

# EPIPHANY†

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*Seattle*



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 AT 8:45 AM

Dear Epiphany,

“Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place at Epiphany.” I love hearing that every Sunday; Epiphany has been such a good place for me.

So what about that spiritual journey? How’s it going? Or as Doyt has often said, how goes it with your soul?

I’ve recently announced that I’m entering the second year of my two year training program in spiritual direction. And you may have read that and wondered, “What’s spiritual direction?”

Spiritual direction is an ancient practice in the church (and other religions) in which one pilgrim seeks the companionship and support of another. A spiritual director doesn’t “direct” in the sense of telling the seeker what to do. Instead, they listen prayerfully to the directee and help them discern where God is present and active in their life.

Spiritual direction is not like counseling or therapy, in which the focus is on problem solving. It’s also not like a coaching relationship, in which goals are established and the coach focuses on helping the person meet them. Instead, a spiritual director helps a person discern what God is up to in their life, what God is calling them to. It could be as big as a new career or as seemingly small as new prayer practice. It might be a journey of grief, or it could be a spiritual awakening. Perhaps the directee is being invited to consider their image of God and how it has shaped their self-image. Where is their spiritual journey taking them, and, ultimately, how can they know themselves as God’s beloved?

While spiritual direction has been practiced through the centuries, in our time there is an expectation that people who practice this ministry will be formally trained and certified, and adhere to a code of ethics such as the one issued by Spiritual Directors International. I’m being trained in the “Listening With Spirit” program through The Priory, a community of Benedictine sisters near Olympia, and will be under their supervision.

Spiritual direction typically consists of monthly meetings of about an hour. Since I will be in training until the spring, I’ll be meeting with directees at no charge during this period of time. It’s important to note that, while I’ll be meeting directees in my office in Christie House, I’ll be doing so independent of Epiphany Parish.

If this sounds like a kind of support that might interest you, let’s explore it! An initial meeting is not a commitment. If you’d like to consider this possibility, please contact me at: [spitchford@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:spitchford@epiphanyseattle.org). And blessings on your journey!

Susan Pitchford

An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users.  
To use please switch your hearing aid to "T."

## 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: Piece d'Orgue, BWV 572**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### 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 518: Christ is made the sure foundation**

Westminster Abbey

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*All* **And 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.**

**SONG OF PRAISE** *sung by all*

*William Mathias*



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of



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

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**All** O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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**

*The children depart for*  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*All who would like to participate in Sunday School, please follow the Verger.  
 You will return to the church at the Peace for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.*

*All are seated.*

**THE LESSON: James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

The people stand to sing.

**HYMN 439: What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul**

Wondrous Love

*Unison*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835  
Music: from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

The people remain standing.

**THE GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**All** **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**All** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON: *The Reverend Kate Wesch*

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* With our tongues we bless the Lord and Father and beg for mercy on all in need.

*The people remain standing or kneel.*

*Intercessor* For Michael, our presiding bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop-elect, Phil, our bishop, 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, Ward, John, Libby, Tom, Thurston, and Amber, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for the dying and the dead, 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 infinite mercy, hear the prayers we offer this day and save our lives through the good news of your Messiah; 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*

**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. **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

## **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: *Dear Lord and Father*

*Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard  
Beside the Syrian sea  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

The people stand.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

**All** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** **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*

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. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*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*

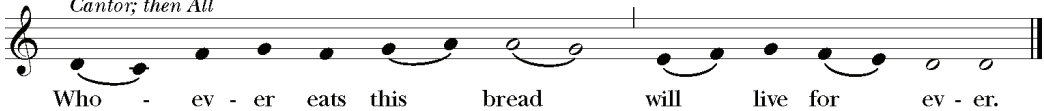
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from 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.*

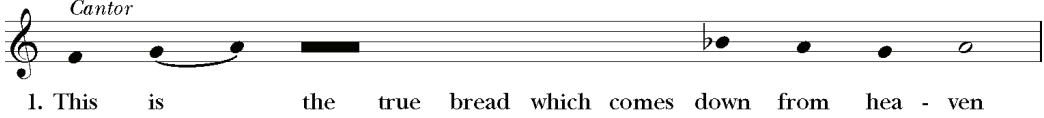
## FRACTION ANTHEM: *Whoever eats this bread*

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor; then All*



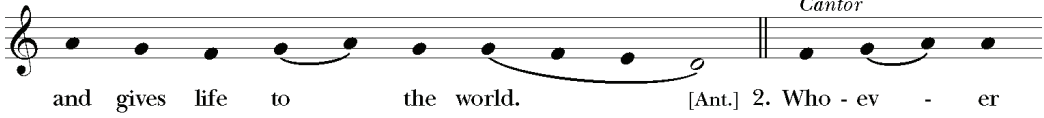
Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

*Cantor*

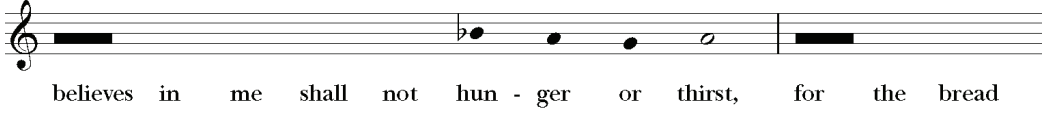


1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven


*Cantor*



and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er



believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread



which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

## 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

*O quam suavis*

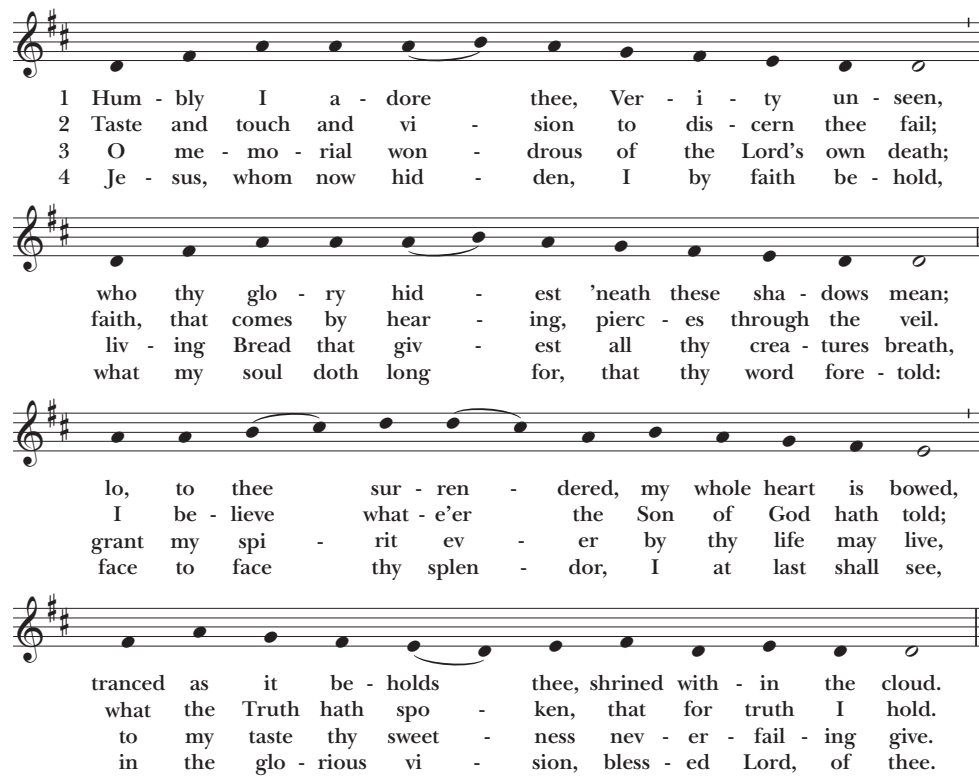
*Sebastian Vivanco (1551-1622)*

O how sweet is thy spirit, Lord,  
thou who, in order to demonstrate thy sweetness to thy children,  
sends down from heaven the sweetest bread unsurpassed,  
filling the hungry with good things,  
sending away empty the disdainful rich!

*(Sung in Latin)*

## Hymn 314: Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen

Adoro devote



1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,  
who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:  
lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;  
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,  
tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-74)

Music: French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697

*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 473: *Lift High the Cross*

Crucifer

*Descant*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



*Repeat Refrain*



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912) and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)  
 Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

**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: *Wir glauben all an einen Gott, BWV 680***

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE BIRTHDAYS FALL BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 15 AND SEPTEMBER 21**

Sarah Jaquet, Maddie Lees, Chuck Pope, John Garlid, Pedie Jolly,  
Darlene Hermes, Bill Hoppin, Will Ketcham, Moira Neary, Meri Nelson

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

Our Bishop, Phil, and the bishop's staff  
All Commissions, Committees & Programs of the Diocese

**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, 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](mailto:dcarlisle@epiphanyseattle.org)

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

**My Dad, Sherwin S. Collins**

from Anna Rose Collins

and in Thanksgiving for

**My Daughter, Moira Neary's 17th Birthday**

and in Remembrance of

**the 12th Anniversary of my Father's Death**

from Brad Neary

**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.

***TODAY AT 10:00: Adult Formation: Creation: It’s Still Unfolding and We Have A Role To Play***  
***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.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:verger@epiphany-seattle.org) for information and the Zoom link. *Bible Study begins September 20, 2024.*

### **Next Sunday, September 22, at 10:00**

#### **Adult Formation: AI Summit at Epiphany The Rev. Doyt Conn and The Rev. Kate Wesch**

"We stand at the cusp of a new era, marked by the rapid development and integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in our daily lives and societal structures. As we navigate through this unprecedented technological advancement, it becomes imperative for the church to reflect on the theological, ethical, and societal implications it harbors. AI & The Church Summit aims to foster a profound dialogue in and among The Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on the role of AI in our world and the church's involvement in shaping its trajectory."

The above quote comes from the invitation for theologians and priests to apply to be part of the AI and church summit that took place this summer at Epiphany. It was a time of significant conversation around with some claimed to be the most important topic facing humanity today. Both Doyt and Kate attended this conference and will share what they learned from their experience.



## 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.

## Epiphany Cooks at Ronald McDonald House | Friday | September 20 | 12:45-4:00 pm



The Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for families while their children undergo treatment at Seattle Children's Hospital. At the house they offer home made meals provided by volunteers! This month, Epiphany is seeking more volunteers to help cook at the Ronald McDonald House on Friday, September 20th from 12:45-4:00 pm. If you would like to learn more or would like to sign up please contact Amanda at [amanda@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:amanda@epiphanyseattle.org) or Audrey Seale at [Audreyseale@comcast.net](mailto:Audreyseale@comcast.net).

**DJ Dance Party | Sunday | October 6 | 3:00-5:00 pm | Great Hall**

**All ages, friends & family DANCE PARTY with DJ Roc & Games!  
Epiphany's Great Hall!**



Another great excuse to be together simply with emphasis on Fun. Fall Pumpkin theme, baby hats, team sports activities, and birthday celebrations! Please come with a board game you might share with neighborhood kids who attend. Audrey & Bob are hosting. For more information please contact Amanda at [amanda@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:amanda@epiphanyseattle.org) or Audrey Seale at [audreyjseale@gmail.com](mailto:audreyjseale@gmail.com).

**First Sunday Brunch | Sunday | October 6 | 10:00 am | Great Hall**



On the first Sunday of every month (October through May), join us in the Great Hall for brunch during **Everybody Hour at 10 am**. Sunday's brunch will be hosted by **The Children, Youth, & Families Ministry!!** If you would like your ministry to host a First Sunday Brunch please contact Amanda at [amanda@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:amanda@epiphanyseattle.org).

**Blessing of the Animals | Sunday | October 6 | 11:00 am | Church**

**Cake and treats for Animals and Their Owners Following the Service**



Bring your pets, large and small, to the 11:00 service for a blessing. Dogs must be on a leash. All others must be in cages or carriers. There will be cake for their owners and friends and treats for our furry (and feathered or scaled) friends.

## Parish Staff

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The Rev. Doyt L. Conn, Jr.	<i>Rector</i>
Jad Baaklini	<i>Director of Communications</i>
Karen Berry	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
The Rev. Lex Breckinridge	<i>Assisting Priest</i>
Diane Carlisle	<i>Exec. Assistant to the Rector and Director of Worship</i>
Pam Demian	<i>Business Administrator</i>
Amanda Eap	<i>Parish Life Minister</i>
Bryan Fiehler	<i>Audio Visual Minister</i>
John Garlid	<i>Music Administrator</i>
Zachary Hemenway	<i>Director of Music</i>
Dani Lugotoff	<i>Campus Care Manager</i>
Gieth Phou	<i>Sexton</i>
Laura Rodde	<i>Chief of Staff</i>
Laura Sargent	<i>Music Department Coordinator</i>
The Rev. Pam Tinsley	<i>Associate Priest</i>
The Rev. Kate Wesch	<i>Parochial Vicar</i>

## Volunteer Ministry Leaders

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Ann Beck	<i>YWCA Cleanup &amp; Teen Feed</i>
	<i>Chaplain Mirabella</i>
Diana Bender	<i>Discernment</i>
Susan Bisyak	<i>Altar Guild</i>
Holly Boone	<i>Service &amp; Outreach</i>
Terry Carlisle	<i>Operation Nightwatch</i>
Phil Carter	<i>Ushers</i>
Valerie Conn	<i>Women's Retreat Group</i>
Jenny Cummins	<i>Tiny Homes</i>
Karen Forbes	<i>Women's Retreat Group</i>
Alice Foreman	<i>Flower Ministry</i>
Michael Fraas	<i>Chaplain Parkshore</i>
Sherman Griffin	<i>Music at Epiphany</i>
Clip Kniffin	<i>Men's Ministry</i>
Pete Melin	<i>Tiny Homes</i>
Bethany Miller	<i>Chaplain Washington Park Tower</i>
Nancy Morrow	<i>Parkshore Ministry</i>
Laurel Nesholm	<i>Art Guild</i>
Jonathan Roberts	<i>C. S. Lewis Minyan</i>
Lorelle Shearer	<i>Meals Ministry</i>
Trish Stone	<i>All Threads Together</i>

To find out more about all of our ministries go to  
[epiphanyseattle.org/engage](http://epiphanyseattle.org/engage).

## Volunteer Professionals

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Bill Forbes	<i>Buildings and Grounds</i>
Camille Hayward	<i>Sunday School</i>
Doug Marshall	<i>Treasurer</i>
Doug Oles	<i>Chancellor</i>
Susan Pitchford	<i>Off-site Anchorite</i>
Karen Wrang	<i>Sunday School</i>

## Vestry

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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	

### ***Serving this day***

*Rector* The Reverend Doyt L. Conn, Jr.  
*Parochial Vicar* The Reverend Kate Wesch  
*Associate Priest* The Reverend Pam Tinsley  
*Assisting Priest* The Reverend Lex Breckinridge  
*Director of Worship* Diane Carlisle  
*Director of Music* Zachary Hemenway  
*Epiphany Choir*  
*Eucharistic Ministers* Zonnie Breckinridge, Sabrina Reyes  
*Lector* Kristin Conn  
*Ushers* Diane Curtis, Scott Davies, Mary Anne Howard, Mike Simmons  
*Parish Life Minister* Amanda Eap  
*Altar Flowers* Sandra Darling  
*Altar Guild* Bobbie Spaeth