



Epiphany **EPISCOPAL**  **CHURCH**
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Year A
Rogation Sunday

May 10, 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

All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal 405

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, 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 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

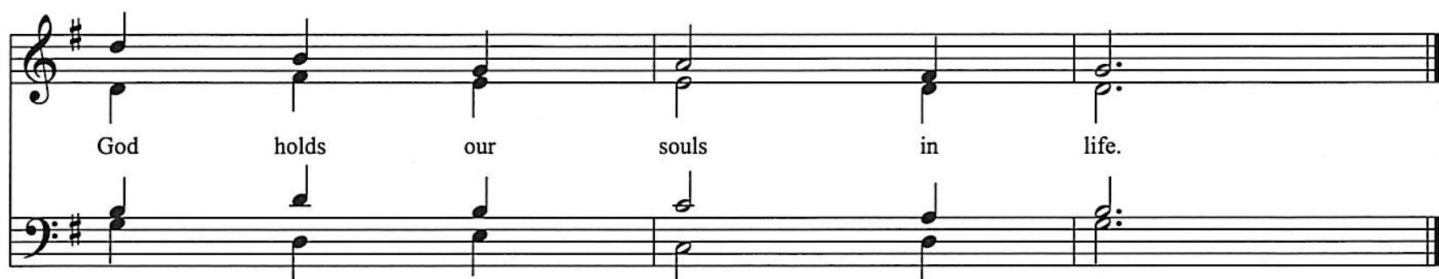
Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18

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



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- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip. [ANT]
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. [ANT]
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats. [ANT]
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me. [ANT]

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand when those on the altar stand.

Sequence Hymn

Now the green blade riseth

Hymnal 204

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth,

whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please remain standing until invited to sit.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dina E. Widlake

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The Baptismal Covenant

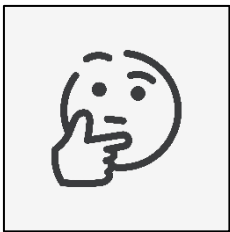
Please stand as you are able.

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 Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever. Even the spirit of truth.

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

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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 the one 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.

Communion Hymn

Nada te turbe

Jacques Berthier

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios

God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.
tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

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

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Hymnal 292

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Jeanie Park



Mother's Day

Gracious and Ever-loving God, we thank you for the gift of our mothers and those who fill a mother's role: grandmother's, aunts, sisters, and friends who nurture and guide us in your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, courage, and wisdom to be present to others and to model your love. And comfort those for whom this day is one of ambivalence or pain. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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)
- Food4Thought Fastpack, 11:15 AM (Narthex)
- Sunday Circle (youth formation), 11:15 AM (Room 130)

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- May 12 Food Pantry Distribution, 4:00 PM (at Community of Faith)
- May 12 Building and Grounds Meeting, 6:00 PM, (Zoom)
- May 14 Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM (Room 120)
- May 16 Reston Community Orchestra Concert, 3:00 PM (Nave)

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 17 Sunday Sing for Youth and Adults, 9:15 AM (Nave)
- May 17 Sunday Worship with Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM (Nave and Online)
- May 17 Sunday School (children's formation), 10:00 AM (Rooms 114, 203, 211)
- May 17 Newcomers Gathering, 11:15 AM (Narthex)

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; Ashkhen; Bob & Laura; Bob and his Daughters; Brian & Eddie; Clara & Family; Dick; Dick & Suzanne; Dinah & Bob; Don; Erin; Forrest; Fred & Hillary; Hesham (Sam) & Family; Jackie; Jasmine and Sons; Jessie; Jim; Linda; Maddi & Family; Margaret; Mary; McKenna, Amanda, Jason & Family; Moya; Patty, Mark & Brian; Pat & Pete; Ruth & Tim; St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church; Sarah, husband & Children; and Steve, Miranda & 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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