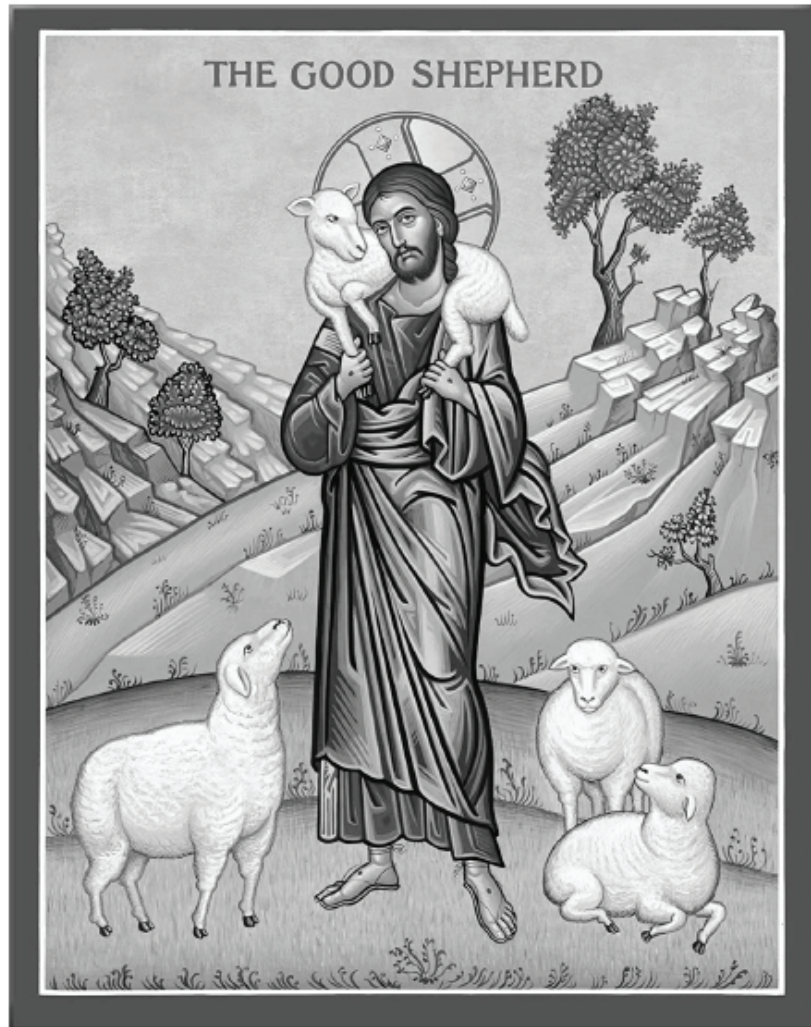


EPIPHANY†

— *Seattle* —



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST

APRIL 26, 2026 AT 8:45 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.

Doyt+

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

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, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA sung by all

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

All **O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, 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 people stand as able and sing.

HYMN 380: From all who dwell below the skies

Old 100th

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words:: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711).
Music: melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, (1510?-61?)

THE GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 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 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.

The people remain standing or kneel.

Intercessor For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

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, graciously hear us.

Intercessor For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, those who are sick and hospitalized, especially Debbie, Zac, Meghan, Sam, Frederick, Robert, Thomas, Alex, Pam, Ted, and Peggy, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor For those who rest in Christ, especially Henry Safrit and Thomas Maurer, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

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 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 people stand.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



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.

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 stand.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,____
 heav - en and earth____ are full of your glo-ry.____ Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in____ the high - est. Bless - ed is he____ who comes in the name of the
 Lord.____ Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in____ the high - est. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in____ the high - est._____

The people stand or kneel. Then the Presider continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and people

**Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Presider and people

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Presider

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *said by all*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM: *Christ our Passover*

Frank Boles

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



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to receive the Holy Communion. It is your choice as to whether you receive Holy Communion or a blessing. You may receive Communion or a blessing at the standing station in the front of the nave or proceed to the altar rail. The bread will be placed in your palm. You may consume the bread and then drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice firmly and guide it to your lips); or, you may leave the bread in your palm for the chalice bearer to dip it into the wine and place it on your tongue. Self-intinction is strongly discouraged by the Episcopal church. The people's response to receiving the bread and the wine is "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available. To indicate to the Eucharistic minister that you would like a gluten-free wafer, please present your hands palms down. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest..

MUSIC AT COMMUNION: *The Lord is my Shepherd*

Thomas Matthews (1950-99)

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.

Hymn 645: *The King of love my shepherd is*

St. Columba



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-77); para. *Psalm 23*.

Music: Irish melody

The people stand as able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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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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 Greg Finger

Verger John Starbard

Acolyte Myles Wesch

Eucharistic Ministers Mike Balin, Jeanne Ederer, Barb Marshall, Alvin Moseberry

Ushers Solé Andromeda, Holly Boone, Pete Melin

Altar Guild John Starbard

Altar Flowers Bobbie Spaeth

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.

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.

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 or **Audrey Seale** at 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.

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.



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. 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.

Questions? Contact **Cadence Granados** at
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Scan the QR code to register:



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!

Questions? Contact **Cadence Granados** at
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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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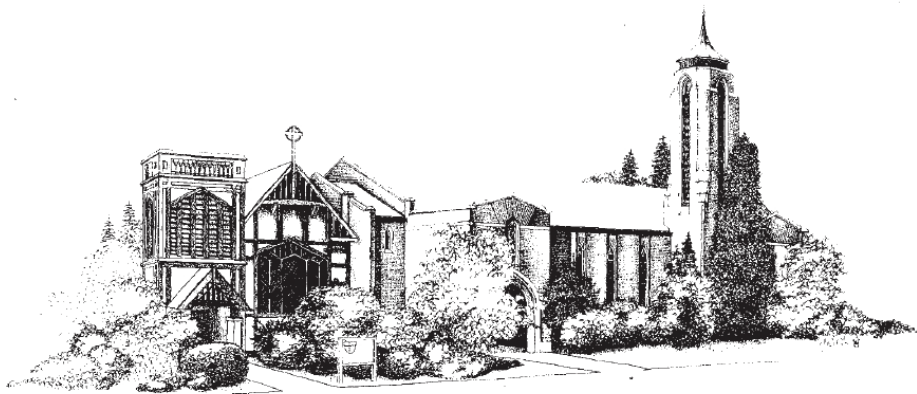
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