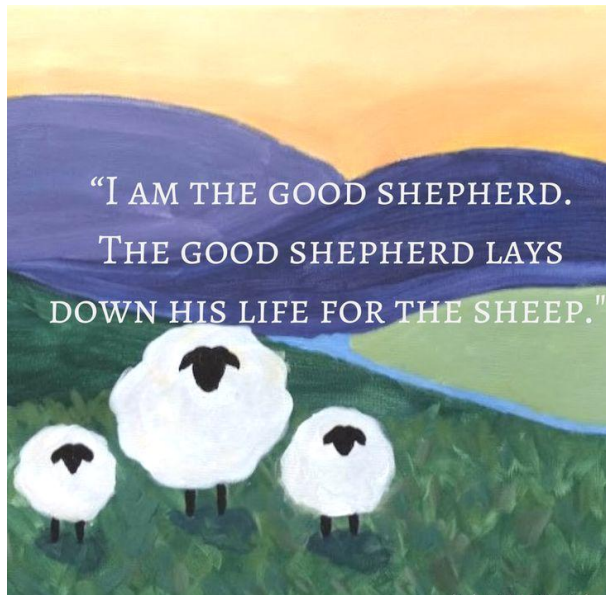




Church of *the* Epiphany

The Fourth Sunday *of* Easter



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

April 21, 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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Hymn 334

All stand as the hymn is sung.

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

EASTER ACCLAMATION

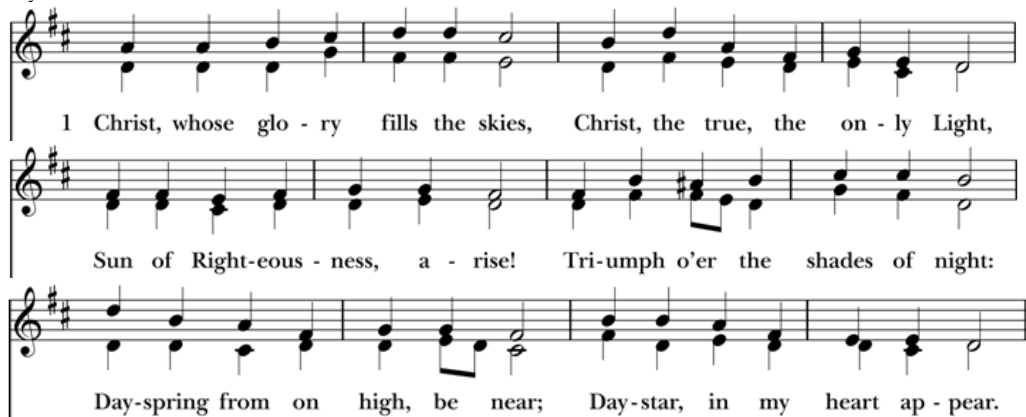
Presider Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING: Acts 4: 5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of

the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

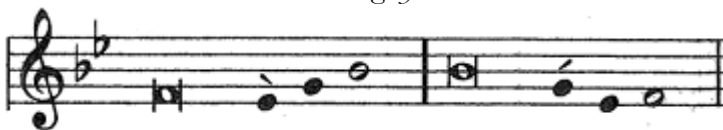
There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL: Psalm 23

Sung by all in unison.



**The Lord/ is my shepherd;
I shall not/ be in want.**

**He makes me lie down/ in green pastures
and leads me be-/side still waters.**

**He re-/vives my soul
and guides me along right pathways/ for his Name's sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall/ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your/ staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of/ those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is/ running over.**

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days/ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the/ Lord for ever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive

from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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 10: 11-18

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

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

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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 you praise and thanks. Your grace upon grace abounds in every place and so we praise you for those blessings we now name... 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,

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, Dawn, Tim, Laura, Lenny, Mike,
Edie, Tarquinio, 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) or *Denise* (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 343

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

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.

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 328, verses 1-5

Draw Nigh and Take

Hymn WLP 763

As We Gather

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 the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him; so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God calls you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe. And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Adapted from Ephesians 1:16-18

RECESSIONAL

Hymn 708

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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	Rhoda Bucci
Lectors	Carol & Richard Marsland
Ushers	Carol & George Nunes
Healing Prayer Team	Shirley Baker & Carol Marsland
Communion Bread	Dawn Campbell
Coffee Hour Hosts	Virginia Rocha & Beth & Bill Dench
Counters	Fran Motroni & Dawn Campbell (4/23)
Thrift Shop	Janice Johnson & Lisa Pucino (4/20)

TODAY: Adult Forum: April 21, 11 a.m. – Biblical Plants for your Garden



Led by our own Christopher Utter, we will learn the names, properties and origins of plants in the Bible that still flourish today. He'll advise us on how and where to plant them in our own gardens.

Music Series: Barbra and Bette, no last names required: Born just three years apart could there be any more iconic female singers of the past 6+ decades? Join us **THIS Saturday, April 27 at 7 p.m.** as we present hit after hit by these ultra-talented ladies. As always, we ask that you please bring goodies to share.



ECC Visits Epiphany next Sunday, April 28! Marissa Rainey, the new Director of our diocesan Camp and Conference Center, will join us for worship next Sunday, April 28 to talk about the ministry of the camp and get to know the parish.

ECC Camp Registration for Summer '24 -Register NOW!

Space is limited so visit www.eccri.org NOW to register. Scholarships are available, through the generous Gladys Hodgson Endowed Scholarship Fund, to send young people to ECC summer camp. Please contact Beth in the church office (beth@epiphanyep.org) for the scholarship application form.

Community Potlucks Return: Wednesday, May 1, 6 p.m. – HOSTS NEEDED

We look forward to resuming our evenings of fellowship and learning. We are looking for two pairs of hosts – two people for May and two for June 5. Hosting involves setting the tables and buffet table, receiving food, setting out drinks and cleaning up (always with lots of help from attendees). Hosts are welcome to decorate tables or add their touch, as they wish. Please put your name on the sign up sheet located on the entrance table.



This week we Celebrate...

...the April Birthdays of:

28-Margaret Johnson, Susan Kelley
29-Robin Christensen

& the Anniversaries of:

24-Kristin & Bill Chase
26-Beth & Bill Dench



Saturday, May 4: 7p.m. Sunset Labyrinth Walk @ Epiphany Celebrating World Labyrinth Day

Come to Epiphany’s garden for a sunset walk in our labyrinth to end your day. On May 4 labyrinths around the world at churches and outdoor sites hold events to create a joint celebration of this ancient tradition and a “rolling” pilgrimage of prayer across the globe.

Sunday, May 5, 11:15 a.m. – Vestry Coffee & Conversation: Epiphany’s New Mission Statement

The leadership of Epiphany invites you to a workshop and conversation to consider drafts of a new mission statement for Epiphany. Our current one is excellent and also needs a refresh as we have seen quite a bit of evolution over the last ten years. The Vestry had a very productive conversation at our workday on Saturday, April 13 about how to express our parish’s particular gifts, identity and vision going forward. We’d love your input on the drafts we produced! Please join us after worship to hear more and offer your feedback.



Bread of Life Food Pantry – Same Outreach, New Management

As of April 1, Bread of Life Food Pantry will now be a satellite ministry of Good Neighbors’ Soup Kitchen. The management of operations, marketing and organization will now be under the umbrella of the capable people at Good Neighbors. All of the regular pantry volunteers will continue, we will still collect donations every week and regular opening hours will be unchanged. This is a positive step and will help Bread of Life sustainably and capably serve our community for years to come.



In the month of **April**, the Food Pantry is looking for hearty soups such as **Campbell's Chunky & Progresso**.

Vestry Leadership

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

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