EPIPHANY Seattle



The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

HOLY EUCHARIST JANUARY 28, 2024 AT 9:00 AM

Dear Epiphany,

We had 19 newcomers over to my house on Tuesday night. If we keep going at this rate, I'm going to need a much bigger house. It was pretty crowded. It was also completely delightful to hear the stories of how people have found their way to Epiphany. Nothing new, really. They have wandered in the same way people have wandered into this parish for years. Some have moved to town. Some have needed to leave their previous parishes. Some have just decided it was time to return to the religion of their youth. Others have decided to leave the denominational perspective they had grown up in, to a Christianity that is more open and inclusive, and hopefully, a little more thoughtful about how it engages the world.

Epiphany matters to the broader community. I heard this story from a newcomer(ish) who's recently returned to the church. She grew up at Epiphany, was baptized here, then left the church, only to come back to the church when her father died, and then when she got married. Now she is re-engaged in the life of Epiphany. It matters that we are here over time.

Similarly, I had a conversation with a community of young people who very rarely darken the doors of this institution. But I know their parents, and I know their grandparents, and they know me and Epiphany, and I was heartened that they showed up to have a conversation about Jesus. I was struck by their faithfulness. It matters that we're here.

Being a stable, long-term presence in a community over time; being a place that thinks about the human soul, and tends to and teaches about the human spirit, is critically important... and yet, we see churches disappearing at a rapid pace. I don't know why that is specifically, but I generally sense it has something to do with losing sight of the message that – "if you are here, and you are alive, and you are breathing, and you were born, then you have a soul, which means you are infinitely important to God, even as you are eternally loved by God."

Our message, which is an old-school orthodox message, seems to be getting out there a bit, which is why, I suspect we had 19 newcomers at my house; and which is why our attendance is rebounding post-pandemic, and why we remain financial solvent. I look forward to sharing more about all of this with you at the annual meeting today.

Peace upon your souls.

Doyt+

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: Sonata IV in B-flat: I. Allegro con brio

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN 398: I sing the almighty power of God

Forest Green



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: English melody

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.**



PresiderThe Lord be with you.AllAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

All Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The children depart for CHILDREN'S SERMON

All who would like to hear the children's sermon, please proceed to the Great Hall. You will return to the church at the Peace for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

All are seated. THE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

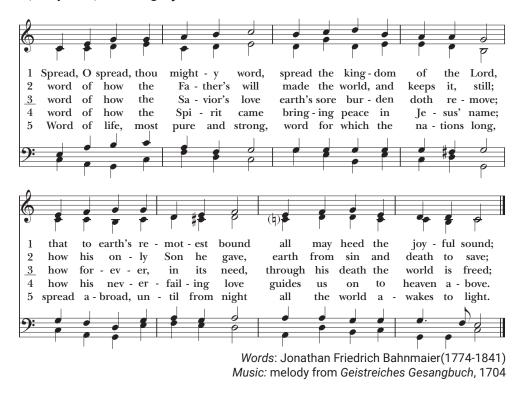
Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.AllThanks be to God.

The people stand as able and sing. HYMN 530: Spread, O spread, thou mighty word



THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

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

Reflective silence and stillness are kept after the sermon.

Sermon Notes

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 the God of compassion who heals the broken and binds up their wounds.

The people remain standing or kneel.

- Intercessor Grant, O Lord, that your Church may be a sign of truth and hope. May our unity give you glory throughout the world and serve as a sign of your faithful love. Lord, in your mercy,
- All hear our prayer.
- Intercessor Guide the leaders of all nations and those whom they govern that justice and peace may increase. May we experience the fruits of righteousness and the blessings of your reign of love. Lord, in your mercy,
- All hear our prayer.
- *Intercessor* May this good earth and its creatures reveal your glory. Give us grace to guard its riches wisely and to share its bounty justly. Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

- *Intercessor* Bless 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. Lord, in your mercy,
- All hear our prayer.

Intercessor Comfort and heal the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially Piper, Ivan, Pamela, Dawn, Mary Jane, Brook, Merritt, Joel, Michael, Bill, Don, Joanna, John, Amber, and Cheryl. May we be agents of hope in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, especially David Lee and Janice Rochester, grant them rest and the sure knowledge of your peace. Remind us, Lord, that neither death nor life will separate us from your love. Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

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.

Presider God of infinite mercy, hear the prayers of your people and stir up our souls with longing to embrace your gospel; 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.

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
	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

PresiderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.AllAnd also with you.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider May all the earth give you worship and praise, and break into song to your name, O God.



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

Malcolm Boyle (1902-76)

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.

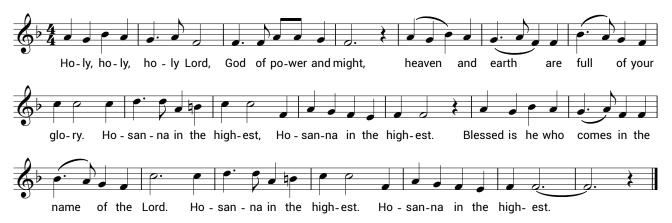
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stay'd on Thee: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

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

PresiderThe Lord be with you.AllAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.AllWe lift them to the Lord.PresiderLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.AllIt 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, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:



The people stand 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.

Presider

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**.

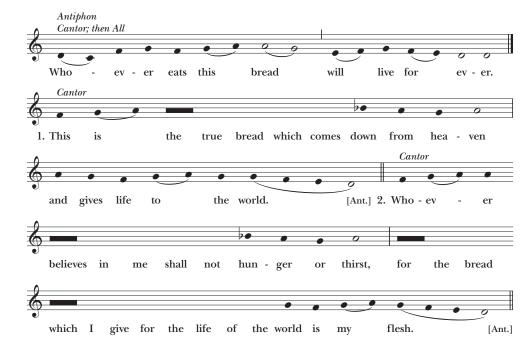
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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

Mason Martens

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

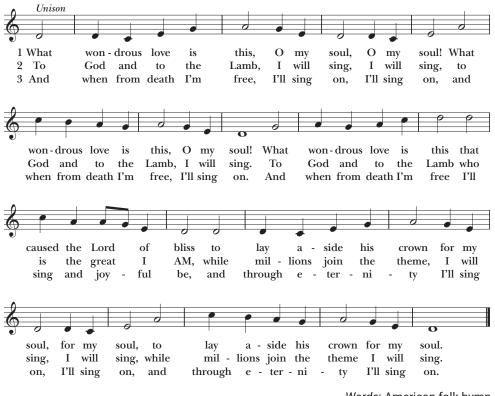
ANTHEM: See what love hath the Father

Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Wondrous Love

See what love hath the Father bestow'd on us in his goodness, that we should be called God's own children.

HYMN 439: What wondrous love is this



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

he people stand as able. POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favor, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN: O God, beyond all praising



DISMISSAL

Minister Let us bless 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: Sonata IV in B-flat: IV. Allegro maestoso e vivace

Mendelssohn

Thaxted

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Annual Meeting Following the Service - TODAY

Please join us in the Great Hall for our Annual Meeting. We will have the opportunity to hear the Senior Warden's and the Treasurer's reports, and elect the new Vestry members and Diocesan delegates. Doyt will also share the State of the Parish and lay out Epiphany's vision for the coming year and beyond. Doughnuts will be served.

Community Dance Party | Sunday | January 28 | 3:00-5:00 pm | Great Hall All ages, friends, and families are invited to come party in the Great Hall! Featuring DJ Roc, games, valentine crafts, & January birthday celebration! For more information and for volunteer opportunities please contact Amanda at *amanda@epiphanyseattle.org* or Audrey at *audrey. seale4@gmail.com.*



Women's Retreat Group | Saturday | February 3 | 9:00-11:00 am | Christie House Library

Dear Women of Epiphany,

Please join us on February 3rd for the Women's Retreat Group monthly meeting. We meet 9:00 – 11:00 am in the Christie House Library with an early bird start at 8:30 am for those who would like extra time for fellowship, coffee, and a light breakfast.

Elizabeth Roberts will lead us through our *Forward Day by Day* readings this month. We'll zero in on John 7:16. *Then Jesus answered them*, "*My teaching is not mine but his who sent me.*" and how the day's readings inspire, provoke, and grow our spiritual formation.

Our special guest will be the Reverend Doyt Conn. He will speak about how to prepare for the season of Lent. With Lent and Easter "early" this year, you may want to add the dates for Lent and Easter to your calendar (Ash Wednesday: February 14, the Triduum: March 28, 29, and 30, What books Easter Day: March 31). We hope you will consider our Lenten books this year. The first is *Bread and Wine, Readings for Lent and Easter*. The second is the book by our April 12-14 retreat leader, Shannon Polson, *The Grit Factor*.

For more information, please contqct Amanda Eap at *amanda@epiphanyseattle.org*.



Choral Evensong & Have a Heart Epiphany's annual outreach fundraiser SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 5:30 PM



Epiphany's presence in a wounded world

The Service & Outreach Team invites you to the Church at 5:30 PM for a short video program followed by the beautiful Evensong service. Then join us in the Great Hall for a festive reception. *No need to register or RSVP*.

Offerings at Epiphany

Adult Formation | Sundays (except First Sundays, when there is a brunch) | 10:00 am | Great Hall

Join others for an hour of learning. Topics vary each week from spiritual formation, human interest, current affairs, and more.

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.

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

Jonathan Roberts

The C. S. Lewis minyan is reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. This minyan meets in person and online. If you would like to be on the email distribution list and receive notes each week or you would like the Zoom link please email Jonathan Roberts at *Jonro@rprime.com*.

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!

Zoom Bible Study | Thursdays | 11:00-noon | Zoom

Join other parishioners from Epiphany and parishioners from St. John's in Essex, Connecticut, for a Zoom-only study class on the Bible. This class will look in depth at some of the stories from the previous week's reading from the *Year in the Bible*. Please contact Lisa Ozaeta at **lisa@epiphanyseattle.org** for information and the Zoom link.

Bible Study | Fridays | 10:30-11:30 am | Great Hall and Zoom

The Rev. Doyt Conn, Jr.

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 will be looking at stories that align with our *Year in the Bible* readings. 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 *dcarlisle@epiphanyseattle.org* for information and the Zoom link.

Serving this day

Rector The Reverend Doyt L. Conn, Jr. Associate Rector The Reverend Lisa Ozaeta Associate Priest The Reverend Pam Tinsley Director of Worship Diane Carlisle Director of Music Zachary Hemenway Assistant Director of Music Julian Petrallia Epiphany Choir Lector Frank Lawler Eucharistic Ministers Ann Beck, Zonnie Breckinridge Ushers Linda Chapman, Lorelle Shearer Altar Guild Susan Bisyak Altar Flowers Sandra Darling Parish Life Minister Amanda Eap

Readings for the Week of YEAR January 28–February 4 1/28 Job 1 - 3Psalm 135 1/29 4-7 Job Psalm 136 OFTHET 1/30 8-11 Job Psalm 137 1/31 Job 12-15 Psalm 138 BIBLE 2/1 16-19 Job Psalm 139 2/2Job 20-23 Psalm 140 2/3Job 24-28 Psalm 141

PARISH PRAYER LIST

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE BIRTHDAYS FALL BETWEEN JANUARY 28 AND FEBRUARY 3

Alec Williamson, Tomas Ye, Peter Clough, John Friedman, Erica Williamson, Daria Yarnell

WE PRAY FOR THOSE ON THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Misa Guadalupe, Renton St. John's Sudanese, Tukwila

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

Cheryl Morgan, Eileen Riley, The Osterlind Family, Steve, Lynn Manley, Alice Foreman, Thomas, John Kirkpatrick, Barbara Lock, Amber Gregory, Dennis Hogan, Jessica Khan, Arthur Sullivan, Linda Baker, Bill Hess, Jane Hess, Jeremy Bacon, Janet Salisbury, Norma Lorenzana, Janet Hoehne, Bill Ingham, Cooper Sayer, Kathleen Balducci, Lisa Robertson, Ava Hall, Diane, Mary Magee, Ruth Hurt, John, Marjorie Bunday, Joanna Reams, Karen Forbes, Lex Lindsey, Tate Mason, Don Mullins, The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Mary Jo, Kris, Fr. Michael, Faye, Bill Grayson, Brook Berry, Merritt Hess, Joel Connelly, Mary Jane Anderson, Ivan Jacobson, Pamela, Piper Simmons, Dawn

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Lorraine Daher, Jeffrey Grice, David Lee, Janice Rochester

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 **verger@epiphanyseattle.org**

Vestry Candidates' Biographies



Wendy Sefcik is a life-long Episcopalian and was baptized in the faith as an infant at a family ceremony with her cousins in Los Angeles. In 1968, she moved from Denver to Bellevue with her family and attended St. Thomas Episcopal Medina. Wendy went to college at UCLA where she joined All Saints Beverly Hills. In 1986, she moved back to Seattle to earn her MBA at UW. She and her husband Steve raised two daughters, Taylor and Spencer, and were members of St. Stephens Laurelhurst. Wendy co-chaired the Sunday School, was part of Altar Guild and chaired the Finance Committee. Wendy and Steve moved to Epiphany Parish in 2015. She was thrilled to join this dynamic community of people. She is part of the Teen Feed crew, ushers at the 11am service, is Treasurer for the Service & Outreach committee, and is on the Pew Torch ministry. She is honored to be asked to be on the Vestry and looks forward to serving the Parish in this faith-filled way. Outside of Epiphany, Wendy is a VP for a Swissbased firm and looks forward to semi-retirement in 2024 to pursue her long list of 'To Dos" including welcoming her first grandchild.



John Cary was born in Seattle, raised in Spokane, and after school out of state and a job on Capitol Hill, returned to Seattle in 1973 and began practicing law. Sue and John have lived in the Mount Baker neighborhood since 1974. They have two children and four grandchildren, ranging in age from 5 to 15, in whom they take great delight. While Sue and John have traveled overseas extensively, They especially enjoy the water and mountains of the Pacific Northwest - hiking, camping, skiing and sailing.

Sue (a cradle Episcopalian) and John joined Epiphany about 1980 when their kids were at the age to learn the true meaning of Christmas and Easter. He has served in a number of roles at Epiphany, including the Vestry, search committees, and host for Overnight Watch, but the most substantial was nearly 20 years as Chancellor, the church's lawyer.

Sue and John participate enthusiastically in Epiphany's pilgrimages, beginning with the Holy Land to walking the Pilgrim's Way to Canterbury this summer. They love the Music Program and attend as many musical events as They can. This summer they became choir groupies and followed them to services at St. Paul's and Durham Cathedrals. Epiphany has become one of the center points of their lives and their home community.

John has been especially drawn to Doyt's teaching and has participated in the Minyan from its beginning and in as many forums and classes as he can. He is now a part of the crew undertaking to read the Bible in a Year. Taking to heart Doyt's injunction to pray the Hour by Hour services, he belongs to the Marco Polo group that reads daily lessons. He grew up in a non liturgical church - Presbyterian - but was drawn to the Episcopalian service at St. John the Divine during graduate school. At Epiphany John has come to an appreciation of the richness of the liturgy and how it connects us with our souls. Epiphany has become his spiritual home. He would be greatly honored to serve Epiphany as a member of the Vestry.



George Brumder was born and raised in Pasadena, California. After graduating from college in the Pacific Northwest, he lived in Boston, San Francisco, and Manhattan before settling in Seattle with his bride in 2003. Despite an inclination to continue a peripatetic lifestyle, once children came and attendant friendship groups formed. Seattle was guickly deemed the perfect place to raise a family -- George and his wife, Jean, have two children: George (19) and Greta (16). Growing up, George attended All Saints Church (of Pasadena, not Beverly Hills) and was a junior acolyte for a number of years. Church attendance vanished in college, but was reinvigorated at the stunningly beautiful Trinity Church in Boston then the lovely Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin in San Francisco. Church attendance again fell by the wayside in New York City, but upon moving to Seattle, George quickly began auditioning Episcopal churches. He thinks he tried nearly every one in town (but curiously not Epiphany) and just hadn't found his home when his friend, Alex Polson's, funeral was held at Epiphany in 2021 -- Doyt presided over a beautiful service and the rest is history. He's scarcely missed a Sunday since. George serves on the Board of the College Club Seattle

and works in the equipment leasing industry as the Pacific Northwest sales manager for CSI Leasing.



Barbara Cairns lives in Leschi, and Epiphany has been her neighborhood church for 12 years. She was drawn by two invitations on the website: 1) "Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you have a place at Epiphany." Understanding. Respectful. Intriguing. 2) There was guided meditation on offer. This I know how to do. Doyt asked at their first meeting, "What are you looking for?" Ah, a serious priest. This ain't bean bag. She understood the Buddhist framework; she knew the experience of equanimity occasioned by practice. She said, "I miss devotion, belonging, love. I am feeling pulled here, but I don't understand the Christian construct, the story. Are there practices?" Oh, Lamb. Since then, Barbara has taken almost every class on offer and taught a few-on Mysticism, Thomas Merton, George Herbert, St. Paul, Noah, Climate Change. The day job peeks through on occasion. She's taught Sunday School, delivered a homily,

constructed Taize altars, lectored, ladled soup, polished brass, and helped design, write, and produce a new website. *There's that job again*. She is deeply grateful for the beauty of Epiphany's interior spaces, its gardens, its music. For friendships that endure. For being called to account. Too, for the intelligence of its sermons, the reliable surprises in its weekly liturgy, the chiropractic mental adjustment afforded her each week as she gathers with two or more of you and helps constitute the body of Christ. She is placing her bets on Doyt's belief that the neighborhood church is the hope of the world, because she has experienced the hope and joy that comes from deep connection over time and sustained personal change for the better. At present, Barbara is a regular attendee of the Rector's Bible Study, Evensong, and the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist. She is at once honored and humbled by the invitation to serve on the Vestry of Epiphany Parish. *See, that wasn't so hard; could have been worse*.

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