# EPIPHANY Seattle



# The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST September 8, 2024 at 8:45 am

## "To co-create with God is to gather the many fields of the mind into a consciousness of love"

Co-creation is the theme of our Sunday forums this fall. It's going to come at us in three particular patterns: co-creation with God, co-creation with the Church, and co-creation with our neighbors.

Co-creation is our calling, it is what we were formed to do, wound into our very nature. As Christians, we gain insight into this calling through Holy Scripture, from the beginning of the Bible to the final passages in the book of Revelation. We hear how we were made to be emergent agents designed to reveal God's love. This agency plays out in the beautiful and sublime, as well as the deepest, darkest struggles of the human spirit. It is for this reason that we begin with the Bible as the foundation for our exploration into co-creative possibility.

The Rev. Lex Breckenridge will begin by giving us an overview of how we witness co-creative agency sparked, formed, and refined through the stories, poetry, and teachings (both the good and the bad) in the Bible.

The theology of co-creation with God will continue as Jad Baaklini shares with us the different lens through which to see the nudging of God and then invites us to wrestle with God in a new minyan he is leading beginning in November. The purpose of this minyan will be to explore the thorny issues of the day from a theological perspective. We will also engage the Gospel of John this fall. Ben Logan, the convener of the Lazarus minyan, will be our teacher. Kari Glover, another teacher in our midst, will share insights into our co-creative dance with God through the writings of T. S. Eliot. And finally, I will again share the mystery of the incarnation of our Lord by telling the story of Jesus' birth.

Co-creation with our neighbor will be revealed through conversations we will have with neighborhood leaders. Councilmember Joy Hollingsworth will join us, as well as the principal of Madrona elementary school, Regina Carter. Our hope is to hear their personal stories and their visions for the communities they lead. We will also continue getting to know our neighbors within the congregation. During the first Sunday of the month brunches, we will have RELATA corners where people can sit with Table Hosts to get to know one another better. And later in the fall, we will have a RELATA review and an opportunity to consider how the outreach to the "spiritual, but not religious" is progressing. Also, within this category of co-creation with our neighbor, we will hear from those who returned from the civil rights pilgrimage in Alabama.

Finally, we will be encountering co-creation with the church. Kate will share her thoughts on the renewal of discipleship. Zach will remind us of the history, beauty, and theological depth of Evensong. We will also look at some of the wider church work that is happening. We will hear from the leaders involved in the recruitment and welcome of our new bishop, Phil LaBelle. Epiphany had significant involvement in this process. And finally, we will share insights and learnings from the Al Summit that Epiphany hosted this summer.

Co-creation is what we were made for as material dynamism endowed with consciousness to connect with the divine. We are eternal beings caught up, for the moment, in the limitations of time and space, gathered, as Ilia Delio so beautifully states: "to gather the many fields of the mind into a consciousness of love" (Ilia Delio, *Making All Things New*).

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# THE GATHERING

We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service. Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence. Thank you for turning off all electronic devices.

#### **VOLUNTARY:** Air

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTROIT** Give the Lord the honor due unto his name. Worship the Lord with holy worship. Amen, Amen.

At the sound of the bell, all rise as able.

#### HYMN 375: Give praise and glory unto God

Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ



PresiderBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.AllAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Presider* 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.** 

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#### SONG OF PRAISE sung by all

William Mathias



Presider	The Lord be with you.
All	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

All Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### All are seated. THE LESSON: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Maoz Zur

Lector The Word of the Lord. All Thanks be to God.

#### The people stand to sing. HYMN 393: Praise our great and gracious Lord



#### The people remain standing. **THE GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37**

GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.AllGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

GospelerThe Gospel of the Lord.AllPraise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON: The Reverend Doyt L. Conn, Jr.

Sermon notes:

Reflective silence and stillness are kept after the sermon.

# The people stand to say **THE NICENE 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The intercessor and people pray responsively.

Intercessor Let us pray to God for the poor in the world and for all in every danger and need.

The people remain standing or kneel.

*Intercessor* For Michael, our presiding bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop-elect, Melissa, our bishop provisional, Phil, our bishop-elect, and for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

All Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Intercessor For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God, let us pray to the Lord.

All Glory and praise to you, O living God.

*Intercessor* For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

All Glory and praise to you, O living God.

*Intercessor* For all who struggle to establish greater peace upon earth, especially those who serve in the military, those on missions of hope and mercy, and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

#### All Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Intercessor For the sick and the suffering, especially Marshal, Kathy, Briggs, Steve, Megan, Nicole, Jim, Ward, John, Libby, Tom, Thurston, and Amber, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for the dying and the dead, especially those those killed by gunfire at Apalachee High School in Georgia, let us pray to the Lord.

All Glory and praise to you, O living God.

*Intercessor* For those on our hearts, offering intercession and solace, comfort and healing, praise and thanksgiving, for those we now name silently or aloud.

The people may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

#### All Who put their trust in you.

The Presider offers a concluding Collect.

God of healing and salvation, hear us as we beg your mercy, open our ears to receive your word, and release our tongues to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

#### The Presider continues THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider* We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

The people kneel. A moment of reflective silence is kept.

Said by all	
Said by all All	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 your Son 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.
Presider	Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. <b>Amen.</b>
The people stan	ıd.

#### THE PEACE

Presider	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All	And also with you.

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of Christ.

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Presider* This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.



The offertory is the time during the service when we give offerings to God, acknowledging that all we have comes from God. The choir offers their gift of music, and this is our opportunity to offer thanks to God through a monetary gift to support the ministries of Epiphany. Active Epiphany parishioners make an annual pledge commitment toward the vitality of our ministries. In some cases pledging parishioners also make a financial contribution at the offertory. Money placed in the hunger basket at Communion supports our outreach ministry of feeding those in need. You may use the QR code, either during the anthem or later at your convenience, or place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed.

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Thou, O God, art praised in Sion

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest and receivest unto Thee. He shall dwell in Thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house, e'en of Thy holy temple.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stay'd on Thee: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God shall give us His blessing.

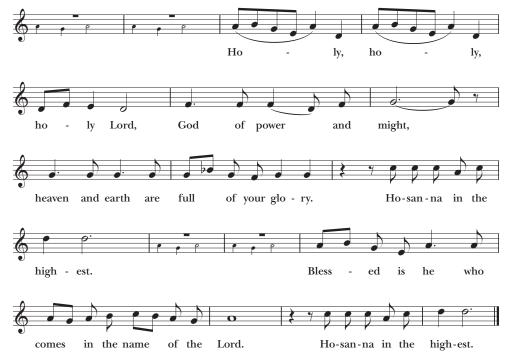
#### The people stand. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Presider	The Lord be with you.
<b>All</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
All	We lift them to the Lord.
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<b>All</b>	It is right to give God 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS sung by all

Mathias



The people remain standing or kneel. Then the Presider continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he 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 shed 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:

#### Presider and people

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

#### Presider and people

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

#### Presider

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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**.

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

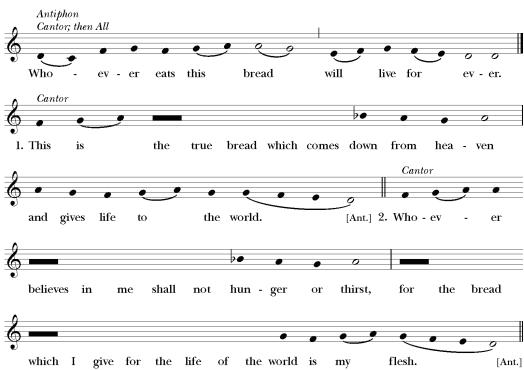
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER said by all

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**

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

#### FRACTION ANTHEM: Whoever eats this bread



#### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to receive the Holy Communion. It is your choice as to whether you receive Holy Communion or a blessing. You may receive Communion or a blessing at the standing station in the front of the nave or proceed to the altar rail. The bread will be placed in your palm. You may consume the bread and then drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice firmly and guide it to your lips); or, you may leave the bread in your palm for the chalice bearer to dip it into the wine and place it on your tongue. Self-intinction is strongly discouraged by the Episcopal church. The people's response to receiving the bread and the wine is "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available. To indicate to the Eucharistic minister that you would like a gluten-free wafer, please present your hands palms down. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

#### MUSIC AT COMMUNION

#### Be still, my soul

Percy Whitlock (1903-36)

Be still, my soul, for God is near; The Great High Priest is with thee now; The Lord of Life Himself is here, Before whose face the angels bow.

To make thy heart His lowly throne Thy Saviour God in love draws nigh. He gives Himself unto His own, For whom He once came down to die.

I come, O Lord, for Thou dost call To blend my pleading prayer with Thine: To Thee I give myself, my all, And feed on Thee, and make Thee mine. Amen. The alleluias are sung by all as the choir sings the accompanying parts.



# The people stand as able. POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

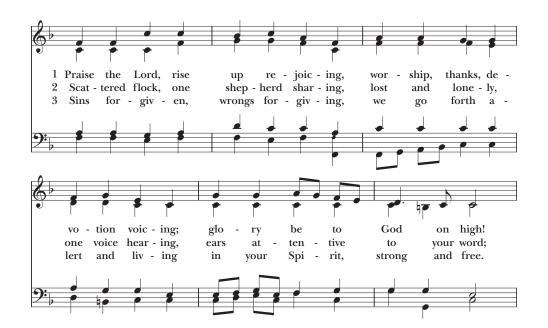
All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world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

#### THE BLESSING

*Presider* May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May God's countenance be upon you, and give you peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 

#### HYMN 334: Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Alles ist an Gottes Segen





*Words*: Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-83) *Music*: melody att. Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758)

#### DISMISSAL

*Minister* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

After the procession has led the way out of the church, we invite you to remain for the Voluntary or depart quietly.

#### **VOLUNTARY:** Grand Choeur

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Theodore Salome (1834-96)

The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God and in Remembrance of

## **Gilbert Anderson**

from Mary Jane Anderson

#### PARISH PRAYER LIST

#### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE BIRTHDAYS FALL BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 8 AND SEPTEMBER 14

Diane Curtis, Miles Moseberry, Aidan Ewing, Linda Bush, Charlie Jaquet, Missy Ross, Rocco Minnetti. Erika Chang, Michael Menne, Peter Sander, Clara Staples, Harlan Grady, Sally Holford, Valerie Conn

#### WE PRAY FOR THOSE ON THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Annie Wright School, Tacoma Charles Wright Academy, Tacoma The Table: University of Washington Episcopal Campus Ministry

#### WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL OR GRIEVING

Eileen Riley, Lynn Manley, Alice Foreman, Barbara Lock, Amber Gregory, Dennis Hogan, Jessica Khan, Janet Salisbury, Thurston Roach, Libby Goldstein, Lisa Dilling, Nancy, Olivia, MaryJo, Fr. Michael, Herb, Joan Marsh, Briggs Tinsley, Trent Pollard, Tom, Faatima, Natalie, Judy, Michael, Jennifer, Sally, Mary Jane Anderson, Bill Ingham, Lyn White, John Robinson, Alex S., Diane H., Rosemary Pancake, Mike McClurg, James, Maggie, Jim, Ward Ewing, Megan, Nicole Forbes, Steve, Kathy Mausshardt, Marshal McReal

#### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Ellie Kniffin, Don Glad, Julia Maxwell Spaeth

Are you or a loved one in need of some extra, tender loving care? Pastoral Care Ministries at Epiphany can reach out through a written prayer, a Eucharistic visit, a phone call, a greeting card, a bouquet of Epiphany flowers, a prayer shawl, and/or a meal delivered. Please contact Diane Carlisle at *dcarlisle@epiphanyseattle.org* 

#### Sages Luncheon | Friday | September 13 | 12:00-1:00 pm | Great Hall

As part of our Parish life, Epiphany invites our senior adults to our monthly luncheon from September -May hosted by the Epiphany Parish Life Team & the Pastoral Care Chaplains. On Friday, September 13, 12:00-1:00 pm in the Great Hall there will be a meal followed by a short program. This month the Rev. Kate Wesch will be our guest speaker. Come hear about what has been going on in Kate's life since she was last here. *Who are the Sages?* Hopefully you! To RSVP, receive more information, or for volunteer opportunities please contact Amanda at

amanda@epiphanyseattle.org.



## Fall Picnic | Sunday | September 8 | 12:15 pm | Great Hall & Courtyard



We have a lot of wonderful things coming our way this Fall. Our Fall Kick-off Picnic will be held on September 10 in the Courtyard and St. Francis Garden. We will have a special guest: The Reptile Lady. There is also a bouncy house, henna tattoos, and face painting. We will be providing burgers and hot dogs. And, you are invited to bring some of your favorite picnic sides and desserts too. We need your help! Please contact Amanda Eap at *amanda@epiphanyseattle.org* for more information and

volunteer opportunities.

If you would like to sign up to bring food items please scan the QR Code. Thank you!





Men's Retreat | St. Andrew's House | October 4–6, 2024

Dear Men of Epiphany,

Don't miss the 2024 Men's Retreat at St. Andrew's House on the Hood Canal. We're proud to announce this year's facilitator will be Jeff Vancil, Executive Director of Leadership Development Seminars. A dynamic speaker and communicator, Jeff has served in vocational ministry for over 30 years. Prior to his current post, Jeff was the Regional Director of Young Life for the Western Washington region. Many remember Jeff and his wife Marilyn from their time spent in the life of Epiphany Parish. Since 2020, Jeff and Marilyn have lived in Spokane, WA.

There are only 26 spaces available for the retreat at St. Andrew's House. Last year, the weekend sold out.

Price: \$295, but cost shouldn't preclude fellows from attending; scholarship funds are available.



#### Tiny home build | Saturday | September 14 | 9:00-3:00 pm



Epiphany is building Tiny Homes at The Hope Factory in SODO. The main function of a tiny home is to get a homeless person off the streets and into a space that is warm, safe, dry, and healthy. It is a proven system with a track record of great results. High School Youth are encouraged to attend. The minimum age to volunteer is 16 (please, no exceptions.) Please reach out to Jenny Cummins at *jennycummins@gmail.com*.

#### Serving this day

Rector The Reverend Doyt L. Conn, Jr. Parochial Vicar The Reverend Kate Wesch Associate Priest The Reverend Pam Tinsley Director of Worship Diane Carlisle Director of Music Zachary Hemenway Epiphany Choir Eucharistic Ministers Kari Glover, Barb Marshall, Sabrina Reyes Lector Eric Miller Ushers Diane Curtis, Scott Davies, Mike Simmons, Alec Williamson Parish Life Minister Amanda Eap Altar Flowers Sally Clarke Altar Guild Bobbie Spaeth

#### Weekly Offerings at Epiphany

# Coffee Hour | Sundays | Following the Service | Great Hall (Continues for those who wish, in the Fireside Room at 10:00)

Join parishioners and visitors in the Great Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

#### Choral Evensong | Sundays | 5:30-6:30 pm | Church and YouTube

Sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world, Choral Evensong is a service of Evening Prayer, derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline. The choir sings the traditional evening prayers of the church that have been offered for centuries, while the congregation listens, joins in the hymns, and adds their own prayers to those of the choir.

#### Chapel Open | Monday through Friday | 9:00 am-4:00 pm | Chapel

The chapel as a place for prayer is open during the week. Come by and sit in this sacred space. Occasionally the chapel will be closed for other events; during these times we will open the church.

#### C. S. Lewis Minyan | Thursdays | 8:40-9:40 am | Christie House Library and Zoom

#### Jonathan Roberts

The C. S. Lewis Minyan will resume on Thursday, September 26 at 8:40 am. The Minyan meets in the Christie House Library, and people can attend via Zoom. The first book discussed will be *The Horse and His Boy*. After we visit Narnia, we'll spend a little time with T. S. Eliot with a set of readings curated by Kari Glover. If you would like to join the Minyan, please email Jonathan Roberts at *Jonro@rprime.com*. *C. S. Lewis Minyan begins September 26*.

#### All Threads Together | Thursdays | 10:00-noon | Christie House Library

Bring your latest needle craft project to our weekly meetings of fellowship and fun. We work on individual projects as well as prayer shawls and hats for local ministries. All are welcome!

#### Bible Study | Fridays | 10:30-11:30 am | Christie House Library and Zoom

#### The Rev. Doyt Conn, Jr. and the Rev. Kate Wesch

The Bible is the core document that defines the framework in which followers of Jesus live. And so, this class is not just about becoming familiar with the Bible, it is about unpacking it and pulling it apart, and seeking out links and allusions and associations between different parts of the Bible. This Bible study is a journey into words and meaning and characters, and the context behind them. We do not rush things in this class, and furthermore, because of the slow pace and our theological orientation, you can drop in and quickly find your way, even if you haven't been attending the class. Come be part of this biblical quest of Christian meaning, understanding, and relevance with the Rev. Doyt Conn. All are welcome. Contact Diane Carlisle at **verger@epiphany-seattle.org** for information and the Zoom link. *Bible Study begins September 20, 2024*.

#### Adult Formation: Creation: It's Still Unfolding and We Have A Role To Play September 15, 2024 at 10:00 The Rev. Lex Breckinridge

How does the Bible describe the Creation of the universe? Is it a one-time event that is complete at the end of the "sixth day?" Or is the Creation story more interesting? Indeed, is there more than one Creation story in the Bible? Is Creation still unfolding? What role do we, the ones who are made in the image and likeness of God, have to play in this drama? We will unpack those questions and more at the opening Adult Forum on Sunday, September 15. Join Lex Breckinridge that morning as we open the Bible to discover these Creation stories along with our call to be co-creators with God in bringing God's awe-inspiring vision for Creation to fruition.

#### Introducing "Come As You Are" Eucharist Sundays, Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15 at 4:00 pm in the Chapel By the Rev. Kate Wesch

We are excited to announce a new worship opportunity this fall: the "Come as You Are" Eucharist, designed for people of all ages, but especially for families with children. Starting in September, join us on the third Sunday at 4:00 pm in the Chapel, followed by a potluck dinner in the Great Hall.

This service is different from our traditional Sunday morning offerings. "Come as you are" means exactly that—come in your gardening clothes, soccer uniforms, or jeans. We welcome everyone, especially children, to participate in a more casual, relaxed worship experience. The liturgy will be interactive, with music led by a piano or guitar, and prayer stations that invite movement during the Prayers of the People. Children and youth will be active participants and leaders in the service, learning by doing and engaging deeply with their faith. Unlike other services, there will be no Nursery—children of all ages are encouraged to attend, and their presence is celebrated.

We look forward to gathering with you in this new, Spirit-led worship experience, creating a space where everyone can encounter God together. Join us and see where this journey takes us!

Sunday School Reimagined: Fall 2024 By the Rev. Kate Wesch 8:45 am - Holy Eucharist & Sunday School | Church & Great Hall 10:00 am - Courtyard Kids Connect: Games and Snacks | Christie House Courtyard

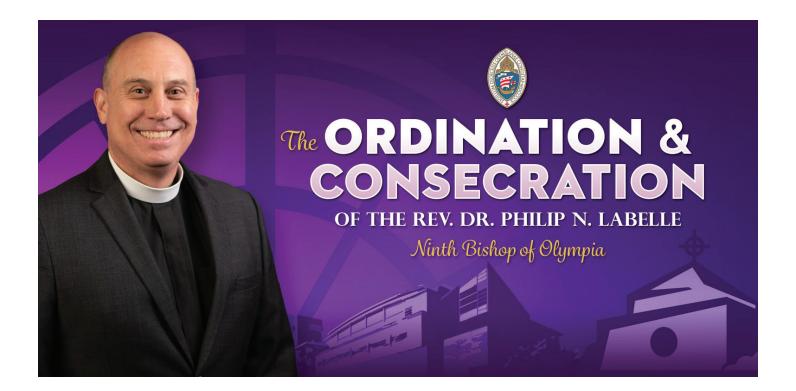
Epiphany is excited to unveil its new fall programming for children, youth, and families, starting Sunday, September 15 and running through December. Building on feedback from our Family Gathering on August 25, we've designed a fresh approach to enhance our community's experience.

Sunday School will now take place during the 8:45 am service. Families are encouraged to attend the service together, with the Verger guiding children and teachers to the Great Hall before the first lesson. At the peace, children will return to their families to join them for the Eucharist. Children of all ages are welcome to remain in church or attend Sunday School during the first half of the service. Families can decide what's best for their children.

Following the service, children are invited to enjoy facilitated games and a snack in the Courtyard from 10:00 to 10:45 am. This time allows parents to attend the Adult Forum or connect casually with fellow parents in the Fireside Room.

Additionally, we are planning to introduce "pop-up" Youth Group sessions for middle and high school students later this fall during the 10:00 am hour. This new schedule is designed to create more opportunities for engagement and community building among our younger members.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback or attended the Family Gathering. We value your input and look forward to evaluating these changes in December, with potential updates for the new year.





God willing and the people consenting,

#### The Reverend Dr. Philip Noah LaBelle

will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop in the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and the Ninth Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia

HOLY CROSS DAY
September 14, 2024 | 11:00AM

CHIEF CONSECRATOR **The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry**, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

The Most Reverend Melissa M. Skelton and the Standing Committee request the honor of your presence at:

> **Meydenbauer Center** 11100 NE 6th Street Bellevue WA 98004

RSVP: See the reverse for times & events

**BISHOPS:** Rochet, chimere, and tippet **DEACONS AND PRIESTS:** Red stole

## **EVENTS**

#### 🕂 SEPTEMBER 14, SATURDAY

8:15 AM

**Breakfast, Signing and Sealing of Certificate** (Bishops & their spouses only)

11:00 AM (Doors open at 9:30 AM) Liturgy of Ordination & Consecration (Reception to follow)

Meydenbauer Center 11100 NE 6th Street Bellevue WA 98004

#### 🕂 SEPTEMBER 15, SUNDAY

4:30 PM

Seating of the Bishop (Reception to follow)

St. Mark's Cathedral 1245 10th Ave. E Seattle WA 98102

Please direct questions to bishoptransition@ecww.org

#### Parish Staff

The Rev. Doyt L. Conn, Jr. Jad Baaklini Karen Berry The Rev. Lex Breckinridge Diane Carlisle

Pam Demian Amanda Eap Bryan Fiehler John Garlid Zachary Hemenway Dani Lugotoff Gieth Phou Laura Rodde Laura Sargent The Rev. Pam Tinsley The Rev. Kate Wesch Rector **Director of Communications** Parish Administrator Assisting Priest Exec. Assistant to the Rector and Director of Worship **Business Administrator** Parish Life Minister Audio Visual Minister Music Administrator Director of Music Campus Care Manager Sexton Chief of Staff Music Department Coordinator Associate Priest Parochial Vicar

#### Volunteer Ministry Leaders

#### Ann Beck

Diana Bender Susan Bisyak Holly Boone Terry Carlisle Phil Carter Valerie Conn Jenny Cummins Karen Forbes Alice Foreman Michael Fraas Sherman Griffin Clip Kniffin Pete Melin Bethany Miller

Nancy Morrow Laurel Nesholm Jonathan Roberts Lorelle Shearer Trish Stone YWCA Cleanup & Teen Feed Chaplain Mirabella Discernment Altar Guild Service & Outreach **Operation Nightwatch** Ushers Women's Retreat Group Tiny Homes Women's Retreat Group Flower Ministry Chaplain Parkshore Music at Epiphany Men's Ministry Tiny Homes Chaplain Washington Park Tower Parkshore Ministry Art Guild C. S. Lewis Minyan Meals Ministry All Threads Together

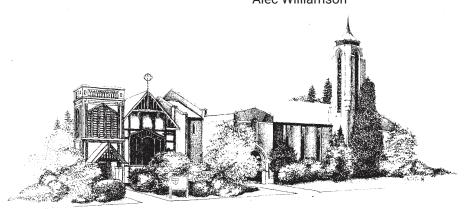
To find out more about all of our ministries go to **epiphanyseattle.org/engage**.

#### Volunteer Professionals

Bill Forbes Doug Marshall Mary McGuire Doug Oles Susan Pitchford Buildings and Grounds Treasurer Children's Sermon Chancellor Off-site Anchorite

#### Vestry

Dwayne Shearer - Senior Warden Mary Kimball - Junior Warden Ron Lee - Member at Large Lee Anderson-Brooke George Brumder Barbara Cairns John Cary Jodi Markus Barb Marshall Wendy Sefcik Lesa Sroufe Alec Williamson



Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place at Epiphany.