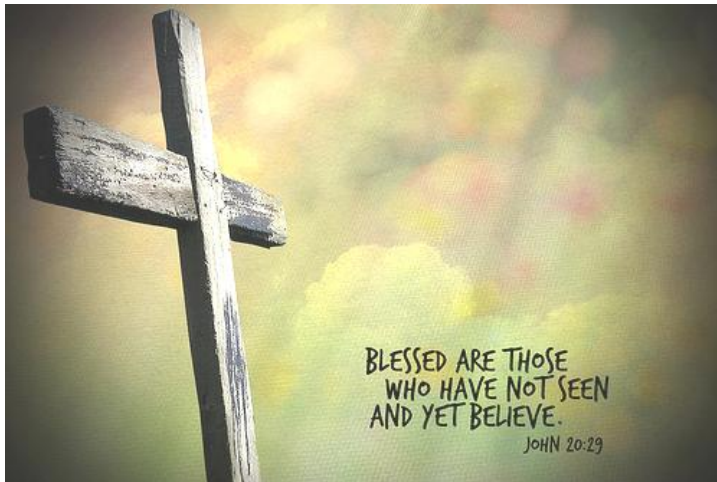




# Church of *the* Epiphany

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## The Second Sunday *of* Easter



*Our Mission: "We welcome all for Christian worship, fellowship, and service,  
trusting God to transform our lives and the world."*

**\*April 7, 2024 ~ 10 a.m.\***

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ELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY!

**“Welcome the stranger as Christ” ~St. Benedict** If you are our guest today, we are especially glad you are here. Please fill out a welcome card on the entrance hall table and give it to an usher so we may add you to our newsletter and stay in touch.

Please join us again as we celebrate the Resurrection every Sunday at 10 a.m.

*Some notes on worship at Epiphany:*

- ❖ We welcome children in our worship. Generally, they are happier and quieter if they sit near the front and can watch the rituals and see faces. If your child needs more “wobble room” please feel free to stand or walk in the back. If they need a break, diaper change or feeding, you may wish to continue worship down the hall in the Parish Hall which is equipped with audio; please return for Communion or as soon as you’re able. We hope you will experience God’s own welcome in this place.
- ❖ Text written in **bold** in this bulletin is to be spoken by all. The ✠, when printed here, indicates an appropriate time to sign yourself with the cross.

### Guest Musician

We welcome back our friend, Kay Standifer, as our organist and choir director today while Mary Therese is away visiting family.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Hymn 205

*All stand as the hymn is sung.*

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

EASTER ACCLAMATION

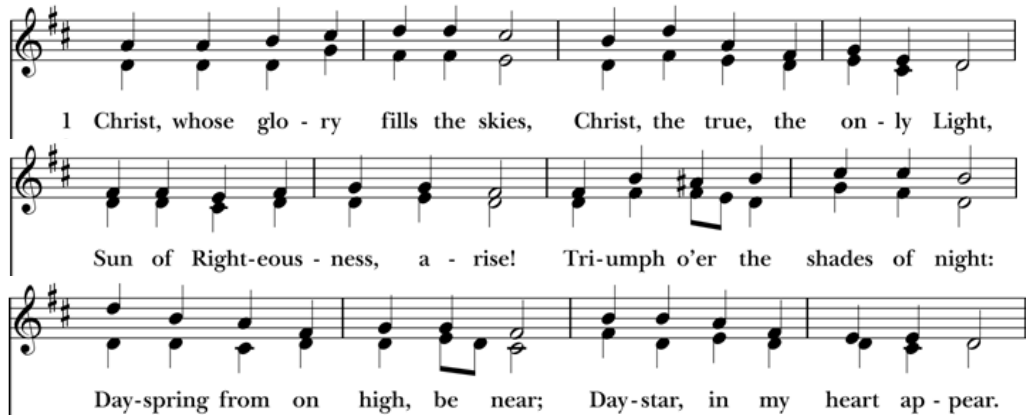
*Presider* Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

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

### Hymn 7



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.

2. God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood,  
and to make salvation sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.  
Come, o come, our voices raise, sounding God Almighty's praise.
3. Let thy people praise you Lord, ever worshipped and adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their Savior King.  
Let all be, throughout the world, one in joy and light and love.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

FIRST READING: Acts 4: 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL: Psalm 133

*Read by all in unison.*

**Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \***  
**when brethren live together in unity!**  
**It is like fine oil upon the head \***  
**that runs down upon the beard,**  
**Upon the beard of Aaron, \***  
**and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**  
**It is like the dew of Hermon \***  
**that falls upon the hills of Zion.**  
**For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \***  
**life for evermore.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

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

*All stand for the Sequence and Holy Gospel*

SEQUENCE

Celtic Alleluia

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

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31

*Presider*        ✠ The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**W**hen it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and

my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Presider*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Repeat Alleluia.*

SERMON

The Reverend Jennifer Zogg

NICENE CREED

*All stand for the Creed.*

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor*      Rejoicing in the gift of new life through Christ’s victory over the grave, let us pray to the Lord.

For the holy church of God around the world and this community of faith, that our lives may be a witness to the power of the resurrection.

Risen One,

*People*            **Hear our prayer.**



For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they may be led with truth and justice. We pray especially for anyone living in fear, for refugees and for an end to war in every land, especially Gaza and Ukraine.

Risen One,

**Hear our prayer.**

For the blessings of this life, we give thanks. We rejoice, especially, for all those in whose honor the Easter flowers have been given.

Risen One,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul. May they find strength and comfort in the One who rose from the dead. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud...

...Risen One,

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, remembering especially all in whose memory the flowers and music have been given this Easter season. Risen One,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider*

Gracious God, you made glad the disciples at the sight of the risen Lord. Grant that we, being raised with him, may walk in newness of life now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

*Presider*

The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This week our community is praying for:**

*Esperanza, Lea, Judy, Dawn, Tim, Laura, Lenny, Mike, Lindsey, Barbara, Kim, Edie, Izzy, Bella, Jennifer, Julian, Shane, Lydia, Ernie, Alysba, Tarquinio, Jennifer W., Carol, Jenn, Shelly, Geri, Arthur, & Jeff*

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If you have a particular need for which you'd like to request prayers from the Healing Prayer Team, please email

*Carol ([marstarich@gmail.com](mailto:marstarich@gmail.com)) or Denise ([dmessier14@gmail.com](mailto:dmessier14@gmail.com))*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

*We welcome your offering to support the ministry of Epiphany in service to our community.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

Hymn 209

We Walk by Faith

## PRESENTATION

*All stand to sing as the gifts are brought forward.*

Doxology

**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.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth....

...sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS*

*All sing.*

Hymn S125 (R. Proulx)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made ...

...made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**



And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts ...

...with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**



#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymn 306, verse 1

**Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
thyself at thine own board make manifest  
in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive Communion.*

*It is our custom to receive the bread in your hands. If you wish to receive the wine also, remain at the rail and wait for the Eucharistic minister to come to you, then carefully dip your bread in the wine avoiding touching it.*

*Return to your seats by the side aisles. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the priest know of your need.*

*If it is difficult for you to walk, please notify an usher, and we will bring Communion to you.*

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing from the priest indicated by crossing your arms over your shoulders.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn WLP 787

We Are Marching in the Light of God

*Verse 1*      **We are marching in the light of God....**

*Verses 2-4*    **We are dancing...**

**We are praying...**

**We are singing...**

Hymn

Blessed Assurance



1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance,    Je - sus is mine!    O what a  
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion,    per - fect de - light,    vi - sions of  
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion,    all is at rest;    I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!    Heir of sal - va - tion,  
rap - ture now burst on my sight;    an - gels de - scend - ing,  
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,    watch - ing and wait - ing,



pur - chase of God,    born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
bring from a - bove    ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
look - ing a - bove,    filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

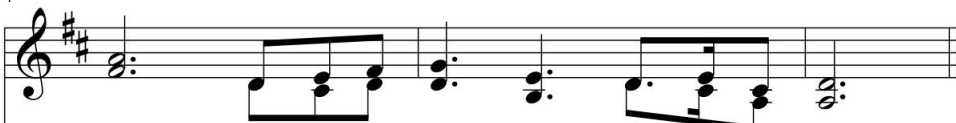
*Refrain*



This is my sto - ry;    this is my song,    prais - ing my Sav - ior



all the day long;    this is my sto - ry;    this is my



song,    prais - ing my Sav - ior    all the day long.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

*Presider* May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you always.  
**Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

Hymn 199

Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain

DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the resurrection. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

**Liturgical ministers at 10 a.m.**

Eucharistic Minister

Kya LeDuc

Lectors

Suellen Franze

Usher

George & Carol Nunes

Coffee Hour Hosts

Lisa & Mike Pucino

Communion Bread

Dawn Campbell

Counters

Fran Motroni & Suellen Franze (4/9)

Thrift Shop

Michelle Callahan & Leslie Brickley (4/6)



**This week we Celebrate...**

**...the April Birthdays of:**

**1-Shirley Baker      3-Thomas Rodrigues**

**8-Jaime Davin      12-Sally Erskine**

**14-Phil Campbell, Audrey Bernard, Bethany Bernard**

**The Anniversary of:**

**14-Carol & Richard Marsland**



## ***Easter Flower & Music Contributions***

Thank you to everyone who made contributions; we received close to a \$1000 to decorate the church and enjoy the trumpet soloist on Easter Sunday morning.

### **In Loving Memory of:**

|                                  |                            |                        |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Myrle Dean                       | Charlotte Cordeiro         | George Tarpey          |
| Ronald Tarpey                    | Otto Cardoso               | The Bond Family        |
| Danny Sullivan                   | Gladys & John Barone       | John O'Connor          |
| Suzanne & Lynn Carter            | Howard & Letitia O'Connor  | F. William Cockayne    |
| Mr. & Mrs. William Aspinall, Jr. | Joyce & Eugene Dench       | Ann Firth Kinch        |
| Anne & Lawrence Kinch            | Sue Kinch                  | Harold & Mary Firth    |
| Bill & Flora Tierney             | Bob Dench                  | Nancy Tasca            |
| Mary Girvan                      | Susan Paull                | Carmella Paull         |
| Harry Knight                     | Charles & Ruthjane Thurley | Steven Thurley         |
| Mr. & Mrs. Carl Pierce, Sr.      | Mr. & Mrs. Peter Hicks, Sr | Sarah Herbert          |
| Phyllis & George Olson           | Ogrita & Otto Johnson      | John McGrath           |
| Laura Hadfield Rausch            | Dorothy & Howard Hadfield  | Alice Simnett          |
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| Joan Vaughan                     | Jeffrey Zogg               | Richard Wadsworth      |
| Carlo Pucino                     | Adrienne & Robert Arruda   |                        |

Deceased members of the Bottis & Cockayne Families

### **In Thanksgiving for:**

Grandchildren Leighelle, Jacob & Annabella  
The Dench & Kinch families  
Our Rector, The Rev'd Jennifer Zogg

### **Vestry Leadership**

*Warden* Linda Mendonca *Treasurer* Kristen Dee  
*Acting Clerk* Jaime Davin  
*Vestry Members* Erin McNeill, Jaime Davin, Lisa Pucino

### **Staff**

*Parish Administrator* Beth Dench  
*Music Director* Mary Therese Martinez  
*Rector* The Rev'd Jennifer Zogg, [revjen@epiphanyep.org](mailto:revjen@epiphanyep.org)

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