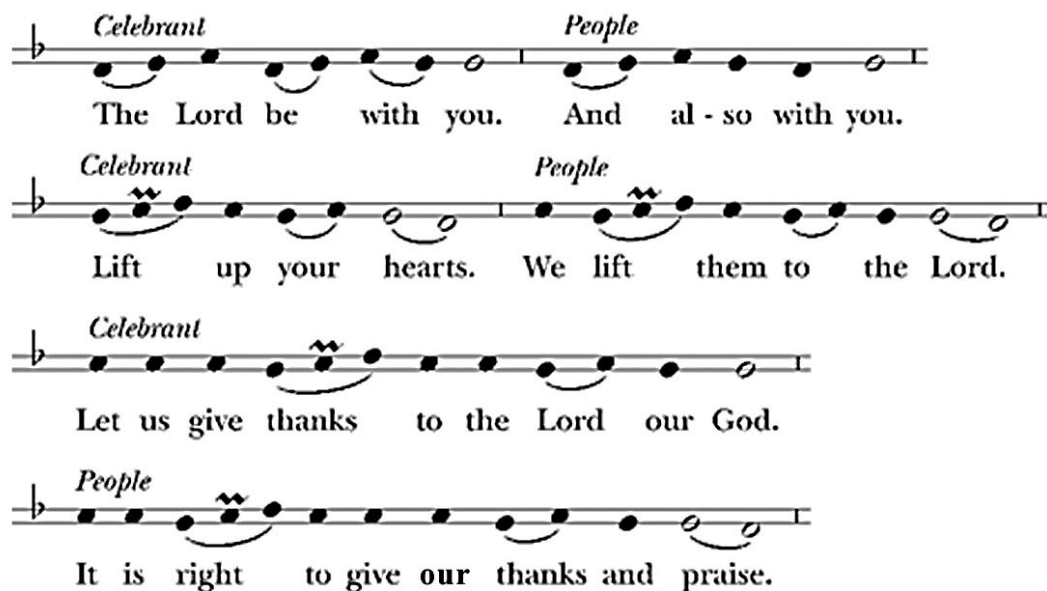
**Hymnal 400**

*Tune: Lasst uns erfreuern*

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 C**

**BCP 369**



*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.*

*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

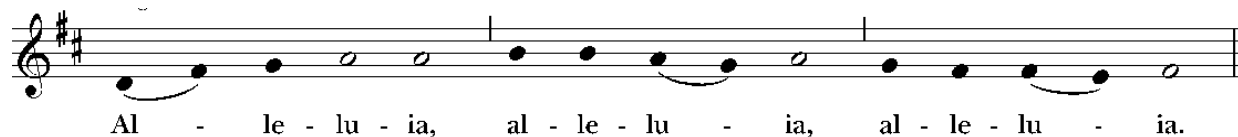
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

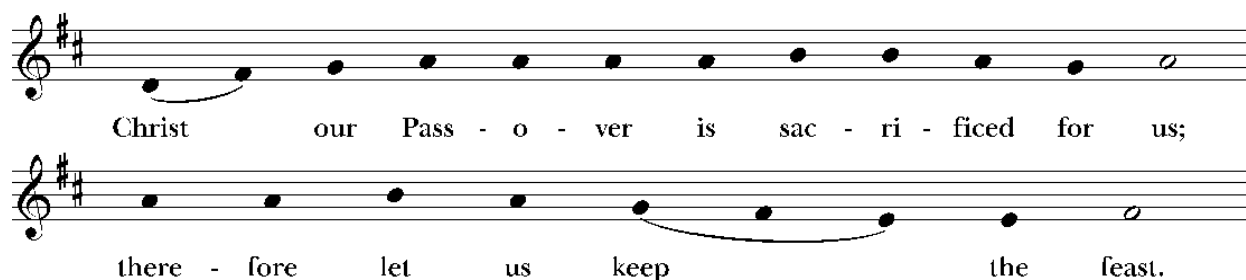
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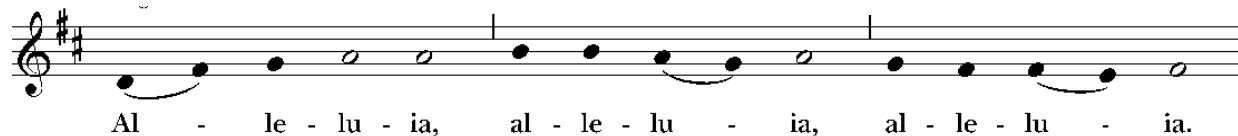
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## The Invitation

**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

## Be a shepherd for my flock

VF100



## 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.**

## Recessional Hymn

He is risen  
Verses 1, 2 and 4

Hymnal 180

## The Dismissal

*Words of dismissal.*

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

## Postlude

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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)

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

### THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

May 6 Food Pantry Distribution, 4:00 PM (at Community of Faith)

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

May 8 Buildings and Grounds Meeting, 6:30 PM (Room 146 & ZOOM)

### LOOKING AHEAD

May 11 Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults, 9:15 AM (Nave)

May 11 Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM (Nave and Online)

May 11 Sunday School (children's formation), 10:00 AM

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

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

May 11 Food4Thought Fastpack, 11:15 AM, (Nave)

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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; Dana; Diana; Dick; Dinah & Bob; Don; Ellie & Family; Fred & Hillary; Hesham (Sam) & Family; Jack & Family; Jim; John; Jon; Joshua; Kaitlyn; Laura & Bob; Linda; Maddi & Family; Mary; Moya; Nadia & Family; Patty, Mark & Brian; Paul & Linda; Rob & Family; Roy & Mickey; Rusty; Ruth & Tim; Sally; Sandee; Sandra; 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](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 **Christ Church, Charlottesville; Emmanuel, Harrisonburg and Trinity Arlington**. 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.*

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