

**Epiphany Episcopal Church
Diocese of Washington**

3111 Ritchie Road
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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

(Year C)

March 9, 2025

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9:30 A.M. (RITE II)

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**A warm welcome to all guests and visitors worshipping with us
during this Epiphany Season.**

Liturgical Preparation: All page numbers listed below are from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Hymn numbers preceded by LEV are found in Lift Every Voice and Sing II; AAHH are found in African American Heritage Hymnal; and H & S - (Service Music) for The Hymnal 1982. (Sit or Stand as you are able)

Persons joining by Zoom, please set your Communion table during the Offertory if you wish to partake.

On Wednesday, we started the season of Lent. Lent is meant to be a time of repentance. These 40 days are set aside to praise and worship the Lord; to read the Bible more, and to pray more often. Christians who observe Lent correctly anticipate deeper intimacy with the Lord.

[STAND]

Opening Hymn H 427 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,
 my heart, awaking, cries,
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 When evening shadows fall,
 this rings my curfew call,
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2 When mirth for music longs,
 this is my song of songs:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 God's holy house of prayer
 hath none that can compare
 with: Jesus Christ be praised!
- 3 No lovelier antiphon
 in all high heaven is known
 than, Jesus Christ be praised!
 There to the eternal Word
 the eternal psalm is heard:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Ye nations of mankind,
in this your concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

5 Sing, suns and stars of space,
sing, ye that see his face,
sing, Jesus Christ be praised!
God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

The Deacon begins the liturgy with:

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever. *Amen.*

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.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect

First Sunday In Lent

The Deacon says to the people

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each

one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

*The Psalm for this service is Psalm 91, we will read responsively by half verse breaking at the asterisk**

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Epistle

Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from the Paul's Letter to the Romans

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

[STAND]

Sequence Hymn H 448 "O Love, How Deep" vv1-2

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

✠*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Sequence Hymn H 448 "O Love, How Deep" vv5-6

5 For us he rose from death again;
 for us he went on high to reign;
 for us he sent his Spirit here
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
for ever and for evermore.

[SIT]

The Sermon

Deacon Alethea Long-Green

[STAND]

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.

Prayers of the People Form II (Page 385)
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In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; **in the Diocese**, we pray in thanksgiving for committees in our churches and the people who volunteer to be involved and do the work. Pray for St. Patrick's Church, D.C.; and for St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, D.C.

In the Anglican Communion, pray for The Anglican Church of Canada. We pray for *Justin*, Archbishop of Canterbury; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop, and *Alethea*; our Celebrant for today; pray for this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Pray for *Donald*, our President; *James David*, our Vice President; the **Congress** of the United States; the **Supreme Court**; *Wes*, our Governor; and *Angela*, our Senator. I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, for the sick & suffering: *Jewel* Henry, *Matthew & Kimberly* Louers, *Alyssa* White, *Owen* Wilkins, *Patricia* Jackson, *Catherine* West, (family & friends of Faith Louers); *Jane and Tim* Nalley (family of Wendy & Remo DalMolin); *Clarisa* Smith (sister-in-law of the Deckers); *Norma* Payne (mother of Ann Wheeler); *Cherie* Black (sister of Darlene Nielsen); *Maureen* Cathey and *Hodie* McCraw (aunts of Jocelyn Fleming); *Golda* Gaskin (congregation member); *Claudia* Bassler; *Angela* DalMolin

(family of Wendy & Remo DalMolin); **Larry** Sweeney (congregation member); **Azante** Williams (sister of D'Marco Murray); **Jean** Gill (congregation member); **Consuello** Chaplin (congregation member); **Walter** Scott, **Robert** Amaro (friends of Thomasine & Ricky Lyles)**Charlotte** Gibbs (congregation member); **Brenda** Murray (congregation member); **Florence** Burt (congregation member); **Lillian** Smith (congregation member); **Nancy** Murrell (congregation member); and **Yvette** and **Lisa** (friends of Epiphany); for the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

For our Military Personnel: **Kenneth Hubbard, Omega Marks, Emmanuel Staples-Bloom, Festina Hume-Dawson, Janine Hume-Dawson, Brittany Hume-Dawson, Eddy Cooper, and Andre Cooper**. I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed and their loved ones: [especially the families of the members of the armed forces who have lost their lives in the service of our country],

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially _____ whom we remember today]. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. (**Leader may add an appropriate reference to the sermon if applicable**)

Confession of Sin

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon and People

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.

Together:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

A period of silence follows.

The Peace

The Deacon says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements/Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Prayers

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Offertory Hymn: AAHH156 (*Communicants at home please prepare your table*)

- 1 God is so good,
 God is so good,
 God is so good—
 O so good to me.
- 3 He saved my soul,
 He saved my soul,
 He saved my soul—
 God's so good to me.
- 3 I'll praise His name,
 I'll praise His name,
 I'll praise His name—
 God's so good to me.

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

People and Celebrant [**Sit or Kneel**]

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

The Holy Communion


Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

The Distribution from The Reserved Sacrament

Celebrant & People

 **Lord I am not worthy for you to come under my roof: but only say the words and my soul shall be healed. (x3)**

The Celebrant says:

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.

Communion Hymn: “Come To the Table”

Refrain

Come to the table enter his presence
Feast with thanksgiving and celebrate His love (X4)

- 1 This is the house of the Lord
The gates are opened wide sinners and saints,
Strong and faint,
All welcome to come inside. **(Refrain)**

2 This is the table of the Lord,
 His banquet satisfies
 Food for the soul, It makes us whole,
 One body, we now arise. (**Refrain**)

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Blessing

May God the Father bless us, God the Son heal us, God the Holy Spirit give us strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard our body, save our soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Closing Hymn LEV12 “We’re Marching to Zion”

1. Come, we that love the Lord,
 And let our joys be known;
 Join in a song with sweet accord,
 Join in a song with sweet accord,
 And thus surround the throne.
 And thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

 We’re marching to Zion,
 Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
 We’re marching upward to Zion,
 The beautiful city of God.

2. Let those refuse to sing,
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King
But children of the heav'nly King
May speak their joys abroad.
May speak their joys abroad.

3. The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets.
Or walk the golden streets.

4. Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground
We're marching through Immanuel's ground
To fairer worlds on high.
To fairer worlds on high.

The Dismissal and Response: "THANKS BE TO GOD"

TAKE NOTE
OF WHAT IS
HAPPENING!



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The First Sunday in Lent



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: March is designated as Women's History Month. Women's History Month is an annual observance to highlight the contributions of women's events in history and contemporary society. This year's theme is, "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating and Inspiring Generations". You can honor Women's History Month this year by learning about women's history, supporting women-led organizations, and donating to women's causes. Please take some time this month to learn more about women's history.

WOE: Women of Epiphany (WOE) will hold General Meeting #2 on Sunday, March 16th via Zoom at 2:00 p.m. All women and female youth are encouraged to attend. Your presence and input are needed to plan the 2025 calendar. We will use the church's login information.

SAVE THE DATE

Spring/Mother's Day Bazaar May 3, 2025

**The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington
Visits Epiphany on June 1, 2025**

MOE: Men of Epiphany meets at Rips (3809 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD 20716) on Saturday, March 29, 2025 @ 9:00am.

TOS CORNER: Upcoming:

March 15 - Epiphany is hosting a TOS Learning Lab @ **9am**

March 23- Please join us on Sunday, *March 23* for "*Second*" Sunday Breakfast! Bring a favorite dish to share and remember, we're in Lent, so we won't be serving meat (apologies to all the carnivores!). We'll begin set-up at 8, start serving at 9, and begin worship at 10! Bring your families and friends. All are welcome at God's Table!



FOOD BANK: The committee is collecting food items and cash contributions for the food pantry. If you wish to drop food items, please call Cheryl Maxwell/Wendy DalMolin and someone will be present at the Parish Hall to receive food items. Office hours Monday – Friday, 9 am – 1pm. For monetary donation please indicate in the memo column of your check or envelope or make direct contribution through Zelle.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

March 9 The First Sunday in Lent - 9:30am
March 13 Vestry Meeting @ 7:00pm
March 16 The Second Sunday in Lent - 9:30am
March 23 The Third Sunday in Lent – 9:30am
March 30 The Fourth Sunday in Lent – 9:30am

Serving Today **Sunday, March 9, 2025**

First Reading/Psalm	Avis Watts
The Epistle	Wilma Marks
Prayers of the People	Lorraine Nue

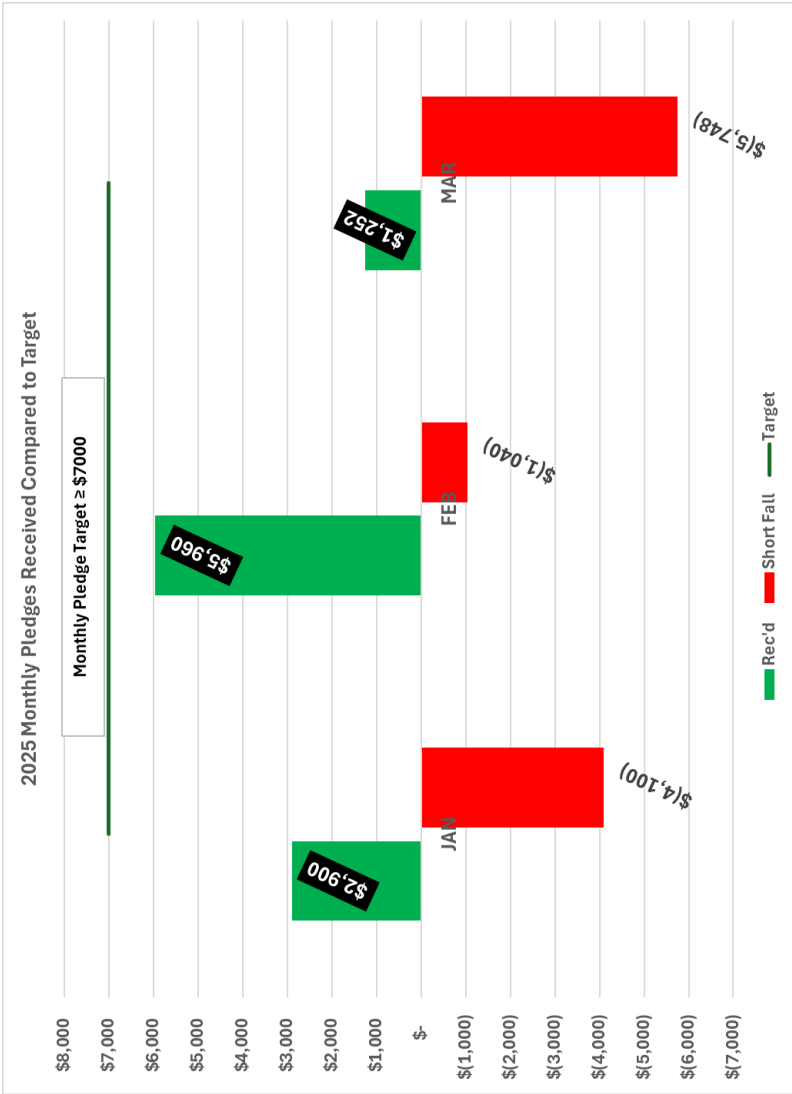


Birthdays

Mrs. Vivian Gilliam	3/1
Mrs. Loretta Smith	3/08
Ms Jasmine Barrow	3/12
Mrs. Carmen Copeland	3/12
Ms. Janet Walker	3/13
Mrs. June Wood	3/15
Mr Pearce Decker	3/17
Ms. Lauren Wheeler	3/19
Mr. Cecil Griffith, III	3/31
Mrs. Darlene Nielsen	3/31

Wedding Anniversary

Loretta & Ernest Smith 03/01
 Wendy & Remo DalMolin 03/03
 Leslie & Jocelyn Fleming. 03/16



Celebrating Epiphany Women In History



Jewell Brooks Audrey Nue Mary Parker Chandell Harris Raquel Nash

The Temptation of Christ

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Luke 4:13 (NIV)

Based on Luke 4:1-13



The Temptation of Jesus

U F O R T Y A W O R S H I P N
 I G S L W X D T E M P T E D L
 L O U W E N R B F M T W O S A
 Y Z O V A E D I E I F Y Y N P
 J S I M S A U L R E N A N W E
 P L M E E D A I Y A D A Q Y P
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DESERT	ANGELS	WORSHIP	HUNGRY	KINGDOMS
TEMPTED	DEVIL	JORDAN	AUTHORITY	BREAD
SPIRIT	JERUSALEM	COMMAND	FORTY	STONE
LIVE	DAYS	WORLD	TEMPLE	HOLY



Mission Statement

Epiphany Episcopal Church exists to connect people to God and one another through Ministry and Service

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