

# EPIPHANY†

— *Seattle* —



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST

APRIL 26, 2026 AT 11:00 AM

## ***Mercy is God's Go to Response***

Dear Epiphany,

We tend to think of power as strength - force that wins, controls, or overcomes. Power proves itself by domination. It asserts. It conquers. It gets its way.

But that is not how God expresses power.

Across the whole arc of Scripture, a different pattern is revealed. When humanity fractures relationship with God in Genesis, God does not annihilate or abandon. God clothes, accompanies, and sends humanity forward (Gen 3:21). At Sinai, after profound failure, God names God's own nature: "merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love" (Exo 34:6). The psalms repeat it like a heartbeat: "His mercy endures forever" (Psalm 136).

This is not incidental. It is definitional.

Mercy is not something God does from time to time. Mercy is core to God's nature, and as such, God's go to response when responding to humanity. Over and over again our tradition shows us how God acts with compassion precisely where judgment and condemnation would seem justified.

That is why mercy can be so unsettling. We are comfortable with mercy when it benefits us. We are less comfortable when it extends to those we believe deserve something else. And yet, again and again, Scripture insists: God's instinct is not to condemn, but to restore.

This reaches its fullest expression in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Faced with violence, he answers with forgiveness. Faced with rejection, he remains present. Faced with death, he brings life. The resurrection is not simply a display of power; it is a revelation of God's nature. Love does not overpower death by force. Love overcomes death to reveal in resurrection a deeper operating principle at the core of creation, the restoring power of mercy.

And once we see this, we notice the power of mercy everywhere. Not in grand displays, but in patience instead of reaction, in forgiveness instead of scorekeeping, in presence instead of withdrawal.

And so, because God is love, mercy is not God's preferred response, it is God's go to response. Peace upon your souls.

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## 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

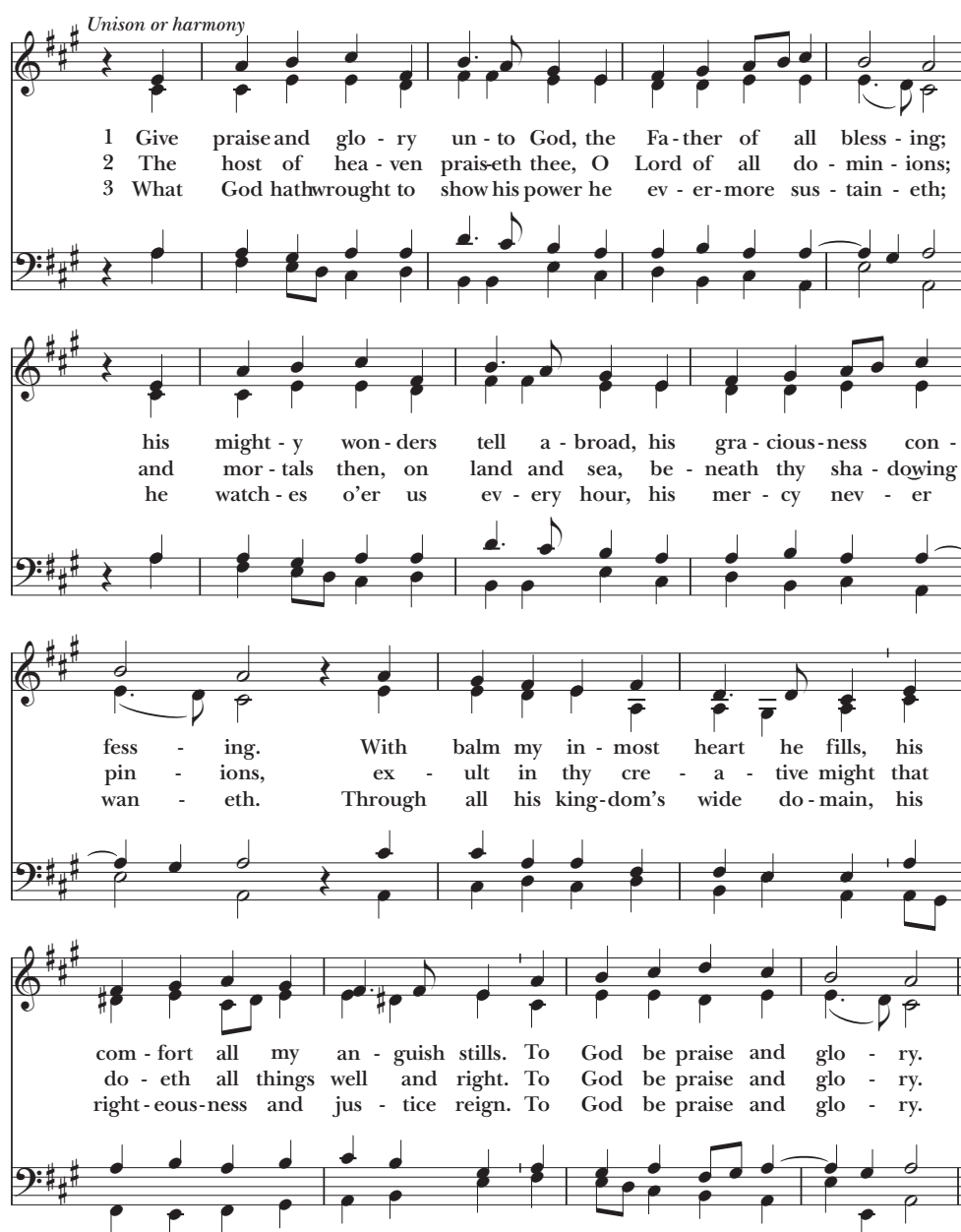
**INTROIT:** He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**HYMN 375: Give praise and glory unto God**

*Du Lebensbrot Herr Jesu Christ*

*Unison or harmony*



1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;  
2 The host of hea - ven prais - eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;  
3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er - more sus - tain - eth;

his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious - ness con -  
and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing  
he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er

fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his  
pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that  
wan - eth. Through all his king - dom's wide do - main, his

com - fort all my an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.  
do - eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.  
right - eous - ness and jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-90)  
Music: Peter Sohren (1630?-92?)

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA** sung by all

Healey Willan

Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will to all. We praise thee,  
we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give  
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God  
the Fa - ther Al - migh - - - ty.  
O Lord, the on - ly - be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of  
God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art  
ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the

Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of God the

Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

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

*All* O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All are seated.*

**THE LESSON: Acts 2:42-47**

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord is my shepherd \*  
therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture \*  
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul \*  
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

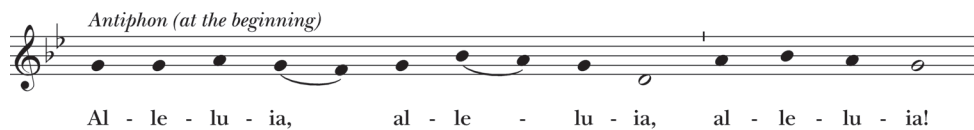
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death , I will fear no evil \*  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me \*  
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*The people stand.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *The refrain is sung first by the Cantor, and then sung by all.*



Verse: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Refrain** (sung by all)

**THE GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**All** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

*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

Grafton

1. We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God Al - migh - ty, by whose plan  
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sak - en; he des - cend - ed to the dead,  
3. We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit, in one church, be - low, a - bove:

earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - a - ted things be - gan,  
We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, heav - en's King to rule and reign,  
saints of God in one com - mun - ion, one in ho - li - ness and love.

We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man form.  
to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.  
We shall rise with Christ in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

Words: adapt. Zachary Hemenway (b.1983)  
Music: melody from *Chants ordinaires de l'Office Divin*, 1881

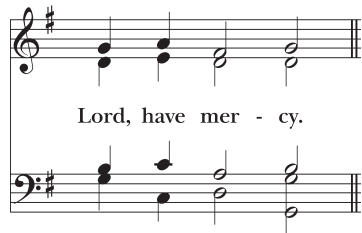
The people remain standing or kneel.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* Gathered in the care of the good shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep, let us pray to God who knows our every need.

*Cantor* Let us pray to the Lord.

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



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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 Debbie, Zac, Meghan, Sam, Frederick, Robert, Thomas, Alex, Pam, 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, especially Henry Safrit and Thomas Maurer. 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 prayer.*

*Presider* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who soothes our head with oil and fills our cup with wine. Hear the prayers we offer for every need, and revive us with your Holy Spirit; 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.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Presider* Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd, and I know my sheep, and my sheep know me."



*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: *Jubilate (Collegium Regale)*

*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
And come before His presence with a song,  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God  
It is he that hath made us.  
And not we ourselves;  
We are his people,  
And the sheep of His pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
And into his courts with praise;  
Be thankful unto him,  
And speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious,  
His mercy is everlasting;  
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
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.

*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 censens 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 to receive communion at this altar.

The people remain standing.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*All* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*All* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*All* **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, But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:

**SANCTUS** sung by all

*Willan*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful God, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same 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: Christ our Passover**

*Frank Boles*

*The refrain is sung once by the cantor and then by all, and again after the verse.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us, there - fore let us keep the feast.

**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.*

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
 He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
 He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
 I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me;  
 Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
 Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, who hast graciously accepted us as living members of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve thee with gladness and singleness of heart; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*Presider* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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 334: *Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing*

*Alles ist an Gottes Segen*

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re-joic-ing, wor-ship, thanks, de -  
 2 Scat-tered flock, one shep-herd shar-ing, lost and lone-ly,  
 3 Sins for-giv-en, wrongs for-giv-ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!  
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
 lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -  
 by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,  
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
 ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

Words: Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-83)  
 Music: melody att. Johann Balthasar Konig (1691-1758)

## DISMISSAL

*Minister* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*All* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*After the procession has led the way out of the church,  
 we invite you to remain for the Voluntary or depart quietly.*

## VOLUNTARY

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**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE BIRTHDAYS FALL BETWEEN APRIL 26 AND MAY 2**

Lucas King, Libby Goldstein, Monique Richards Lipman, Joel Wesch, Chris Ackerley, Ted Ackerley,  
Evan Millar, Julie von Koschembahr, Lucas Canacoo

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

Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle  
Saint Paul's, Seattle

**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, Jill Miller,  
Tracey Osterlind, Margaret Petersen, Ivan, Tara Lee, Robert Bergman,  
John Cary, Peter Mourer, Elizabeth, Meriweather Campbell, Les,  
Pam Tinsley, Alex, Jerilyn, Frank Krejci, Kai Bery, Alvin Moseberry, Sr.,  
Howard Gasaway, Sr., Dan, Tom Larsen, Peggy, Emily Kellam, Mary Jo, Cindee,  
Herb Marlow, Eleanor, David Young, Mary Jane Anderson,  
Meghan, Marsha Wells, Maura, Chris, Mary Hall, Steve Wood, Emily Herivel,  
Diane Herivel, Kathy Countryman, Mike Makar, Annie, Hannah,  
Adam, Peter, Tate, Bill Forbes, Dawn, Betsy, Pat, Frederick, Sam,  
Debbie, Zac, and Meghan Bedell

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

Ron Mahoney, Lyn White, Cappy Pringle,  
Joel Connelly, Roger Bedell, Thomas Maure, Henry Safrit

Are you or a loved one in need of some extra, tender loving care? Pastoral Care Ministries at Epiphany can reach out through a written prayer, a Eucharistic visit, a phone call, a greeting card, a bouquet of Epiphany flowers, a prayer shawl, and/or a meal delivered. Please contact Diane Carlisle at [dcarlisle@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:dcarlisle@epiphanyseattle.org).

***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*  
*Verger* Tom Rohm  
*Eucharistic Ministers* Kelli Martin, Rodolfo Quinones, Travis Salisbury  
*Lector* Cory Carlson  
*Ushers* Phil Carter, Katheryn Edwards, Dawn Friend, Wendy Sefcik  
*Altar Guild* Katheryn Edwards  
*Altar Flowers* Bobbie Spaeth

## Sunday Forum

Praying with Our Hands:  
The Lord's Prayer in ASL

April 26, 10:00 am  
Great Hall

What if prayer could be seen as well as spoken? Join us for a special Sunday Forum led by Amy Sue Sinare, who will guide us in learning to pray The Lord's Prayer in American Sign Language. Together, we'll explore a new, embodied way of prayer—one that engages our hands, deepens our heartfelt attention, and connects us more fully to God. No prior experience with ASL is needed—just a willingness to learn and pray in a new way.

## The *Capital* Campaign

Preserve & Enhance  
our Spiritual Home

Join us for a Chancel Gathering to learn more about how you can participate in honoring our past and generously passing Epiphany to future generations. **Scan to RSVP:**



100% participation: Epiphany has thrived for the past 18 years through a simple but powerful pattern: when everyone participates and gives generously according to their capacity, we have what we need.

## Sunday School: Spiritual Toolkit

Sundays | April 12–May 31  
10:00–11:00 am  
Christie House Library

This spring, our youth will explore Spiritual Toolkit, a Sunday School series focused on Christian spiritual disciplines. Each week, students will learn about a different practice—such as prayer, service, giving, and Sabbath—and try it together through simple, hands-on activities designed to help them grow in faith.

On First Sundays, Youth Sunday School will pause so students can participate in First Sunday Brunch and enjoy that time with their families and the wider parish community.

For more information, contact **Cadence Granados** at [cgranados@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:cgranados@epiphanyseattle.org).

## Ronald McDonald House

Wednesday, April 29  
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! Epiphany serves at the house every second Tuesday of the month, and this month we are looking for more hands to help in the kitchen! If you would like to learn more or would like to sign up please contact **Amanda Eap** at [amanda@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:amanda@epiphanyseattle.org) or **Audrey Seale** at [audreyseale@comcast.net](mailto:audreyseale@comcast.net).

## Women's Retreat Group

Saturday, May 2  
8:30 am - 11:00 am  
Great Hall

The next monthly Women's Retreat Group meeting will be May 2 in the Great Hall. Come at 8:30 am for light snacks and fellowship, 9:00 am for the meeting. This month, Father Andriy Matlak will be sharing about the Ukrainian Orthodox Church he leads, hosted here in Epiphany's chapel.

We will learn about his parish, and how they show their resilience and support for their community near and far. If you have any questions, please contact **Valerie Conn** at [valerie.conn@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.conn@gmail.com).

## Book Sale & Signing with Mary Henry

Sunday, May 3  
10:00 am & 12:00 pm | Great Hall



Our very own Mary Henry has written a book of haiku poetry called *Madison Park Haikus*. It has been a true labor of reflection and love, with her daily walks serving as both spiritual rejuvenation and physical renewal. Mary will be hosting a book signing and sale on Sunday, May 3 during the 10:00 am brunch hour, as well as after the 11:00 am service in the Great Hall.

All proceeds from the book sale will go to Service & Outreach! Books cost \$10. If you are not able to attend but would like to donate, please scan the QR code below. If you have any questions, please contact **Amanda** at [amanda@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:amanda@epiphanyseattle.org).



## A Family Series

Sunday, May 3  
5:15 - 6:45 pm  
Great Hall & Fireside Room

Join us for the final session of this year's Family Series, a five-part journey exploring the holistic well-being of children.

May's speaker will be the Diocese's former Canon for Faith Formation, Valerie Reinke. Her topic will be, "Who is God?": Responding to the Big Questions that Children Ask"—a conversation your family will not want to miss! During the talk, we are simultaneously offering age-appropriate spiritual education for all children attending. Dinner is included for those who register.

Questions? Contact **Cadence Granados** at [cgranados@epiphanyseattle.org](mailto:cgranados@epiphanyseattle.org). Scan the QR code to register:



## Youth Group: Mocktail Mixer

Sunday, May 3  
5:30 - 7:00 pm  
Christie House Library

Mocktails. Music. Dance floor. Youth Group is hosting a one-night “club” experience for middle and high school students — a safe, joy-filled evening of fun and community. Don’t miss it! Open to all 6th – 12th graders.

Dinner is provided for those who RSVP on Realm.

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## Parents’ Night Out

Sunday, May 17  
5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Fireside Room

Need a night off? Let the youth group take care of the kids! Join us for a Parents’ Night Out where children will enjoy a fun evening together, including dinner and activities, while parents have the chance to enjoy some free time. Head out for the evening or stay and attend Evensong—it’s your choice.

A \$10 cover charge per child helps cover dinner costs. We hope this provides a meaningful break for parents and a fun night for kids!

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## The Spiritual Gym Challenge: May

Join Amanda Eap for a monthly, faith-centered physical challenge that nurtures the wholeness of body, mind, and spirit. Open to all abilities and experience levels, this isn’t about competition—it’s about showing up, building consistency, and caring for our bodies together in community.

Each month features a simple, accessible challenge you can do anywhere, along with optional support through an accountability group. The challenge begins on the first of each month, with participants recognized on the last Sunday.

May’s challenge: Knee tucks every day of the month—choose how many reps that will work for you and stay consistent all month long.

# The *Aphorisms of Epiphany*

The Aphorisms of Epiphany are short, concise statements that express the wisdom of the Gospel. They have become a common language at Epiphany that articulates deep theology in a succinct manner. In fact, because they are so easily learned by heart, they become referential points, road maps if you will, for living a Kingdom of God lifestyle in a very secular world.

## A PLACE AT EPIPHANY

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

There are two theological presuppositions woven like a double helix into this aphorism:

- Everyone is on a spiritual journey. If a person is alive, they are on a spiritual journey. Therefore, the question becomes: Is this spiritual journey accidental, or is it intentional? The journey is taking place one way or the other. Is it ignored or owned? Epiphany exists to help people move with intentionality along on their spiritual journey.
- Everyone is included. No doctrinal affirmation or belief administration is required to be in the Kingdom of God. *To be* is to be included in God's realm. Epiphany exists as a place where full inclusion plays out in all patterns of her communal life.

## BAD THING $\neq$ LAST THING

*The Bad Thing is never the Last Thing*

This statement is about the resurrection of Jesus. There are three sides to the equilateral triangle of resurrection theology: love, eternal life, and human freedom. These are braided together and reflected out through this aphorism. The last thing, then, is always good, because it arrives at God, and God is love. Epiphany is designed to be an institutional sonnet of this divine love song.

## THE ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

*Humanity is a Royal Priesthood*

This is the title for a human being because it speaks to our complex nature, as well as, our providential responsibility. For we are temporal and eternal; mortal and immortal; physical and spiritual... simultaneously, fully and completely, indivisibly as singular, unique, human beings. The title represents our two responsibilities: Kings and Queens who care for creation and for one another. That is our royal obligation. And Priests to connect and commune with God. That is our sacred duty.

These responsibilities are as applicable today, as they were 1,000 years ago, or 10,000 years ago, and as they will be in 2070. The Royal Priesthood is our cruciform identity, symbolized by the cross: with the vertical stroke representing our connection to God, the Priesthood. And the horizontal stroke represents our connection to one another and the world, our Royalty.



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# YEAR ROUND FLOWER AND LITURGY FUND

Any time during the year, except for the seasons of Advent and Lent, you can remember a special person or event by donating to the Epiphany Parish Flower and Liturgy Fund. Perhaps you would like to acknowledge the birth of a baby, a marriage, or a loved one now departed, in our Sunday service bulletins.

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<i>Date</i>	<i>May 17</i>	<i>June 14</i>	<i>July 12</i>	<i>August 16</i>
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	<i>May 31</i>	<i>June 28</i>	<i>July 26</i>	<i>August 30</i>

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## Parish Staff

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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>
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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>
Ted & Jeanne Ederer	<i>Chaplains Parkshore</i>
Karen Forbes	<i>Women's Retreat Group</i>
Alice Foreman	<i>Flower Ministry</i>
Sherman Griffin	<i>Music at Epiphany</i>
Kelli Martin	<i>Chaplain Horizon House &amp; Skyline</i>
	<i>Tiny Homes</i>
Pete Melin	<i>Art Guild</i>
Laurel Nesholm	<i>All Threads Together</i>
Jill Rinde	<i>C. S. Lewis Minyan</i>
Jonathan Roberts	<i>Meals Ministry</i>
Lorelle Shearer	<i>Grief Ministry</i>
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## Volunteer Professionals

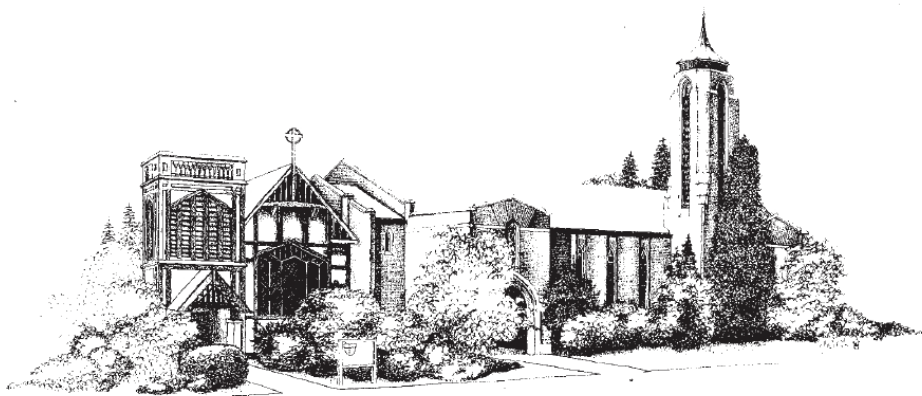
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Susan Pitchford	<i>Spiritual Director</i>
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