

EPIPHANY†

CHORAL EVENSONG

August 24, 2025

5:30 pm

Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong. Choral Evensong has its roots in the ancient monastic offices of Vespers and Compline, from which it retains a framework in which prayers are chanted, Scripture is read, and canticles (biblical songs) are sung in response to the lessons. Since the sixteenth century, Evensong has provided a daily opportunity for stillness, contemplation, prayer, and praise in the cathedrals, chapels, and great parish churches of England. Today it is sung regularly throughout the Anglican communion (of which the Episcopal Church is a part). The congregation adds its prayer to the offering of the choir, and is encouraged to join heartily in the speaking of responses and the singing of hymns.



Weekly Sunday Worship Services at Epiphany Seattle

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist Rite II—This is a much-simplified service lasting 30 minutes. Our goal is to provide devotional space for you within the structure of the Eucharist to use for your own meditation, prayer, and contemplation. There is no music and no sermon. *Chapel*

8:45 am—Holy Eucharist Rite II—This service offers a warm and welcoming expression of worship using contemporary language. Scripture, hymns, and choral anthems led by the Epiphany Choir invite the congregation into a meaningful experience of prayer and praise. A sermon offers insight and reflection, and the celebration of Holy Eucharist stands at the heart of our gathering. During this time, children are invited to engage in Sunday School, where they explore the stories and rhythms of our faith in age-appropriate ways. *Church*

11:00 *am*—Holy Eucharist Rite I—This service follows the traditional Rite I liturgy, with its rich, historic language and reverent tone. The Epiphany Choir offers anthems that deepen the worship experience, and the sermon provides space for thoughtful reflection. The celebration of Holy Eucharist is central, drawing us into the mystery of Christ's presence. Incense is used during this service, adding a sensory layer that symbolizes prayer and sanctity. It is a time of beauty, quiet reverence, and connection to the sacred traditions of the Church. *Church*

4:00 pm—Holy Eucharist—The Come As You Are worship service is inclusive and intergenerational. This casual, welcoming service celebrates busy lives and encourages all ages to participate—come in whatever you're wearing! With reflective music, prayer stations, and family-centered worship, everyone is embraced. *Chapel*

5:30 pm—Evensong—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. *Church*

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THE VOLUNTARY

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the

light of life."

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRECES Plainsong

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us. Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;

world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

The people are seated.

PSALM 8: Domine, Dominus noster

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world * thou that has set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies * that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.

For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers * the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him * and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him lower than the angels * to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands *| and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

All sheep and oxen * yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea * and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Governor * how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

The people stand for the Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 66:1-2, 18-23

Thus says the Lord: Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is my resting-place? All these things my hand has made, and so all these things are mine, says the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look, to the humble and contrite in spirit, who trembles at my word.

For I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. From them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud—which draw the bow—to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring a grain-offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites, says the Lord.

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your descendants and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from sabbath to sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, says the Lord.

Anglican Chant: Henry Lawes

THE MAGNIFICAT: Evening Service in C

Ralph Vaughan Williams

My soul doth magnify the Lord,

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm;

He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,

As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

The people stand for the Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All are seated.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 4:9-15

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

The people remain seated.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS: Evening Service in C

Vaughan Williams

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

The people stand for the Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All remain standing and chant the creed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE RESPONSES Plainsong

Cantor The Lord be with you. Choir And with thy Spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

The people kneel.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the state.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness. Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us. Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

Cantor

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thine only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The people are seated.

THE WELCOME

During the following anthem, a collection is taken for the Music Fund at Epiphany. The Music Fund exists to provide the resources necessary to accomplish our mission of excellence in sacred music for the city of Seattle. You may contribute by using the QR code here, or by cash or check. Gifts of stock may be made by contacting Pam Demian at pdemian@epiphanyseattle.org. This evening's service of Choral Evensong is funded directly by your support, and we thank you in advance for your generosity. Gifts of any size are needed and appreciated.



THE ANTHEM: My song is love unknown

Malcolm Archer

My song is love unknown, My Saviour's love to me; Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be. O who am I, That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know: But O! my Friend, My Friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend.

Sometimes they strew His way, And His sweet praises sing; Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King: Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, And for His death they thirst and cry. Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine; Never was love, dear King! Never was grief like Thine. This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Silence and stillness are kept after the anthem.

All stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all thou hast made. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for thine inestimable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,

that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;

and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service,

and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,

be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant

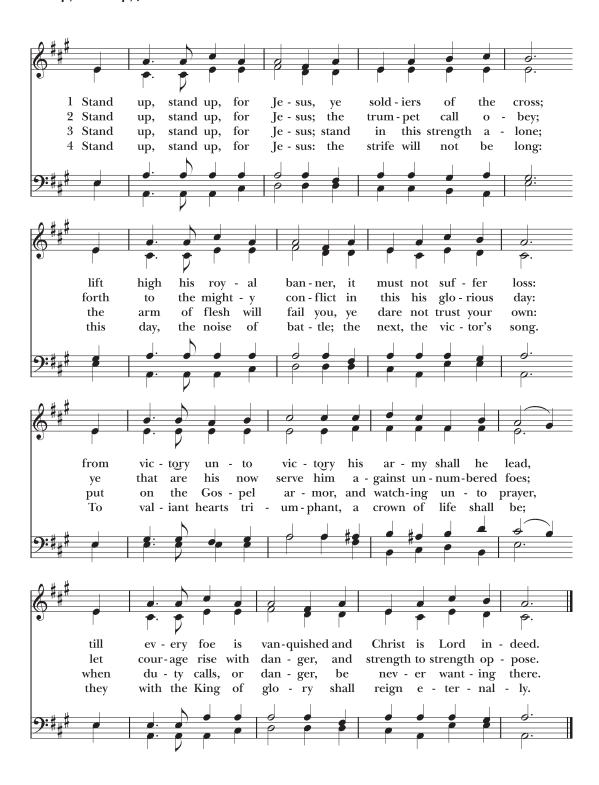
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Officiant All The Lord be with you.
And with thy Spirit.
Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him

from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.



The people remain standing as the procession exits the church.

Please join us at the entrance of the church for fellowship and refreshments.



Epiphany Music Academy is a music school located in the heart of Seattle's Madrona neighborhood. The Academy's faculty is composed of area music teachers, each well-known in their field for performance, teaching, and education. The Academy provides a place for the Seattle community and beyond to access a variety of music lessons and classes for all people, regardless of age, ability, or ambition.





VOICE, PIANO, GUITAR, UKULELE, STRINGS, WOODWINDS, BRASS, ORGAN, HARPSICHORD EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC, AND CAMPS.

Serving this evening

Diane Carlisle, Presider Dr. Wyatt Smith, Organist The Epiphany Choir Suzi Hill, Eric Noreen Hosts

Annual Fall Picnic | Sunday, September 7 | 12:15 pm | Great Hall & Courtyard



Join us for an afternoon of fun in the Great Hall and Courtyard! Enjoy some catered Richard's Too Good BBQ, The Reptile Lady, a bouncy house, henna tattoos, face painting, and more. You are invited to bring some of your favorite picnic sides and desserts! We need your help! Please contact **Amanda Eap** at *amanda@epiphanyseattle.org* for more information and volunteer opportunities. To sign up please scan the QR Code





WHY RELATA?

a way

paradoxes.

RELATA FALL 2025

Wednesdays, September 17 - November 5, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

All things are connected. We

know this through science and our

general observations. Yet, how we

fit into this connected cosmos can

WHAT IS RELATA™?

RELATA is an 8-week opportunity to connect over a meal and in conversation around life's important experiences where everyone's voice is valued, and we gain insight by sharing our stories.

RELATA is designed for all people: strangers, neighbors, newcomers, and friends.

RELATA is one way Epiphany is responding to the division and divisiveness so pervasive in our culture.

feel uncertain. Sometimes we feel like we belong, sometimes we don't. Sometimes we aspire, and it doesn't quite work out. Sometimes we fall in love, then heartbreak hits us. Sometimes the operating system through which we create meaning fails us. Why should there be this uncertainty if all things are connected? RELATA is

exploring

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"At RELATA, we do not avoid the paradoxes, the light and the dark, the wounds and the wonder, the joy that cannot be explained. Together, we tell the truth of our lives, not to be fixed or solved, but to be shared." (The Reverend Doyt Conn)



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Note: Once you have registered, you will receive a CONFIRMATION EMAIL. If you have any questions, please email relata@epiphanyseattle.org or call 206-324-2573.

WHAT HAPPENS AT RELATA?

- Community Meal: Enjoy a delicious meal together.
- 10-Minute RELATA Prompt: Gain clear and concise insights on the weekly theme.
- Table Discussions: Engage in facilitated conversations at an assigned table with the same group each week.
- Group Sharing: Share authentic, honest, and open stories related to the evening's RELATA theme.
- Insight: Wonder about your story at a deeper level in relation to the feelings and epiphanies evoked by the other stories shared around the RELATA table.



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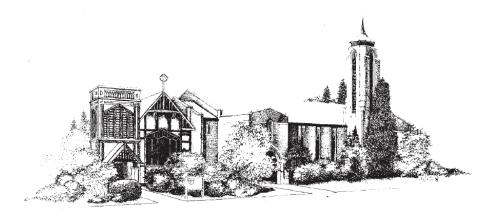
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Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place at Epiphany.