



Epiphany **EPISCOPAL**  **CHURCH**
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Year A

April 19, 2026 | 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".

Dina E. Widlake, Rector

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Jeanie Park

Processional Hymn

He is risen
verses 1, 2 and 4

Hymnal 180

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 First Lesson

Acts 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116

The congregation is invited to sing the response. [ANT]



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¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. [ANT]

² The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

³ Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life." [ANT]

¹⁰ How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

¹¹ I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹² I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people. [ANT]

¹³ Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

¹⁴ O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds. [ANT]

¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

¹⁶ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁷ In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah! [ANT]

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He

was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand when those on the altar stand.

Sequence Hymn

Hail thou once despised Jesus
verses 1,2 and 4

Hymnal 495

The Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah

should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please remain standing until invited to sit.

The Sermon

The Reverend Linda Calkins

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The Baptismal Covenant

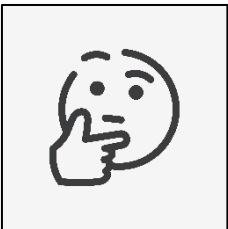
Please stand as you are able.

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! There are a limited number of times when we can make this change according to our rubrics in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). We will continue this change in our worship throughout Eastertide! 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. When a silence is offered for individual petitions, you can raise your own prayers and/or raise names of those in the back of the bulletin.

Response: *Living God, hear our prayer.*

Priest closes with a collect.

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

Congregation may be seated.



The flowers in the Nave this morning are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of our children Uma and Sarah by Megan Graber and Amit Khosa.



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Eden's Song

Mark Schweizer

*A memory of Eden stirs, and walks within the warmth of spring;
It whispers ev'ry hope God has to Life Eternal, listening.*

*Stretch past the gloom of winter's grey, unfurl by faith and not by sight;
to touch the light of length'ning days that calls thee forth to green delight.*

*The season of new growth begins, embrace the promise we all share;
lift ev'ry voice and celebrate, the living God, who's always there.*

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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 God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye Heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eucharistic Prayer

Enriching Our Worship (EOW) Prayer 1

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal S128

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.

The people remain standing or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood

of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and People

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 S154

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

Come, risen Lord

Hymnal 306

Shepherd of souls

Hymnal 343

The Postcommunion Prayer

EOW

Inclusive language, approved via Resolution D078, 2018

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

Celebrant offers words of blessing.

People: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

We know that Christ

Hymnal 296

The Dismissal

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Jeanie Park

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)

Sunday School (children's formation), 10:00 AM (Rooms 114, 203, 211)

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

April 21 Food Pantry Distribution, 4:00 PM (at Community of Faith)

April 21 Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM (Room 146 & Zoom)

April 22 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM (Nave)

April 23 Epiphany Night, 6:15 PM (Piero's Corner)

LOOKING AHEAD

April 26 Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults, 9:15 AM (Nave)

April 26 Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM (Nave and Online)

April 26 Sunday School (children's formation), 10:00 AM (Rooms 114, 203, 211)

April 26 Sunday Circle (Youth Formation), 11:15 AM (Room 130)

April 26 LEV Training, 11:30 AM (Formation Room)

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

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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



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: Adam & Jane; Allen; Ann; Art; Ashkhen; Bob & Laura; Bob and his Daughters; Brian & Eddie; Clara & Family; Dick; Dick & Suzanne; Dinah & Bob; Don; Erin; Forrest; Fred & Hillary; Hesham (Sam) & Family; The Irby Family; Jackie; Jasmine and Sons; Jennifer; Jessie; Jim; Linda; Maddi & Family; Margaret; Mary; McKenna, Amanda, Jason & Family; Moya; Patty, Mark & Brian; Pat & Pete; Robin; Roy's Family; Ruth & Tim; St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church; Sally; Sarah, husband & Children; Shirley; Steve, Miranda & Family; and Theresa and Betty'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.

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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