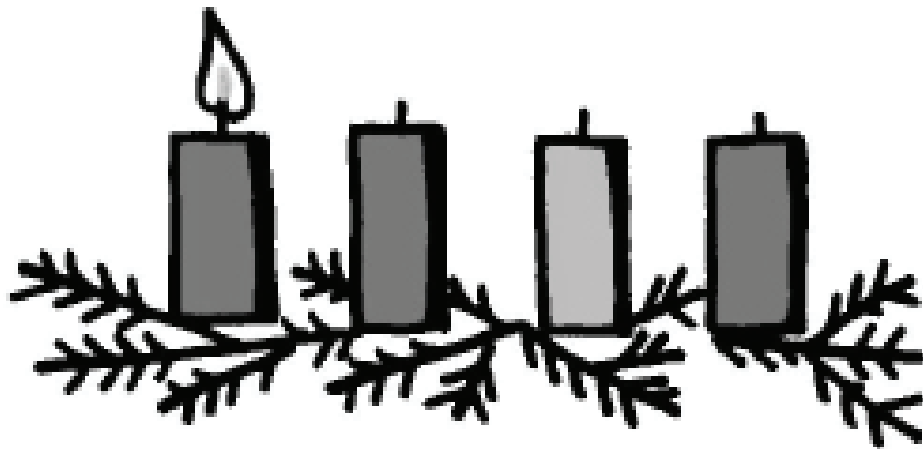


# EPIPHANY†

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*Seattle*

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 AT 11:00 AM

Dear Epiphany,

This Sunday marks the beginning of a new church year, **the First Sunday of Advent**, a season of quiet preparation and deep expectation. While the world around us rushes into celebration, Advent invites us to slow down. The color shifts to deep blue, the hymns turn contemplative, and the candles of the Advent wreath begin to glow one by one, small signs of light growing in the dark.

Advent means *coming*. It is the season when we wait for Christ's coming, both the child born in Bethlehem and the promised renewal of all creation. We hold both stories together: the memory of a humble birth in the past and the hope for God's future still unfolding. Between those two moments lies our life of faith, the "already and not yet" of God's kingdom.

The readings during Advent echo this widening expectation. The prophets call out for justice and restoration; John the Baptist cries from the wilderness; Mary sings her song of reversal and grace. Together they remind us that preparing for Christ's coming is not passive waiting, it is active hope. We prepare our hearts and our world for love made flesh.

Advent also re-centers time itself. Long before calendars filled with December deadlines, the church gave us a rhythm that begins not with feasting but with longing. This new year opens in darkness, which is exactly where God chooses to begin, where hope flickers, where light grows, where faith is born again. In this season we are invited to watch and pray, to make space for silence, to listen for the small voice of God that still speaks through ordinary days.

Advent is also a deeply communal practice. As the days shorten and the nights stretch long, we gather for worship to kindle light, to pray together, and to remember that we do not wait alone. The promise of Emmanuel—*God with us*—is both personal and collective. God's presence meets us in our individual longing and in our shared life as a church family.

So as we gather this Sunday, we begin again. We light the first candle and breathe in the ancient promise: "*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it*" (John 1:5 NRSV). Let Advent be a gentle teacher this year. Let it slow our pace, soften our striving, and remind us that waiting is holy work. Christ is coming, not only to Bethlehem long ago, but into our hearts, our homes, and our world today.

May this season awaken hope in you and in all creation.

Kate +

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: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659**

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The first candle of the Advent Wreath is lit during the Introit.

**INTROIT:** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you, my God, I put my trust; let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me; let none who look to you be put to shame.  
Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths: lead me in your truth and teach me.

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

### **HYMN 59: Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding**

Merton

*Descant*



2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.  
Music: William Henry Monk (1823-89)

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*All* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

*All* Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy 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.**

*All rise.*

**TRISAGION** sung by all

*Archangelsky*

The musical score is written for two voices, likely Soprano and Alto, in a key of B-flat major (two flats). It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has two staves: the top staff is for the Soprano and the bottom for the Alto. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The second system also has two staves: the top staff is for the Soprano and the bottom for the Alto. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** (*said by all*)

*All* Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All are seated.*

## THE LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*All*          Thanks be to God.

*The people stand as able and sing.*

## HYMN 56: O come, O come, Emmanuel

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice!  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.  
Music: plainsong, Mode I, *Processionale*, 15th cent.

*The people remain standing.*

**THE GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44**

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

**All**            **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Gospeler*     The Gospel of the Lord.

**All**            **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON: *The Reverend Kate Wesch***

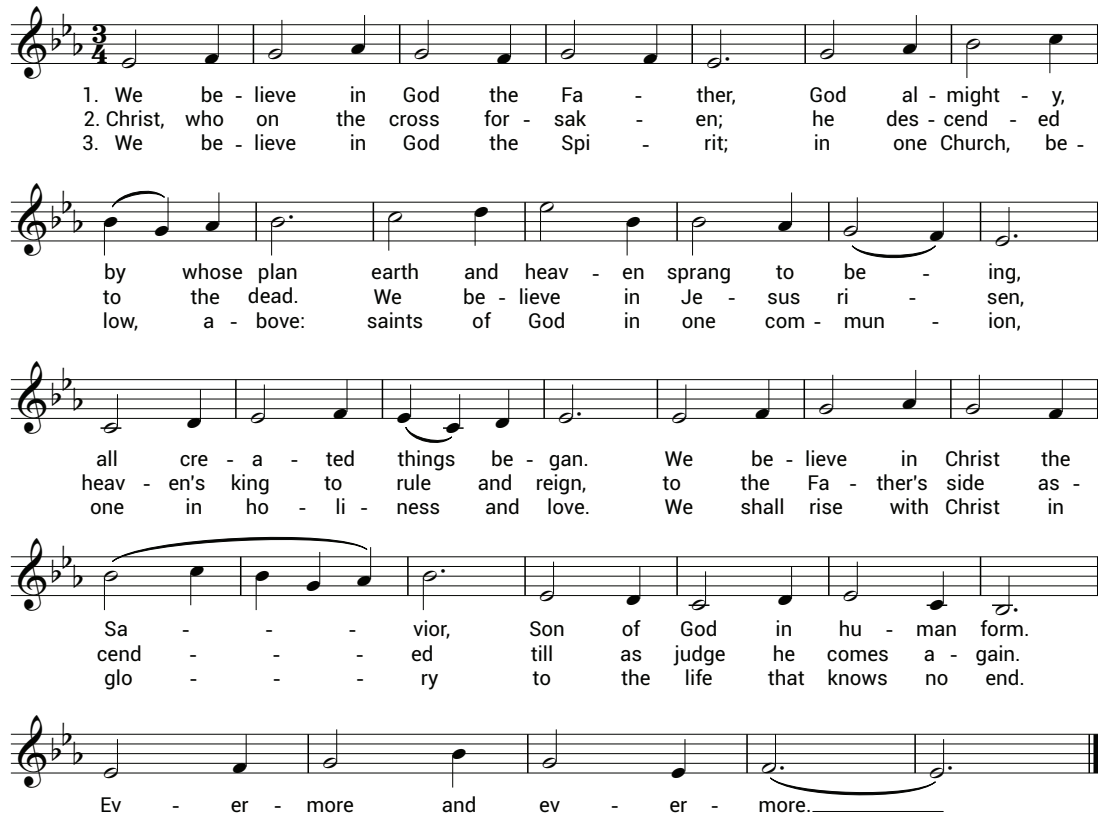
*Reflective silence and stillness are kept after the sermon.*

**Sermon Notes**

The people stand as able and sing.

## THE CREED

Divinum mysterium



1. We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - might - y,  
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sak - en; he des - cend - ed -  
3. We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be -  
by whose plan earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing,  
to the dead. We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen,  
low, a - bove: saints of God in one com - mun - ion,  
all cre - a - ted things be - gan. We be - lieve in Christ the  
heav - en's king to rule and reign, to the Fa - ther's side as -  
one in ho - li - ness and love. We shall rise with Christ in  
Sa - - - vior, Son of God in hu - man form.  
cend - - - ed, till as judge he comes a - gain.  
glo - - - ry to the life that knows no end.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

Words: adapt. Zachary Hemenway (b.1983)

Music: Sanctus trope, 11th cent.

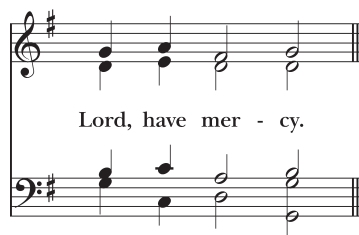
The people remain standing or kneel.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Intercessor** As we prepare to meet the Lord of righteousness, let us offer prayers to the Son of Man who comes with power and great glory.

**Cantor** Let us pray to the Lord.

*Sung by all at the conclusion of each petition.*



Lord, have mer - cy.

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**Intercessor** Guide our leaders as they walk beside us, supporting us in our journey of faith. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Phil, our Bishop, our priests, and all who minister in your holy church.... (*silence is kept*)

**Cantor** Let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* Give those in authority an imagination and determination for peace between peoples, plenty for all, and justice for everyone.... *(silence is kept)*

*Cantor* Let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* Lead us to a place of wholeness and make each of us an agent of healing in the world. We pray for healing for Moyra, Jim, Jill, Emily, Thomas, John, Alex, Pam, Cecile, Ted, and Peggy, for those close to us, for those who have asked for our prayers today, and for those we now name silently or aloud.... *(silence is kept)*

*Cantor* Let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* We pray for those who are born today as well as those who are being welcomed home to your eternal kingdom. May your will for all your children be fulfilled here on earth and in the life to come.... *(silence is kept)*

*Cantor* Let us pray to the Lord.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*The Presider offers a concluding Collect.*

*Presider* God of the ages, who reconciles all things to yourself in Christ, hear the prayers we offer this day and remember us in your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Presider* The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.



*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.*



O thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
 Pure beam of the Most High, eternal light  
 Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright  
 Awakes new joy in faith: hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine;  
 Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,  
 As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
 Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight  
 Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin:  
 Our nature all shall feel eternal day  
 In fellowship with thee, transforming ray  
 To souls, erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

*The people stand as the thurifer comes to the top of the chancel steps. The thurifer bows to the people and the people bow to the thurifer. The thurifer censes the people, and then all bow again.*

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Presider* We now turn our attention to the altar, where we first witness, and then share in, the very becoming of God among us: first as bread and wine, then within ourselves through that bread and wine, and finally out into the world through the lives we live. Everyone is welcome.

*The people remain standing.*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

The musical notation for Eucharistic Prayer I consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The first two staves are for the Celebrant and the People, and the last two are for the Celebrant and the People.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

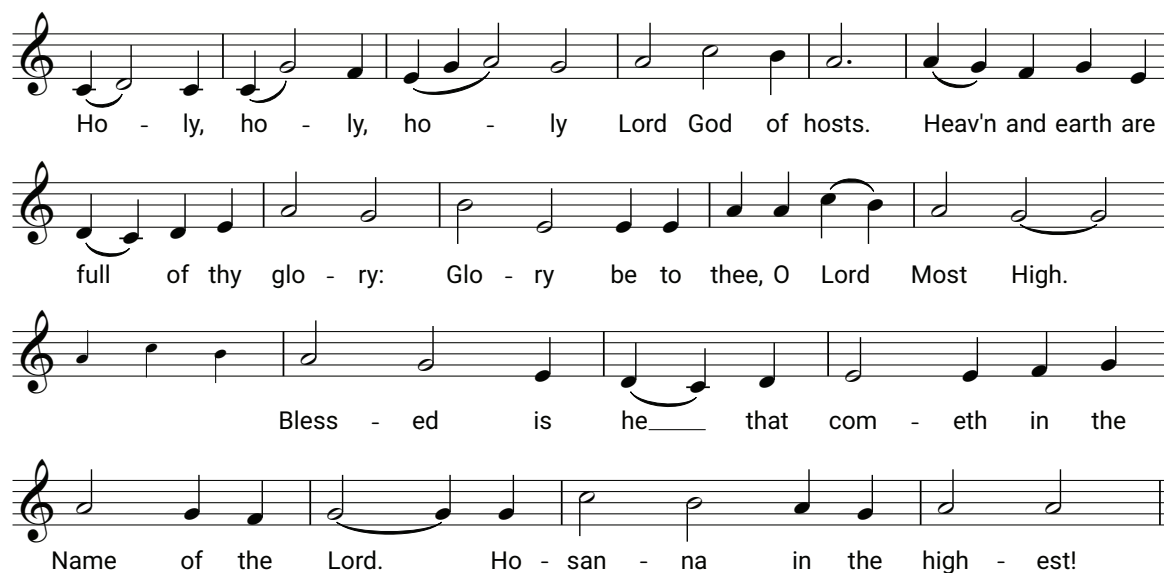
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

*The Presider continues*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy, almighty, everlasting God, because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:



All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for all, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O God Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *sung by all*

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, hal-low - ed be thy Name, thy king-dom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.  
And for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.  
And lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, but de-li-ver us from e - vil. For thine is the king-dom,  
and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

## FRACTION ANTHEM: *Lamb of God*

*Melissa Dunphy*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer -  
cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world. Grant us your peace.

## 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 one of the standing stations 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. The people's response to receiving the bread and the wine is "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar rail. 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

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come*

*Paul Manz (1919-2009)*

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sin.  
Who saved us all and shed His blood, that we might saved be.  
Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell within.  
Rejoice on earth ye saints below. For Christ is coming soon.

E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come and night will be no more.  
They need no light, nor lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their All.

*The people stand as able.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*Presider* May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he, whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—the God who loves you, who really, really loves you—be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722)

Music: melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865**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: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, , BWV 661**

Bach

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**Advent Lessons and Carols  
December 14, 2025  
5:30 pm**

Come to a candlelit service of Scripture and music to prepare for the coming of Christ. This service includes favorite Advent carols and choral music sung by the Epiphany Choir from various locations in the church. Following the service there will be a cookie reception in the Great Hall. We hope to see you there!

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE BIRTHDAYS FALL BETWEEN NOVEMBER 29 AND DECEMBER 6**

Bokgi Choi, Tina Neiders, Christine Parker, Maria Philip, Peter Snow, Brad Wakeman, Debbie Anderson-Brooke, Debbie Parrott, Phil Cochran, Diane Radloff

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

St. Alban's, Edmonds  
Redeemer, Kenmore

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

Eileen Riley, Lynn Manley, Alice Foreman, Barbara Lock,  
Dennis Hogan, Jessica Khan, Janet Salisbury, Libby Goldstein, Lisa Dilling, MaryJo, Jill Miller,  
Tracey Osterlind, Robert Bergman, Dez Manley, Jeannine Black, Greg Bolin,  
Lea Richardson, Margaret Petersen, Ivan, Anne Murphy, Tara Lee, Sied Yearl Chai,  
John Cary, Peter Mourer, Mary Faith Kimerer, Leeanna, Ward Ewing,  
Kelly Mickelson, Tim Hall, Lyn White, Claire, Kevin, Maddie, Bill Meyer, Jean,  
Greg, Linda Chapman, Jerry, Elizabeth, Meriweather Campbell, Les,  
Pam Tinsley, Cecile Delafield, Alex, Mary Lee Peters, John Comerford, Jerilyn,  
Frank Krejci, Kai Bery, Alvin Moseberry, Sr., Eric Bergman, Thomas, Grant,  
Brent Bostwick, Joel Connelly, Lisa, Jim Crutcher, Bill Forbes, Felipe, Joey, Maureen,  
Emily Kallam, Connie, Moyra, Colleen, Jim MacLean

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

Cappy Clarke, John Comerford, Junius Rochester, Connie Bourgeois

## YWCA Christmas Giving Drive —deadline is December 14



Please help Epiphany bring Holiday Cheer to women experiencing homelessness. We will provide the YWCA's Angeline's Day Center for Women 100 gift bags full of winter essentials as we have for several years now. The gift bags include socks, slippers, a scarf, warm hat, gloves, face wipes, lip balm, and a \$25 Target gift card in elegant reusable tote bags. We order in bulk, assemble the bags at Epiphany, and deliver to Angeline's. Epiphany's very own knitting group has already made all of the hats and many of the scarves!

Angeline's, located in Belltown, serves women experiencing homelessness with drop-in services including breakfast, lunch, and dinner, access to bathrooms, showers, laundry facilities, personal storage lockers, group activities and workshops, health care access, and referrals to community services

You can help by providing cash donations by December 14 using clicking on the QR code below or by delivering cash or a check to the church office.

The women at Angeline's thank you!

Any questions, please contact **Sherilyn Peterson** at [speterson@perkinscoie.com](mailto:speterson@perkinscoie.com).



## ***Have A Heart Celebration: Save the Date and Auction Request!***

Be sure to put February 1, 2026, on your calendar for next year's *Have a Heart Celebration*! Last year was a great success, and so we plan on a similar theme of great food, drinks, and conversation, as well as a small auction, wine pull, and raffle for fun and excitement. And it's not too early to help out!

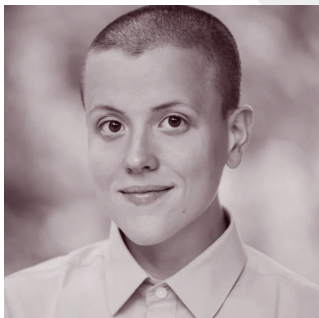
For the wine pull we'd greatly appreciate donations of bottles of wine that are \$20 and above. And for the auction, we're once again focusing on experiences—boat rides, special dinners/cocktail parties, private tours, and tickets or gift cards to events/experiences. Please contact **Ann McCurdy** at [ann@frostymoose.com](mailto:ann@frostymoose.com) if you have any items/experiences you'd like to donate to the auction. (Keep in mind: it's a small auction, so we can't take everything!)



MUSIC  
at EPIPHANY

# HANDEL'S MESSIAH

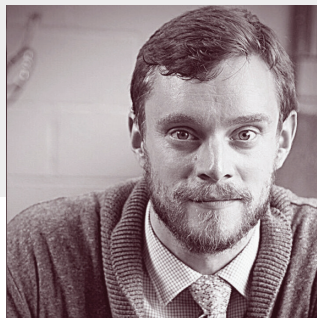
DECEMBER 5 & 6, 7:30 PM



Elijah McCormack  
Soprano



Kirsten Sollek  
Contralto

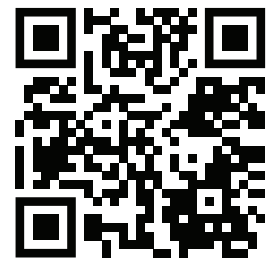


Steven Soph  
Tenor



Hadleigh Adams  
Baritone

Music at Epiphany presents two nights of George Frideric Handel's famous oratorio, *Messiah*, performed by an all-star Baroque orchestra under the direction of Zach Hemenway. The Epiphany Choir will be joined by four outstanding soloists and period instruments in the warm acoustics of Epiphany for this presentation of a holiday favorite.



Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.



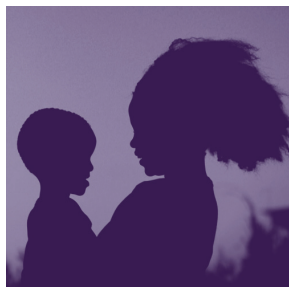
**Inquirers' Class: Spiritual Exercises | Sundays | December 7 | 12:30–1:30 pm |  
Christie House Library  
Inquirers' Class: A Monthly Series (October through May)**

What does it mean to be a Christian in 21st-century America, or even a Christian in Seattle, or an Episcopalian, or a member of Epiphany? If these questions ever crossed your mind, you may want to consider coming to our Inquirers' class. This is a class for newcomers to Epiphany or to the faith, or anyone else for that matter, who wants to be part of a discussion about our church, our denomination, and our religion as it relates to this community, and our lives beyond these sacred walls. Topics will be Jesus, what it means to be human, the church (particularly the Episcopal church), the Bible, spiritual exercises, and worship. The classes will be held on the first Sunday of every month, October through May, at 12:30 pm after the 11:00 am morning service. The way this course is designed you can drop into any class, as they are not cumulative or sequential. The point is to brush up on Christianity as practiced at Epiphany. All are welcome, whether new to Epiphany or just looking to more deeply engage your Christian journey.

**December 7: Spiritual Exercises**

We become what we do—which is why we call Epiphany a *spiritual gym*. Here we learn and practice the spiritual calisthenics of worship, prayer, sabbath, the liturgical calendar, pilgrimage, tithing, fasting, study, silence, and solitude... and the list goes on. Come hear about this core pattern within the Christian lifestyle. **Come be part of this conversation.**

**A Family Series: The Health and Spirituality of Childhood | Sunday | December 7 |  
4:45–6:15 pm | Great Hall**



Join Epiphany Parish for this year's *Family Series*, a five-part journey (October 5, November 2, December 7, March 1, and May 3) exploring the holistic well-being of children. Through engaging sessions led by featured experts, families will dive into topics ranging from navigating kids' big questions about God to understanding the deep connections between body, mind, and spirit. Catered family dinner and age-appropriate spiritual education for children from birth through 18 years included in the series. Register today and invest in your child's whole health. Email

**Kate Wesch** at [kwesch@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:kwesch@epiphanyseattle.org) for any questions.



**First Sunday Brunch | Sunday | December 7 | 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 Service and Outreach Ministry!!** If you would like your ministry to host a First Sunday Brunch please contact Amanda at ***[amanda@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:amanda@epiphanyseattle.org)***.

**Youth Group: The Great Bake Challenge | Sunday | December 7 | 4:45–6:30 pm | Fireside Room Kitchen**

Do you like to bake? What if it's a bit more challenging...

Join Epiphany's monthly youth group as we work as a team to bake cookies, but with a twist—we only get grabber sticks for hands! This will be a night of silliness and laughter, surely one your 6-12th grader does not want to miss. Dinner is provided for those who RSVP on Realm. Contact **Cadence Moore** at ***[cmoore@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:cmoore@epiphanyseattle.org)*** for any questions.

Register here:



**Epiphany Cooks at Ronald McDonald House | Tuesday | December 9 | 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 Tuesday, December 9, from 12:45 to 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)***.

# CHRISTMASTIDE FLOWER FUND

During our Christmastide services, we decorate our church with evergreens and poinsettias. You can remember a special person or event this Christmas by donating to the Epiphany Parish Flower Fund. Perhaps you would like to acknowledge, in our Christmas service bulletins, the birth of a baby, a marriage, or a loved one now departed.

Contributions to the Flower Fund are also gratefully accepted and acknowledged throughout the year. Donations of any amount are welcome.

*Thank you for your consideration of the Epiphany Parish Flower Fund.*



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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.**

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ My check is enclosed for purchase of a poinsettia.

*(Make payable to Epiphany Parish with Christmas Flowers on the memo line of your check.)*

☐ I wish to be acknowledged in the Christmas bulletins,

☐ in memory of:

OR

☐ in thanksgiving for:

\_\_\_\_\_  
☐ For another special Sunday during the church year: \_\_\_\_\_

Bulletin message: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Parish Staff

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The Rev. Doyt L. Conn, Jr.	<i>Rector</i>
Jad Baaklini	<i>Director of Communications</i>
Tim Beggs	<i>CAYA Music Minister</i>
Karen Berry	<i>Parish Administrator</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>
Zoe Jordan	<i>Campus Caretaker</i>
Cadence Moore	<i>Lay Ministry Coordinator</i>
Gieth Phou	<i>Sexton</i>
Laura Rodde	<i>Chief of Staff</i>
Laura Sargent	<i>Associate Director of Music</i>
The Rev. Peter Snow	<i>Assisting Priest</i>
The Rev. Pam Tinsley	<i>Assisting 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>
Brook Berry	<i>Men's Ministry</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>
Kelli Martin	<i>Chaplain Horizon House &amp; Skyline</i>
Pete Melin	<i>Tiny Homes</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>
Karen Summerville	<i>Grief Ministry</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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Debbie Anderson-Brooke	<i>RELATA Program Director</i>
Terry Carlisle	<i>Buildings and Grounds</i>
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>Spiritual Director</i>
Karen Wrang	<i>Sunday School</i>

## Vestry

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George Brumder - Senior Warden	
Sarah Beshlian - Junior Warden	
Barb Marshall - Member at Large	
Susan Bisyak	Lee Anderson-Brooke
Barbara Cairns	John Cary
Michael Fraas	Travis Salisbury
Wendy Sefcik	Lesa Sroufe

## **Serving this day**

*Rector* The Reverend Doyt L. Conn, Jr.  
*Parochial Vicar* Kate Wesch  
*Director of Worship* Diane Carlisle  
*Director of Music* Zachary Hemenway  
*Associate Director of Music* Laura Sargent  
*Epiphany Choir*  
*Lector* Frank Lawler  
*Verger* Travis Salisbury  
*Eucharistic Ministers* Ashley Smith, John Starbard  
*Ushers* Corinne Balisky, Dawn Friend, Felix Ngoussou, Clay Nielsen  
*Parish Life Minister* Amanda Eap  
*Altar Guild* Andrea Campos