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of the
EPIPHANY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Whether you just stopped in to visit, or you are looking for a place of belonging, we welcome you. In our worship, formation, fellowship, and community engagement work, we strive for justice and peace and to honor the dignity of every human being. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, we are glad you are here. We believe God loves you—no exceptions!

Vestry Person of the Day: The photo pinned to the bulletin board as you entered today is of our “Vestry Person of the Day” or VPOD. In addition to ensuring that the coffee is brewed, the VPOD also coordinates with nursery staff and the greeters to ensure everyone has what they need to welcome all parishioners and visitors. They are also responsible for securing the church at days end. Most critically, however, the VPOD is responsible for serving as the point of contact in the event of a medical or other emergency and to coordinate any form of response that may be needed. If you need assistance—or need help getting someone else assistance—notify an usher or the VPOD.

Children of all ages are invited to participate fully in our liturgy. We welcome wiggles and giggles as signs of life and understand that sometimes children need to move about during worship. Children’s bulletins and activity bags are available. Ask an usher to help you locate those near the entrance to the worship space.

If you do not have a nametag, please sign up on the clipboard on the welcome table in the Gallery. For today, there are stick-on nametags available.

Giving to Epiphany: If you would prefer to give electronically today, please scan this QR code. Visit epiphany.org/ways-to-give to learn about other ways to give to our parish or to make a pledge. You’ll also find more information about Realm, our giving platform and secure online community.



Recording/Livestreaming may be in progress: Liturgies and meetings at Church of the Epiphany may be live-streamed and/or recorded so that we may include those who cannot be with us physically. If you prefer to sit in a location where you will be less visible to the camera, please let an usher, clergy, or staff person know.

For the latest news and events at Epiphany, visit our website at epiphany.org or subscribe to our weekly newsletter. There are newcomer cards available in the pew in front of you and on the newcomer page of our website. We hope that you will fill one out while you’re here and hand it to one of the clergy so we can welcome you personally.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, founded in 1898, is a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop.

Clergy: The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright, *Rector*; The Rev. Carmie McDonald, *Associate Rector*

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*You are invited to enter in silence as you prepare for worship
Use the water in the font as a remembrance of your Baptism*

Voluntary—Chorale Prelude on New Britain

Jon Spong

Processional Hymn 518—Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant

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.**

Hymn of Praise S236—Glory to you

John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

— for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

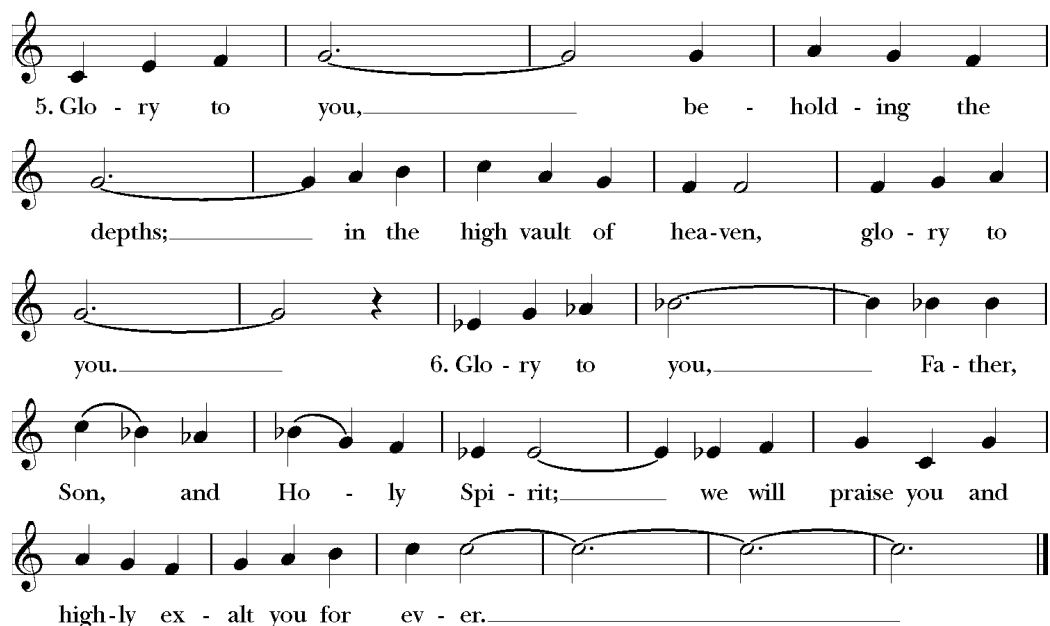
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 13—Spoken by all

Usquequo, Domine?

1 How long, O Lord?

will you forget me for ever? *

how long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,

and grief in my heart, day after day? *

how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; *

give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” *

and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *

my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; *

I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

The Second Lesson

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Children (up to 3rd grade) are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn for the reading of the Gospel and Children’s Chapel. Parents are welcome to join.

Sequence Hymn 609—Where cross the crowded ways of life

Gardiner

The Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Caroline Magee

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant With Christians from across time and around the world, we say together the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed—*Celebrant and People*

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

We glory in God's Name through the offering of our prayers and petitions, responding, "Hear us, good Lord." For the will to discover God's Word dwelling in our hearts, finding expression through our lips, and revealing hope through our generosity; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For a renewed commitment to righteousness and peace that we may join with the leaders of the nations in seeking ways to promote harmony in warring lands, and mutual respect across cultures, races, and languages; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For creative ways to express the faith, drawing upon the jewels of our tradition and using our hearts and minds to proclaim Christ's message to those of little faith or who have no faith at all; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That the summer months may provide opportunities for rest and refreshment so that we may be rejuvenated for the challenges ahead; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For medical persons who volunteer their services in foreign lands and amongst the most needy of the world, that we may lift our voices in praise for the good news they bring to others; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For those who have died and reside in the tomb of death, that Christ, who broke the chains of death, will bring them to eternal life; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Ever increasing in our faith, we continue our prayers.

Celebrant's concluding collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome

Offertory Anthem—How can I keep from singing?

Traditional Quaker Hymn

Epiphany Summer Choir

Arr. Mark Schweizer

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble, sick with fear and hear their death knells ringing; When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging. When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing? What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness 'round me close, Songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Presentation Hymn 413—New songs of celebration render

Rendez à Dieu

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching our Worship

Celebrant God 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 God 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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 children, 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,

The Lord's Prayer—*traditional language*

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

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus W877

Mark Sedio

Cantor or Choir

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the

All

bread. The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the

Cantor or Choir

break - ing of the bread. The bread which we break, al - le -

All

lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. The dis -

Cantor or Choir

ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread. One

All

bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, though ma - ny we share one bread. The dis -

ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

The Communion of the People

All God's people are welcome to share in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail or at the standing station on the floor level. At the altar rail you have the option to drink from the chalice, to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister to intinct for you, or to cross your arms after you receive the bread to indicate that you do not wish to receive the chalice. At the floor station, communion is received by intinction by the Priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest; the priest will bless you. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

The Healing Rite

During the Communion of the People, prayers for healing and anointing with oil are offered in the Chapel for those desiring them on their own behalf, or upon the behalf of another. All are welcome.

Communion Hymn 671—Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

New Britain

Sung by all

Eucharistic Visitation

Celebrant We, the church of Jesus Christ, send you forth bearing these holy gifts so that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen

Postcommunion Prayer—*Celebrant and People*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Blessing—*Celebrant*

Hymn 655—O Jesus, I have promised

Nyland

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary—King William's march

Jeremiah Clarke

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Names of friends and family are listed for a month. Contact the parish office if you would like them listed for another month.

For members who are bidding our prayers: Michele MacLeod • Alix Janke • Jamie Hare & Caitlin Cox, Wally & Anna • Eloise Wierwille • Joy Boyden • George Ross • Lisa Gray • Richard Shirah • Larry Wilcox • Mike Curry • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Philip Anderson • Louise Bedrossian (wife of Bob Thompson) • Barbara Belcore • Esther Harbert • Veta Smith (mother of Cecilia Democko) • Sally Brockington

For friends and family: Briana, Ella, and Cora Woods-Jaeger, friends of Nancy Thompson • Anne, Joan, Glen, Eli, and Walt, cousins of Judy Jarady • Bob Hogg, brother of Liefy Smith • Paul & Nan O'Conner, friends of Jewel Allen • Rachel Williams, daughter-in-law of Susan & Loren Williams • Kay Harris, mother of Rebecca Webb • Danny Nodine, brother of Larry Nodine • Louise Peters, grandmother of Tristen Webb • Dave Tipton, brother of Pam Tipton • Isabel, granddaughter of Mike & Beth Towers

For members who desire our continuing prayers: Jewel Allen • Mary McCall Cash • Wende Crowe • Pat & Bill Graves • Bruce Fort • Esther Harbert • Robin Hairston • Rod MacLeod • Sally McClintock • Chris Miller & Ron Hutcheson • Ellen Mintzmyer • Ann Rowles • Pat Spivey • Beth Towers • Michael Towers, Jr. • Wayne & Judy Urban • Larry Wilcox • Wes, Kelly & Lillian Wright • Colleen

For those celebrating anniversaries the week of 6/28-7/4: Lissa & Ted Jackson • Jen & Dana Madsen • Andrea Carpenter & Dennis Edmiston

For those celebrating birthdays the week of 6/28-7/4: Phillip Ranglin • Terri Lawrence • Joe Patterson • Ari Alexander • Ada Corcoran

For Amy, our rector, who is on sabbatical. She will return to the office on Monday, July 13.

Did we miss your anniversary or birthday? Send the full date of your anniversary and/or your date of birth to the parish office at parishadmin@epiphany.org so that we can update our records.

TODAY AT EPIPHANY

WE WELCOME the Rev. Caroline Magee as our preacher today.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES | Children's Chapel—*during the service*

Children up to 3rd grade are invited to gather at the cross by the Choir Loft during the last verse of the Sequence Hymn and follow the cross to chapel after the reading of the Gospel. They return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join them.

PARISH LIFE | Expanded Coffee Hour—*Sign up for a Sunday*

The Meal Ministry is hosting today's coffee hour. Please join us in the parish hall after the service for goodies, and coffee, tea, and juices. THREE Sundays are still without hosts: 7/5, 8/9, 8/23. Groups OR individuals are welcome to sign up to bring some simple breakfast items. Parish groups are welcome to set up displays, handouts, or fliers to promote their ministries. The sign up can be found at epiphany.org/rsvp.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group—*Game Show Battle Rooms*

Tonight, Epiphany Youth and their parents are invited to a night of game-show show downs at the Game Show Battle Rooms in Dunwoody! We will meet at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity to carpool to the event. Our game slot begins at 5:00 p.m. and we will wrap up with dinner, returning to Holy Trinity by 7:00 p.m.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in memory of her dear friend Linds Jaser, by Barbara Belcore.

Altar Arrangements & the Sanctuary Light can be given in honor of an anniversary, birthday, or in memory of a loved one. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to reserve dates that have meaning for you.

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Due to persistent scams, parishioner contact information is not published. Please use the parish directory in Realm.

WORSHIP | Weekday Services—visit epiphany.org/worship-services for details

- Weekday Morning Prayer—9:00 a.m. online, request the login link from the parish office.
- Tuesday Morning Prayer (Holy Eucharist 1st Tuesdays)—7:00 a.m. in the side chapel.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | June DEAM Pantry Drive

Epiphany stocks the pantry at the Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM) twice a year in January and June. For the month of June, we are collecting canned vegetables (especially greens), canned soup, and multi-packs of peanut butter crackers. We hope to collect 75 of each. Wooden bins for your donations are in the gallery by the front door. Also, we collect travel toiletries year round.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Letters to Camp Mikell

Thank you to everyone who contributed to helping our youth attend Camp Mikell this summer! You can continue to encourage our campers while they are away by sending a care package or a letter. For more details, please contact Taylor Irwin at tirwin@epiphany.org

ART MINISTRY | Calling All Creatives—Parishioner Art Show Coming Soon

6/30 Deadline—Epiphany's Art Ministry is excited to invite our adult parishioner creatives to exhibit and sell work for the month of September in the Epiphany Gallery. Contact Page Love or Liefy by June 30 to reserve your place in the show. View the most recent newsletter for a link to the requirements.

PARISH GROUP | Men's Breakfast Group—Tuesdays following the 7:00 a.m. service

6/30—The Men's Breakfast Group gathers for breakfast and discussion following the 7:00 a.m. Tuesday service and are typically on their way by 8:00 a.m. Contact Dave Thompson through Realm to get on the email list.

PARISH GROUPS | Epiphany Trivia Group—Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. • Universal Joint in Oakhurst

7/1—All are invited to join the Epiphany Trivia Group on Wednesdays at Universal Join in Oakhurst. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends by 9:00 p.m. Contacts: Edie Brush or Jacob Geiger.

FORMATION | Contemplative Book Group—Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. through July 9 • Room 201

7/2—This time the group will be exploring *Subversive Sabbath* by A. J. Swoboda, for five weeks starting June 11. We'll be looking at Sabbath as both a spiritual practice and a form of resistance to the prevailing culture of productivity, distraction, and anxiety, both individually and for our communities. Swoboda proposes that "God may actually do more when we do less." Drop-ins are welcome as together we seek to live into the creative, abundant life God desires for us. Register at epiphany.org/rsvp.

PASTORAL CARE | The Grief Pastoral Care Group—1st Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. • Zoom

7/2—The group meets online each month for a healing and faith-based conversation around grief and loss. It is led by trained psychotherapist, Nancy Thompson. Please contact Nancy before attending for the first time.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

MUSIC | Sing in the Summer Choir—Contact Julie Ryder at music@epiphany.org

The Summer Choir is open to adults and youth; we rehearse one anthem on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. and then sing it during the 10:00 a.m. liturgy (no vestments, no weekday commitment, lots of fun and fellowship). Join us upstairs in the Music Suite each Sunday.

PLEASE NOTE: The carpet in the offices, sacristy and AV Room will be replaced on Monday and Tuesday, July 6 and July 7. Access to those areas will be limited during that time. Please plan accordingly.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Vacation Bible School (VBS)—Register Now!

7/11 & 7/25—VBS "Neighbors" continues. The next Saturday date is July 11 at St. Luke's, then there is one more on Saturday, July 25 at Holy Trinity Parish. Children ages 3 years through rising 5th grade are invited to a morning filled with storytelling, music, crafts, and games. Families will then rejoin us in the afternoon for a service project and family Eucharist. For more information, contact Taylor Irwin at tirwin@epiphany.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Water Olympics

7/12—Epiphany Youth are invited to test their skills at the Epiphany & Holy Trinity Water Olympics on Sunday, July 12! The evening will feature a variety of field-day-style water games and competitions, along with dinner and fresh watermelon. Please register at epiphany.org/rsvp by July 5 so that we can get an accurate head count for dinner.

FORMATION & PARISH LIFE | Summer Movie Series

Join us for our second film in the series, *Hamnet*. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. for pizza and popcorn. The show will start at 6:00 p.m. as we watch the film projected onto a 120-inch screen in surround sound in the parish hall. Visit epiphany.org/rsvp to register for each screening.

- Sunday, July 12 - *Hamnet*
- Sunday, August 9 - *Wake Up, Dead Man*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Lunch Bags for Neighbors—after the service • parish hall

7/12—The Community Engagement committee invites everyone to participate in a service project we're calling "Lunch Bags for Neighbors" following the service on July 12. We'll pack 200 lunch bags for DEAM (Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry) to distribute to local people experiencing food insecurity. Nancy Garrison, DEAM volunteer and member of Holy Trinity, will be joining us and will share information about DEAM with Epiphanyites who want to know more. Other community engagement ministry teams will contribute delicious treats for that morning's Summer Breakfast. All are invited to join in.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES | Blessing of the Backpacks—for anyone returning to school in August.

7/26—Are you or your children returning to school in the fall? We invite you to attend the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, July 26, and bring your backpack for a special backpack blessing!

CHILDREN | Playground & Popsicles

7/26—All families with children are invited to join us on the Epiphany playground from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. for a time of popsicles and play! Please RSVP to Taylor Irwin at tirwin@epiphany.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES | Youth Group—ice cream in Decatur Square

7/26—Our youth will meet downtown at Decatur Square at 5:00 p.m. to walk to ice cream. Youth are invited to RSVP to Taylor Irwin at tirwin@epiphany.org by casting their vote for the favorite ice cream shop.

PARISH LIFE | Parish Retreat—Save the Date

9/18-20—SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Parish Retreat will take place at The Mountain in Highlands, NC the weekend of September 18-20.

UPCOMING PARISH GROUPS MEETINGS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | Gateway Center Meal Ministry—meals served 2nd Fridays of the month

7/8-10—Volunteers cook in the Epiphany kitchen and then serve the meal at Gateway Shelter once a month. To help prepare, cook, or serve the meal, visit epiphany.org/rsvp.

FORMATION | Contemplative Practice—2nd Sundays in the Choir Loft at 4:00 p.m.

7/12—Come gather with us on second Sundays at 4:00 p.m. for a time of reflection, meditation instruction, and gathering with others seeking a more grounded way of being in the world. Led by Bobbi Patterson and Amy Dills-Wright. Contact Amy if you have any questions.

PARISH GROUPS | The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—2nd Tuesdays at 10:30 • parish hall

7/14—During the summer, the ECW monthly meeting program goes on hiatus, however the ladies continue to meet to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. Please join us in the kitchen on second Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for the months of June, July, and August.

PARISH GROUPS | The Munch Bunch—3rd Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. • Thinking Man Tavern

7/15—Give yourself a mid-week-treat and join friends and friends-to-be for lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Thinking Man Tavern on Howard Avenue in Decatur. No agenda. No reservation needed. Just fun. Contact: Laura Keys.

PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Earth & Soul**—3rd Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. • Hybrid

7/21—This group focuses on practicing Celtic Spirituality, where we gather to discuss and experience the beauty of nature and celebrate the divine in all creatures, including ourselves. Led by the steering group of Carol Bartlett, Nan Ross, and April Maa. Contact April for more information, to be placed on the email list, or to receive a link to the virtual meeting. In-person meetings are in Room 201. To learn more about Celtic Spirituality in general, one resource is www.earthandsoul.org.

PASTORAL CARE | **Caregiver Support Group**—3rd Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. • Zoom

7/21—The Caregiver Support Group meets monthly over Zoom. Parish members who are caring for a loved one gather to talk about their experience and support one another. The group is co-facilitated by parishioner Nancy Thompson, a Georgia-licensed psychologist. Use Realm to contact Nancy to join this group.

PASTORAL CARE | **The Community of Hope's Circle of Care**—4th Mondays • parish hall

7/27—Members gather to pray, learn, and provide each other with mutual support as they reflect on their emotional and spiritual responses to pastoral encounters. If you or a loved one would like to receive a pastoral visit or home communion by one of the trained caregivers, please contact Ann Fowler.

PARISH GROUPS | **Fireside Sit & Sip**—monthly at 7:00 p.m. • Courtyard

8/6—The Fireside Sit & Sip group is for women primarily in their 40s, 50s, and 60s to come together just as you are. Bring a camp chair and join us around the fire pit in the courtyard to sit, sip, and enjoy conversation. Please RSVP at epiphany.org/rsvp and sign up to bring drinks or snacks. Use Realm to Kathy Corcoran or the Rev. Carmie McDonald. NOTE: No gathering in July.

PARISH GROUPS | **Epiphany Book Group**—2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. • location varies

9/14—The Epiphany Book Group is on hiatus for July and August. They will next meet on Monday, September 14 at Epiphany where they will be discussing *Demon Copperhead*, by Barbara Kingsolver. All are welcome. Contact Linda Ryder-Wolf if you have any questions.

PARISH GROUPS | **Social Justice Action Group**—Virtual Only Group

This social advocacy group promotes social and cultural change. The group identifies community events in which we can participate, and provides a curated list of local community happenings via Realm Groups. Join via Realm Groups to view current opportunities of social justice action in our area.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—40 words or less—are due by NOON on Wednesdays. Longer versions may run in the *Friday eNews*. Email submissions to parishadmin@epiphany.org.