

**Epiphany Episcopal Church
Diocese of Washington**

3111 Ritchie Road
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The Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 28 (Year A)

November 19, 2023

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

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A warm welcome to all guests and visitors worshiping with us during this Pentecost Season

Opening LEV 12 “Come, We That Love The Lord”

- 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. **(refrain)**

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. **(refrain)**

4 Then let our songs abound,
And ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high. **(refrain)**

Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Collect for Purity

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 Collect

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The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Judges 4: 1 - 7

A Reading from Judges

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe

of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms

Psalm 123

The Psalm this morning is Psalm 123. We will read responsively by half-verse, breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

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 Thesssalonians 5: 1 - 11

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to The Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: H 376 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

The Gospel

Matthew 25: 14 - 30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one

talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Special Song

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Anne-Marie Jeffery
Canon for Congregational Vitality

The Nicene Creed *(All standing)*

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

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Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

In the Diocese, we pray for congregations to participate in dismantling racism within their congregation and surrounding communities. Let us pray for Church of the Holy Comforter, DC; and for Thanksgiving Day (November 23). Pray for our national life and all of God's blessings. ***In the Anglican Communion***, let us pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma). Let us pray for ***Justin***, the Archbishop of Canterbury; ***Michael***, our Presiding Bishop; ***Mariann***, our 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 ***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. 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.

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.

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.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including our own sick and suffering, **Gayle** Huggins (friend 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 Neilsen); **Maureen** Cathey and **Hodie** McCraw (aunts of Jocelyn Fleming); **Golda** Gaskin (congregation member); **Pearl** Burnette (mother of Omande Marks); **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); **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); and **Yvette** and **Lisa** (friends of Epiphany); Father we pray also for our military personnel: **Kenneth Hubbard**, **Omega Marks**, **Emmanuel Staples-Bloom**, **Festina Hume-Dawson**, **Eddy Cooper**, and **Andre Cooper**; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence (Maintain silence so that the congregation may add their petitions.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those members of the armed forces who have died in the service of our country; 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.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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 AAHH 567 “Here I Am, Lord” (*Preparation of the table*)

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or 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, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have

made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

Celebrant and People

Sanctus and Benedictus (standing)

🕯 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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice; that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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:

People and Celebrant

The Lord's Prayer

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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 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. (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 AAHH 683 “As We Drink This Cup, We Worship You”

As We Drink This Cup We Worship You
As We Eat This Bread We Honour You
As We Offer You Our Lives As You
Have Offered Yours For Us,

We Remember All You’ve Done For Us,
We Remember Your Covenant With Us,
We Remember And Worship You Oh Lord

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Post Communion Prayer

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The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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 LEV 14 “Soon And Very Soon”

- 1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 we are goin' to see the King!

- 2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
 we are goin' to see the King!

- 3 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're are goin' to see the King!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS **The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost** ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

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.

UNITED THANK OFFERING: Sunday, November 19, 2023 is the UTO Fundraising Campaign. Funds received will be distributed 100% to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. Please give generously.

HOLIDAY PARTY: Epiphany will hold its annual holiday party on Sunday, December 17, 2023 at Renditions Golf Club, 1380 West Central Avenue (Hwy 214), Davidsonville, MD 21035. (410) 798-9798. COST: \$40 which includes luncheon, taxes & gratuities. There will be a Holiday Gift Exchange for those who want to participate. This event is open to all Epiphany parishners.

19TH ANNUAL ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST: Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Martin's Crosswinds, 7400 Greenway Center Dr., Greenbelt, MD 20770. Tickets available online at Eventbrite: \$50.

ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT 2023: Help make the holiday special for our local elderly residents by providing them with what could be the only gift they receive this season. We are seeking sponsors who are willing to sponsor one or more residents at The Forestville Healthcare Center who will receive a beautiful, wrapped gift for the holidays. COST: \$25. Contact Erline Vaughan (301.357.4281) for more information.

WOMEN OF EPIPHANY: WOE members are asked to seriously consider running for office (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Parliamentarian) for the 2024-2025 year. Present officers who wish continue in their positions, please let me know immediately. Contact Erline Vaughan for more information.

FOOD BANK: The committee is collecting hams, turkeys and food items or cash contribution for Thanksgiving and Christmas 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 cash donation please indicate in the memo column of your check or envelope or make direct contribution through Servant Keeper or Zelle.

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, 301-379-8951.

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/healthy snack to accommodate at least 20 people.** It would be greatly appreciated to see all your faces and to fellowship with you again.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

Nov 19 The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost @ 9:30am **In-Person and Zoom**
Nov 22 Bible Study @ 7:30pm - **Zoom**
Nov 23 Vestry Meeting @ 7:30pm – **Zoom**
Nov 26 The Last Sunday After Pentecost @ 9:30am **In-Person and Zoom**

Serving Today Sunday, November 19, 2023

First Reading/Psalm	Avis Watts/Avis Watts
The Epistle	Wilma Marks
Prayers of the People	June Wood



Ms. Lillian Smith.....	11/11	Brandon Tyler	11/24
Mr. Ethan Gaskin	11/13	Mrs. Andrea Green.....	11/28
Ms. Bola Johnson	11/18	Mr. Cecil Griffith	11/29
Mrs. Gloria McKnight.....	11/24		

TOS: Your Tending Our Soil Team wants you back in the pews!

1. Our ability to continue worship during COVID19 via Zoom has been a true blessing for all of us, but especially for those who are “sick and shut-in” as well as for the general Homebound! But there is nothing like in-person fellowship and worship with your church family! We miss your presence with us! Your Tending Our Soil Committee wants to know, what it will take for you to physically return to Epiphany?!? What can we do to bring you back? We need you here so we can restart our ministries. If we want to invite new members and families into our church, we must have the ministries in place to serve them and their families! To that end, we absolutely must have our members back! Please contact any of the TOS Team members (email, text, or call) as you feel comfortable, and let us know your thoughts:

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2. In January we will start a 2 nd Sunday Breakfast before Church! Service will be held in the Parish Hall and start an hour later to allow time to eat and fellowship! For The January 14 th breakfast/service, we’re planning a Prayer Breakfast in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In February (11 th) we will commemorate Absolom Jones!
3. TOS is also offering \$100 to our youth for the best essay on Black History Month (more to follow)!

The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

D A D H Q A Y O P G W T Y S Y
E D B B A E T A Y O E H P D M
N Q K I N P R N P A T H W R W
I I A R L A P R E R D A O A E
A X U G B I O I O L B W R W E
G O W L E P T W N Y A Q T E P
J T E E E E T Y H E U T H T I
E N T R U S T E D J S B L S N
S N T L U F H T I A F S E Z G
H Y K R S E R V A N T D S E O
A P T L R E T S A M E S S M L
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ENTRUSTED
GAINED
JOURNEY
MASTER
PARABLE
SERVANT
STEWARDS
TRUSTWORTHY
WICKED

BURIED
FAITHFUL
HAPPINESS
LAZY
MONEY
PROPERTY
SHARE
TALENT
WEEPING
WORTHLESS



HAPPY THANKS GIVING



"I was hungry and you gave
me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35

