

# EPIPHANY†

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*Seattle*

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 AT 8:45 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."

Children are invited to go directly to the Chapel for Sunday School. They will return for the Celebration of Holy Eucharist.

## 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, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*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.**

*All rise.*

**TRISAGION** *sung by all*

*Archangelsky*

The musical score is written for two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat major). The first system contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The second system contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody.

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

All Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All are seated.

### THE LESSON: 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.

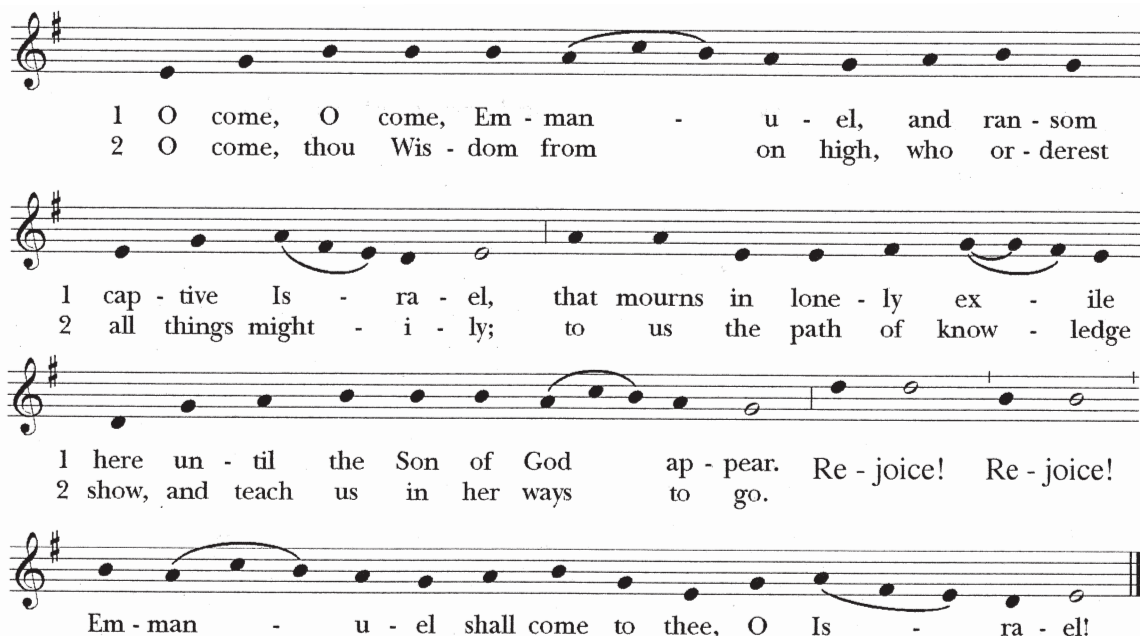
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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 - joice! Re - joice!  
 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 1, Processionale, 15th cent.

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

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

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON: *The Reverend Kate Wesch*

*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* As we keep awake for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who stirs up strength and comes to help us.

*The people remain standing or kneel.*

*Intercessor* For this holy gathering and for all God's people in every place, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* For mercy, justice, and peace in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* For the good land God has given us, and for our cities, towns, and communities, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

*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** Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* For the sick, the poor, and the oppressed, and for all in peril and great need, especially Moyra, Colleen, Connie, Emily, Jim, Thomas, John, Alex, Pam, Cecile, Ted, and Peggy, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

*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* O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one, come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

**All** And also with you.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 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.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *O thou, the central orb*

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

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.

## 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 stand.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** *(Church of England)*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

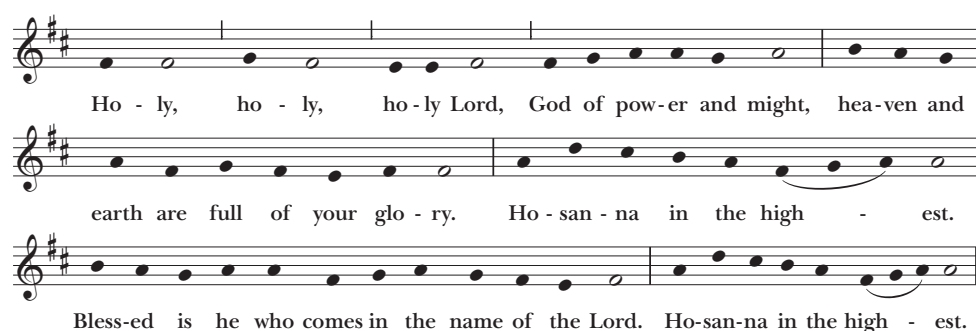
**All** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**All** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels, and all the powers of heaven, we may find a voice to sing your praise:





*The people stand or kneel. Then the Presider continues.*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled, your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Savior, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends, and, taking bread, he gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And so, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Presider and people**

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**Presider and people**

**As we eat and drink in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.**

**Presider**

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by him, with him, and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise: Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

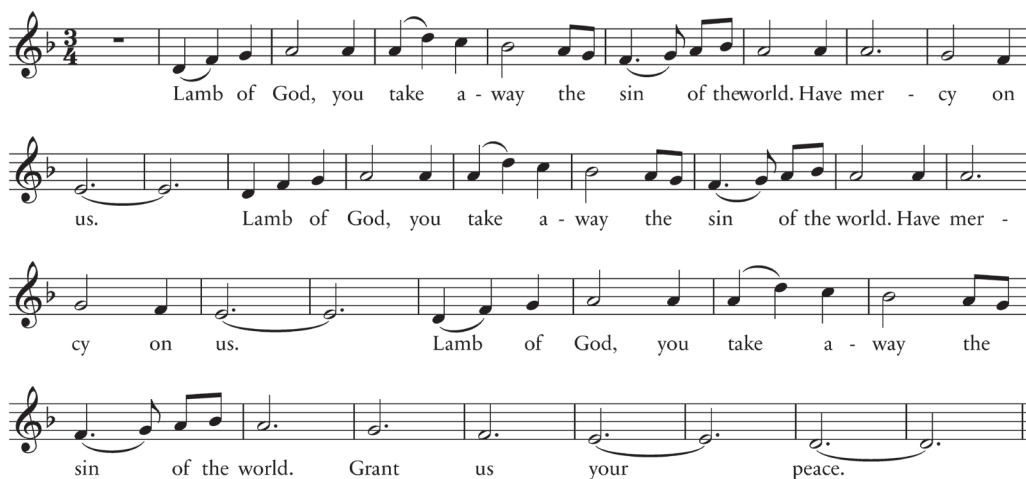
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.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

Melissa Dunphy



## 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. 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

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

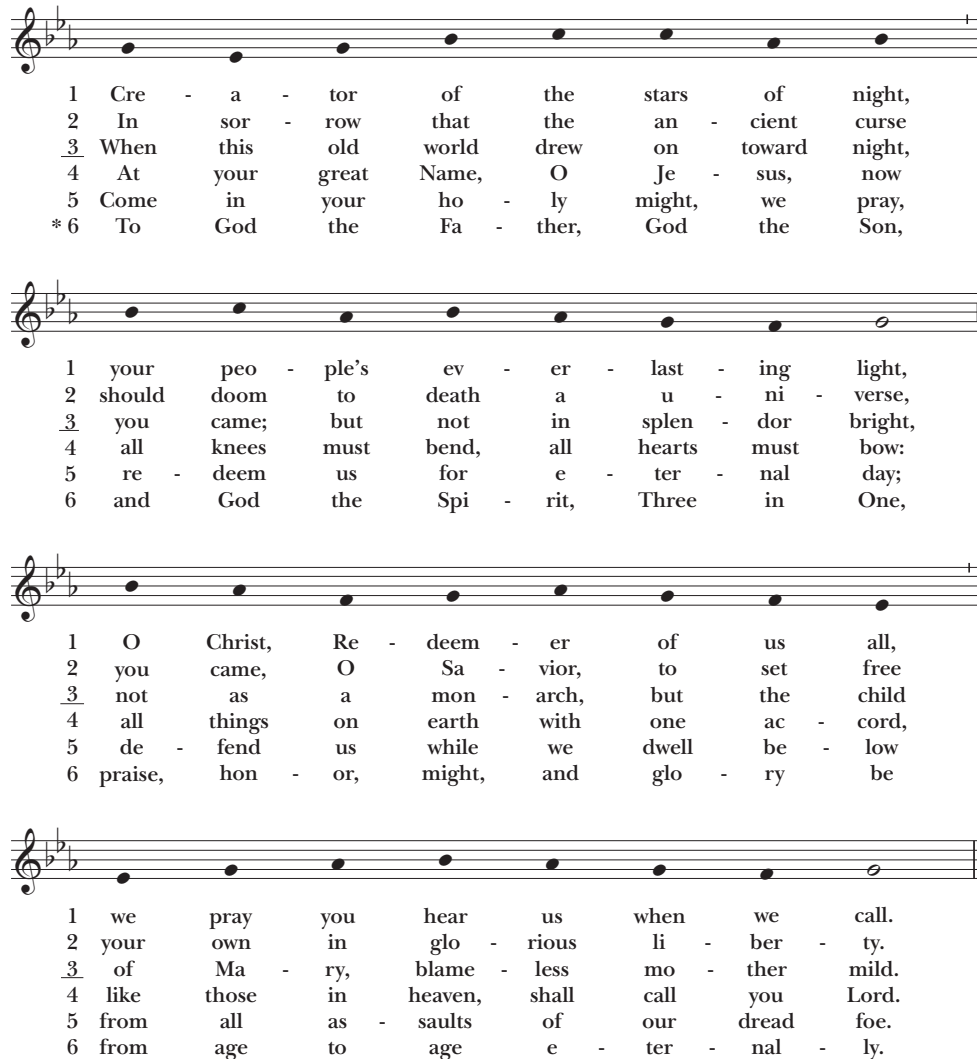
Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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.

## HYMN 60: *Creator of the stars of night*

*Conditor alme siderum*



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
3 When this old world drew on toward night,  
4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now  
5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
\* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,

1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free  
3 not as a mon - arch, but the child  
4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

1 we pray you hear us when we call.  
2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.  
3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.  
4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.  
5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
6 from age to age e - ter - nal ly.

Words: Latin, 9th cent.  
Music: plainsong, Mode 4

*The people stand as able.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

**All** O Lord our God, 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. Make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

## HYMN 68: *Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

*Llangloffan*

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



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*

Bach

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

Rector The Reverend Doyt L. Conn, Jr  
Parochial Vicar The Reverend Kate Wesch  
Director of Worship Diane Carlisle  
Director of Music Zachary Hemenway  
Associate Director of Music Laura Sargent  
Epiphany Choir  
Lector Miles Ewing  
Acolyte Nico Powless  
Eucharistic Ministers Greg Finger, Barb Marshall, Scott Robertson, Tom Rohm, Susan Snyder  
Ushers Holly Boone, Valerie Conn, Jenny Cummins, Alec Williamson  
Parish Life Minister Amanda Eap  
Altar Guild Jenny Cummins



**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!***

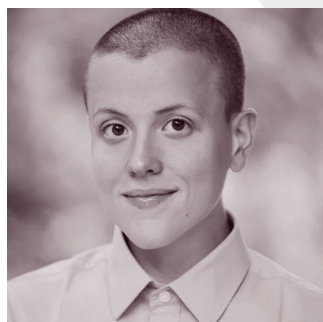
Be sure to put February 1, 2026, on your calendar for next year's *Have a Heart Celebration*! Last year was a great success, and so we plan on a similar theme of great food, drinks, and conversation, as well as a small auction, wine pull, and raffle for fun and excitement. And it's not too early to help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

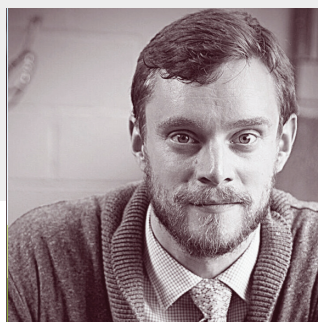
DECEMBER 5 & 6, 7:30 PM



Elijah McCormack  
Soprano



Kirsten Sollek  
Contralto

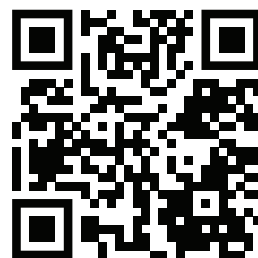


Steven Soph  
Tenor



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.



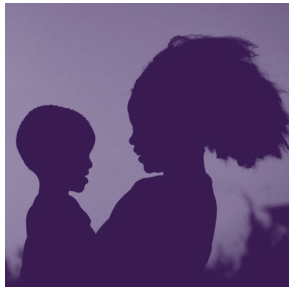
**Inquirers' Class: Spiritual Exercises | Sundays | December 7 | 12:30–1:30 pm |  
Christie House Library  
Inquirers' Class: A Monthly Series (October through May)**

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

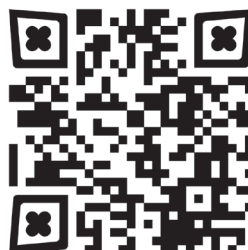
☐ in thanksgiving for:

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☐ 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

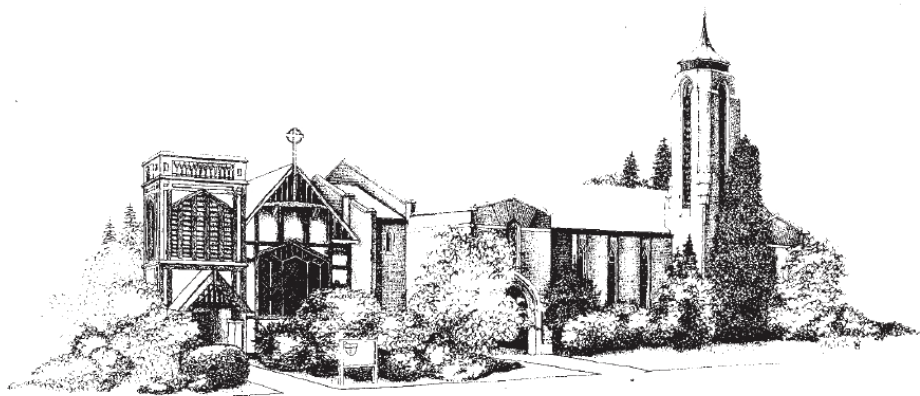
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Debbie Anderson-Brooke	<i>RELATA Program Director</i>
Terry Carlisle	<i>Buildings and Grounds</i>
Bill Forbes	<i>Buildings and Grounds</i>
Camille Hayward	<i>Sunday School</i>
Doug Marshall	<i>Treasurer</i>
Doug Oles	<i>Chancellor</i>
Susan Pitchford	<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



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