

**Epiphany Episcopal Church  
Diocese of Washington  
3111 Ritchie Road  
Forestville, MD 20747  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
(Year A)**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

*The Rev. Prince Decker, Rector*

**9:30 A.M. (RITE II)**

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A warm welcome to all guests and visitors worshipping with us during this Lenten Season

**Opening Hymn H 539 “O Zion Haste”**

- 1 O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,  
To tell to all the world that God is light,  
That He who made all nations is not willing  
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

***Refrain***

*Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.*

- 2 Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation  
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,  
And died on earth that we might live above. ***Refrain***
- 3 Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious,  
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;

Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious;  
O Christians, haste to bring the brighter day! *Refrain*

- 4 He comes again! O Zion, ere thou meet Him,  
Make known to every heart His saving grace:  
Let none whom he Hath ransomed fail to greet Him,  
Through thy neglect, unfit to see His face. *Refrain*

### **Penitential Acclamation**

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

*The Celebrant reads the following sentence*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*Celebrant and People*

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.*

### **Kyrie Eleison: L-237**

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Have mercy O Lord (X3)

*The Celebrant says to the people*

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

The Collect

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*A Reading from First Samuel*

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*The Psalm this morning is Psalm 23. We will read responsively by half-verse, breaking at the asterisk.*

**Psalm 23**

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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**

Ephesians 5: 8 - 14

*A reading from the Paul's letter to the Ephesians*

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn H 646 “The King Of Love” vv1-3**

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.
  
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.
  
- 3 Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me;

and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

**A reading from the Gospel of our Lord according to John**

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it

again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **Sequence Hymn H 646 "The King Of Love" vv4-6**

- 4      In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
          with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
          thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
          thy cross before to guide me.
  
- 5      Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
          thy unction grace bestoweth;  
          and oh, what transport of delight  
          from thy pure chalice floweth!
  
- 6      And so through all the length of days,  
          thy goodness faileth never;  
          Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
          within thy house forever.

**Presentation**                    "A Woman Before Her Time"

Erline Vaughan

**Sermon**

**Pastor Prince Decker**

## **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 V (page 389)**

*Deacon or other leader*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

(or “Kyrie eleison”).

**In the Diocese**, pray Chapel of the Annunciation, Church House, The Annunciation (March 25). **In the Anglican Communion** pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa. For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond*

*Kyrie eleison. or Lord, have mercy.*

Let us pray for **Justin**, the Archbishop of Canterbury; **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Mariann**, our own Bishop; and **Prince**, our Rector, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, especially **Joseph**, the President of the United States; **Kamala**, the Vice President of the United States; the **Congress of the United States**; the **Supreme Court**; **Wes**, our Governor; and **Angela**, our County Executive; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the homebound, the sick and suffering, including **Pearl** Burnette (Mother of Omande Marks); **Claudia** Bassler; **Angela** DalMolin; **Larry** Sweeney; **Azante** Williams (sister of D'Marco Murray); **Jean** Gill (congregation member); **Consuello** Chaplin (congregation member); **Charlotte** Gibbs (congregation member); **Brenda** Murray (congregation member); **Florence** Burt (congregation member); **Jeffrey** Lyles (family of Thomasine & Ricky Lyles) **Lillian** Smith (congregation member); **Nancy** Murrell (congregation member); **Lauvinia** Alston (Congregational member); and **Yvette** and **Lisa** (friends of Epiphany); that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this *congregation* [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers (**Invite petitions; maintain silence so the congregation may add their petitions**); for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.



*Lord, have mercy.*

For our departed and their loved ones, especially the families of the members of the Armed Services who have lost their lives in the service of our country; and for all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

*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***

**Please make your pledge and offerings now:**

**E-giving tool:** The e-giving to Faithlife. To start giving go to this link:

<https://faithlife.com/9589275/give>. You will need to log in and setup your account and login info. This system will allow you to set up recurring giving if you choose, select the account you use to pay, choose if to pay for the cost of e-giving and view your giving history.

## **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

## **Offertory Hymn “Arise, Shine; For The Light Is Come” (Please prepare your table)**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
And the glory of the Lord has risen  
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

## **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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 bold to say:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

*Then may be said*

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

*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 AAHH 685 "In Remembrance Of Me"**

In remembrance of Me eat this bread  
In remembrance of Me drink this wine  
In remembrance of Me pray for the time  
When God's own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick  
In remembrance of me feed the poor  
In remembrance of me open the door  
And let your brother in, let him in

Take eat and be comforted  
Drink and remember too  
That this is my body and precious blood  
Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me search for truth  
In remembrance of me always love  
In remembrance of me don't look above

But in your heart, in your heart  
Look in your heart for God

Do this in remembrance of Me  
Do this in remembrance of Me  
In remembrance of Me

*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**

### **Closing Hymn AAHH 164 “We Are Marching In The Light Of God”**

We Are Marching In The Light Of God.  
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.  
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.  
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.  
We Are Marching, Marching,  
We Are Marching, Oh Ohhh,  
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.  
We Are Marching, Marching,  
We Are Marching, Oh Ohhh,  
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.

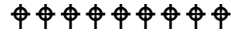
### **Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**



**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#**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3282285640?pwd=bjZhMUhtclNtRkJJMFREZl5dng1QT09>

Meeting ID: 328 228 5640 Password: 7TdyBW

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

**WOE:** The Women of Epiphany will hold its quartely General Meeting on Sunday, March 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. All WOE members are strongly encouraged to attend. Please used the following login information to join the Zoom meeting: MEETING ID: 328 228 5640 and PASSWORD: 7TdyBW. By telephone, dial 1-301.715.8592, then enter 328 228 5640# listen for the prompt and go straight to 136951#. Contact Erline Vaughan (301.357.4281) for questions or concerns.

# *Celebrating Epiphany Women In History*



**Women's History Month:** Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2023 will take place from Wednesday, March 1 – Friday, March 31, 2023. The 2023 theme is 'Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.'

**Fellowship Time:** Dear members of Epiphany we are trying to make things at the church come back to normal, so after church we are starting back to fellowship. We would like to ask everyone that is coming to church to please bring a bottle of juice to accommodate at least 20 people. It would be greatly appreciated to see all your faces and to fellowship with you again.

**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. For cash donation please indicate in the memo column of your check or envelope or make direct contribution through e-giving.

**Parish Vacancy:** We are still in need of a part-time Property Administrator. If you or someone in your network are interested in applying for this position, please forward resume and a letter of interest to Rev. Prince Decker, [prince.decker25@gmail.com](mailto:prince.decker25@gmail.com), 301-379-8951.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

March 19	The Fourth Sunday in Lent @ 9:30am <b>In-Person and Zoom</b>
March 22	Bible Study @ 7:30pm – <b>Zoom</b>
March 26	The Fifth Sunday in Lent @ 9:30am <b>In-Person and Zoom</b>
March 29	Bible Study @ 7:30pm – <b>Zoom</b>



#### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### March



#### **Birthdays**

Mrs. Vivian Gilliam	Mar-1
Mrs. Loretta Smith	Mar-8
Jasmine Barrow	Mar-12
Mrs. Carmen Copeland	Mar-12
Ms. Janet Walker	Mar-13
Mrs. June Wood	Mar-15
Ms. Lauren Wheeler	Mar-19
Mr. Cecil Griffith, III	Mar-31
Mrs. Darlene Nielsen	Mar-31

#### Wedding Anniversary

Loretta & Ernest Smith	Mar-1
Wendy & Remo DalMolin	Mar-3
Leslie & Jocelyn Fleming	Mar-16

**Serving Today Sunday, March 19, 2023**

**First Reading/Psalm  
The Epistle  
Prayers of the People**

Avis Watts/Avis Watts  
Gloria McKnight  
Nikki Wilkins-Jones



Elizabeth Robinson  
1838 - 1904

***Spaghetti Dinner***

***Christ Episcopal Church  
8710 Old Branch Ave., Clinton MD  
301-868-1330 ChristChurchClinton.org***

***Saturday, March 25, 4 - 6 PM***

***Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Drink & Dessert  
\$12 Adult***

***\$10 Seniors & Children 6-12  
Children 5 and under eat free!***

***Thrift Shop will be open***

***In case of bad weather, call 240-988-9749***



# 52 Women of the Bible

W E I T H T E B A Z I L E U P S R T R U T H H O  
 O F T H T H E S H U L A M M I T E W O M A N A H  
 M I H E T N W V R W L L K H W H B M I E M O C E  
 A W I W A F Z I E O 1 L O D I A E A H L A 3 A R  
 N S A O M W A Z D M 3 I O A D L K I K S R A A O  
 L R B M A T I Y 3 A M C L B O I A R F Y D B M D  
 I A I A R H R N Z N A S B E W L H I F R A E H I  
 V H I N D E A C F O Y I F H O E Z M U O U M T A  
 E P G O I Q M S Y F M R O S F D Q 1 1 P G O E S  
 D I A F L U A H J P O P E O Z C R K N H H T B H  
 A T I E O E S U F R T N U H A Q I Q A O T H L A  
 S O L N F E F N R O H H S E R Q Z A O E E E E R  
 I P 3 D J N O A E V E U S J E N P B M N R R B A  
 N E S O U O N M M E R L I D P E A E I I O O A S  
 F Y S R D F A M O R O D H N H S H H I C F F F E  
 U H T T A S M I G B F A T A A N 3 S M I K M O J  
 L A L M H H O T J S J R I H T L E H 3 A I O N E  
 L E O H C E W E R 3 E R W A H A 1 T J N N S A Z  
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 F H S N A A K O C H U D A L M C A B E O D S O B  
 E G W N R H A M H C S C M A T I G P L M A P W E  
 T W I A T E O A E H Y W O H 3 M A U M A V G 3 L  
 H Z F H H R Q N L P L Q W T S T R G D N I E J K  
 W N E V A D E B O R A H K A A A N N A I D F Q T

Martha  
 Woman Lived a Sinful Life  
 Elizabeth  
 Gomer  
 Widow of Zarephath  
 Woman of Abel Beth Maacah  
 Abigail  
 Naomi  
 Rehab  
 Tamar d-i-l of Judah  
 Lot's Wife  
 Priscilla

Syrophenician Woman  
 Woman of Samaria  
 The Shulammitte Woman  
 Hulda  
 Jezebel  
 Tamar, Daughter of King David  
 Michal  
 Delilah  
 Miriam  
 Leah  
 hagar

Herodias  
 Anna  
 Woman of Proverbs 31  
 Athaliah And Jehosheba  
 The Queen of Sheba  
 Bathsheba  
 Hannah  
 Jael  
 Mother of Moses  
 Rachel  
 Sarah

Woman with Issue of Blook  
 May, Mother of Jesus  
 Esther  
 Shunammite Woman  
 Rizpah  
 The Woman of Endor  
 Ruth  
 Deborah  
 Potiphar's Wife  
 Rebekah  
 Eve

**Answers from last week Word Scramble:**

1. Serena Williams
2. Sally Ride
3. Sacagawea
4. Lillian Smith
5. Oprah Winfrey
6. Marie Curie
7. Clara Barton
8. Elizabeth Blackwell
9. Florence Nightingale
10. Frida Kahlo
11. Althea Gibson
12. Sojourner Truth
13. Florence Joyner
14. Calamity Jane
15. Amelia Earhart
16. Lucile Ball
17. Susan B Anthony
18. Helen Keller
19. Rosa Parks
20. Harriet Tubman
21. Mother Teresa
22. Anne Frank
23. Maya Angelou
24. Eleanor Roosevelt
25. Jackie Kennedy

Thank you, God, for  
listening to my prayers!



**LENT 2022: HOLY WEEK:**

## *Celebrating Easter 2023 with Epiphany Church*

*Saturday April 1st, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon*      *The Women of Epiphany present their Annual Lenten Quiet Day*



*Sunday April 2nd 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.*      *Palm Sunday*  
*Service: Liturgy for Palm Sunday*  
*Zoom and In-Person (Church)*



*Wednesday April 5th 12 Noon*      *Stations of the Cross at Epiphany Church*  
*Zoom and In-Person*



*Thursday April 6th, 7:30p.m.*      *Maundy Thursday: Family Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar at Epiphany Church*  
*Zoom and In-Person*



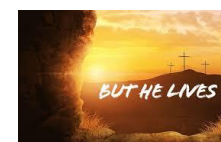
*Friday April 7th 7:30 p.m.*      *Good Friday Liturgy/Veneration of the Cross (Church)*  
*Zoom and In-Person*



*Holy Saturday April 8th 7:00 p.m.*      *Holy Saturday Service*  
*Joint Service: St. John's Episcopal Church, Beltsville & Epiphany Forestville*  
*Zoom Link: Will be Provided*



*Sunday April 9th 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.*      *Easter Day Liturgy of The Resurrection Service (Church)*  
*Zoom and In-Person*



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