

**Epiphany Episcopal Church
Diocese of Washington**

3111 Ritchie Road
Forestville, MD 20747

**First Sunday After The Epiphany/Baptism of Our Lord (Year B)
January 10th 2021**

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington

The Rev. Prince Decker, Rector

9:30 A.M. (RITE II)

To Participate call at 9:25am: Free Call Number

1-301-715-8592, then enter 3282285640 # listen for prompt and go straight to 136951#

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Opening Hymn H- 118: "Brightest And Best Are The Stars of The Morning" vv1-4

1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

3 Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom, and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure:

Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and 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 Gloria

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Glory, Glory, hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name.

You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name,

Glory, Glory hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name.
Amen.

The Celebrant says to the people

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

The Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 29

The Psalm this morning is Psalm 29. We will read responsively by half-verse, breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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

Acts 19:1-7

A reading from the Acts of The Apostles

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them,

the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn AAHH - 217

“Jesus, The Light of the World” vv1-2

1 Hark! the herald angels sing.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain:

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.*

2 Joyful, all you nations, rise.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world. *[Refrain]*

The Gospel

M a r k

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

People The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn AAHH - 217

“Jesus, The Light of the World” v3-4

3 Christ, by highest heav'n adored.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.*

4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

Sermon

Pastor Prince

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 IV

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. In the Anglican Communion we ***Pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia***. In the Diocesan Prayer cycle we ***pray Christ Church, Washington Parish; Christ Church Parish, Kensington; Christ Church Accokeek (St. John's Parish) and St. John's Chapel Christ Church, Georgetown***. We pray

for the Clergy: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, **Mariann**, our Bishop, Chilton Knudsen our Assisting Bishop, and **Prince**, our Rector. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for **Donald, our President, Joe, the President elect and Kamala the Vice President elect; the Congress and Senate** of the United States; **the Supreme Court; Larry, our Governor; Angela, our County Executive.** We pray for all heads of states and their government; that they may be lead to wise decisions and right actions for the good of their citizens and for good relationship between nations; for this community, the nation, the world; Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have been affected by natural disasters and from other changes caused by global warning. Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We offer our thanksgivings for all who celebrate special conditions in their lives today or this week; birthday celebrants; newlyweds; and families who have welcomed new members into their families by birth or adoption. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For all who are in danger; for first responders and men and women who fight for the safety of others, we pray for our military personnel: **Kenneth** Hubbard, **Jay** Lemon, **Omega** Marks, **Emmanuel** Staples-Bloom & **Festina** Hume-Dawson. For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; for the sick and shut-ins: **Larry** Sweeney; **Azante** Williams (sister of D'Marco Murray); **Jean** Gill (congregation member); **Consuello** Chapman (congregation member); **Charlotte** Gibbs (congregation member); **Brenda** Murray (congregation member); **Florence** Burt (congregation

member); **Stephanie** Sharp (family of Thomasine & Ricky Lyles) and **Akil** Jackson (friend of Thomasine & Ricky Lyles); **Lillian** Smith (congregation member); **Nancy** Murrell (congregation member); **Nikki** Wilkins-Jones (congregation member); **Andre'** Jones (Cousin of Lauvinia Alston) **Lauvinia**, (congregation member). We pray for our **Military Personnel: Kenneth** Hubbard, **Jay** Lemon, **Omega** Marks, **Emmanuel** Staples-Bloom & **Festina** Hume-Dawson. We pray for our **Military Personnel: Kenneth** Hubbard, **Jay** Lemon, **Omega** Marks, **Emmanuel** Staples-Bloom & **Festina** Hume-Dawson. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Silence

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Priest, stands and says

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.*

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements/Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Prayers

E-giving: <https://giving.ncsservices.org/dl/?uid=ncs-2031> or go to the webpage epiphanyforestville.org. Click on Worship and scroll down and look for Tithes and offerings can be made through this link: [Click Here](#)

Offertory Hymn “*The Doxology*”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Hymn AAHH 498 “*Let There Be Peace On Earth*” (Please prepare your table)

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

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And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin
With me.

Silence

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The Celebrant says:

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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. 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.

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 forever. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said

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

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.

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 H 304 “I Come With Joy To Meet The Lord” vv1-3

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
Our true community of love
In Christ’s communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread for us to share
Each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
And strangers now are friends.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing & Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Song – AAHH 549 “This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!

Jesus gave it to me...

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Sunday After The Epiphany



Bible Study: Phone in Bible Study will take place on Wednesday at 7:30pm. Zoom or zoom call # **1-301-715-8592, then enter 3282285640# listen for prompt and go straight to 136951#**

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Meeting ID: 328 228 5640 Password: 7TdyBW

For Wednesday Bible Study read through Sunday's readings. The zoom link will be sent with the Bible Study outline.

Food Bank: The committee is still collecting non-perishable food items or cash contribution to continue the food pantry ministry that has now taken off. If you wish to drop food items please call Alethea Long-Green/Cheryl Maxwell/Wendy DalMolin and someone will be present at the Parish Hall to receive food items. Please note that the Pantry Ministry is an ongoing project and will need support through 2021. Non-Epiphany members can participate in this project. Information about this project is at the Parish webpage. Contributions can be made either by E-giving or by check - mailed to Epiphany Episcopal Church, 3125 Ritchie Road, Forestville, MD 20747 with Food Pantry or Memorial in the memo column. Thanks.

Parish Vacancies: Please join us in wishing Thomasine Lyles a hearty congratulations on her planned retirement in September. We are most appreciative for all that she has done in service to Epiphany as Cemetery Manager, Property Manager, alternate Parish Events Coordinator, and Administrator. We will be recruiting for 2 part-time positions: a Property Administrator, and a Parish Support Staff/Events Coordinator. If you or someone in your network are interested in

applying for either position, please forward resume and a letter of interest to Rev. Prince Decker, prince_decker@verizon.net, 301-379-8951.

2021 Calendar and Pledge Envelopes: Please inform Pastor Prince if you would like to stop at the office to pick up your calendar and pledge envelopes.

Social Time: Please stay connected after the service if you want to catch up and have some fun time.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

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| Mrs. Corrine Archibald | 1/01 |
| Ms. Cierra Hamilton | 1/27 |
| Mrs. Wendy DalMolin . | 1/21 |
| Mr. Eugene Decker | 1/25 |
| Ms. Adaeze Ezekwerre | 1/28 |
| Ms. Charlotte Gibbs..... | 1/10 |
| Mrs. Jean Gill | 1/05 |
| Mr. Jim-Mark Grant..... | 1/07 |
| Mrs. Cynthia Griffith.... | 1/14 |
| Ms. Reanne Richards | 1/26 |
| Mr. Mark Smith | 1/22 |
| Mrs. Carlene Washington | 1/22 |

Anniversary

Serving Today Sunday, January 10th 2021

First Reading/Psalm

Ms. Avis Watts & Remo DalMolin

The Epistle

Ms. June Wood

Prayers of the People

Mr. Maurice Fox