

**Epiphany Episcopal Church  
Diocese of Washington**

3111 Ritchie Road  
Forestville, MD 20747

**Third Sunday After The Epiphany (Year B)  
January 24<sup>th</sup> 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#**

**Or** Join Zoom Meeting - Check your email message for the live link

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***Opening Hymn AAHH- 271: "Amazing Grace"***

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear.  
And Grace, my fears relieved.  
How precious did that Grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me.  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far

And Grace will lead me home.

When we've been here ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

*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**

**L243**

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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## First Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

### *A Reading from the Book of Jonah*

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm

*The Psalm this morning is Psalm 62. We will read responsively by half-verse, breaking at the asterisk.*

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

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

1 Corinthians

*A reading from Paul's First Letter to The Corinthians*

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn H-516 “Come Down, O Love Divine”**

1 Come down, O Love divine,  
Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2 O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

**The Gospel**

Mark 1:14-20

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark***

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

**Hymn H-516 “Come Down, O Love Divine”**

3 And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till Love create a place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

## The Induction of The Vestry

### 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 VI

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

We pray for first responders, those who do menial work, construction workers, teachers, chefs, pilots and air hostess and hostesses. For all people in their daily life and work.

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

We pray for *Joseph*, **our President, Kamala the Vice President; 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;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger; for 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 and **Akil** Jackson (family of Thomasine & Ricky Lyles); **Lillian** Smith (congregation member); **Nancy** Murrell (congregation member) and **Nikki** Wilkins-Jones (congregation member); **Andre'** Jones (Cousin of Lauvinia Alston) **Lauvinia**, (congregation member) for those in sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

In the Anglican cycle we Pray for **The Church of Bangladesh**. In the Diocesan Prayer cycle we pray for **St. Paul's Church; Baden and St. Mary's Chapel, Aquasco; St. Paul's Church, Rock Creek; St. Paul's Church, K Street; St. Paul's Church, Piney; Diocesan Convention: The Bishop, Diocesan Convention Officers, Clerical and Lay Delegates**, (January 30); for **St. Timothy's Parish, DC; St. Timothy's Child Development Center, DC**. 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. For all bishops and other ministers.

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

*Silence*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*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](http://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 L-12 “We’re Marching To Zion”** (Please prepare your table)

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.  
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 heavenly King,  
But children of the heavenly 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 heavenly fields,  
Before we reach the heavenly 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 Emmanuel's ground,  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
To fairer worlds on high,  
To fairer worlds on high

***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 AAHH 378 "Just A Little Talk With Jesus"**

I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in  
And then a little light from heaven filled my soul  
It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above  
And just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.

*Refrain:*

*Now let us have a little talk with Jesus  
Let us tell Him all about our troubles  
He will hear our faintest cry  
He will answer by and by  
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning  
And you know a little fire is burning  
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right.*

Sometimes my path seems dreary without a ray of cheer  
And then the cloud about me hides the light of day  
The mists in me rise and hide the stormy skies  
But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way. *Refrain.*

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears  
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night  
I go to Him in prayer, He knows my every care  
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right. *Refrain.*

*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-547 “Lift Him Up”**

1 How to reach the masses, \*men of ev'ry birth,  
For an answer Jesus gave the key:  
“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,  
Will draw all men unto me.”

*Refrain:*

*Lift him up, lift him up,  
Still he speaks from eternity:*

*“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,  
Will draw all men unto me.”*

2 Oh! the world is hungry for the Living Bread,  
Lift the Savior up for them to see;  
Trust him, and do not doubt the words that he said,  
“I’ll draw all men unto me.” [Refrain]

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Third 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](mailto: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.

**WOE:** Congratulation to the WOE on their last election during their last zoom meeting.

**Vestry:** Congratulations to the Vestry Members who were inducted this morning; the first Vestry meeting will take place on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

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

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### January Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

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 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

**First Reading/Psalm**

Mr. Maurice Fox & Ms. Elsie Fletcher

**The Epistle**

Ms. Gloria McKnight

**Prayers of the People**

Ms. June Wood