

*Parish Farewell  
Service*

honoring

**The Reverend Canon  
Prince A E Decker**

**Sunday, September 29, 2024  
3:00PM**

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## ORGAN PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### Hymns: H 410 “Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven,”

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.
- 3 Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows.
- 4 Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

***Celebrant:*** Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit

***People:*** And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever,  
Amen

***Celebrant:*** There is one Body and one Spirit;

***People:*** There is one hope in God's call to us;

***Celebrant:*** One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

***People:*** One God and Father of all.

### **The Collect For Purity:**

*Celebrant & 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*

### **The Gloria In Excelsis (BCP S-280) Page 355**

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,

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. Amen

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**The Collects:   Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost: Proper 21**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Old Testament Lesson

Joshua 24:1,14-25

A reading from the Book of Joshua

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. “Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put

away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of The Lord  
*People Thanks be to God*

**Psalms**

**147:1-12**

*The Psalm for this Sunday is Psalm 147.*

*We will read responsively by half-verse, breaking at the asterisk.*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

<sup>2</sup> The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup> He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

<sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

<sup>9</sup> He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

- <sup>10</sup> He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- <sup>11</sup> He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- <sup>12</sup> But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.

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 3: 5-17

### *A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive

a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn H-432 “O Praise Ye The Lord”**

- 1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;  
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.
  
- 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,  
in tuneful accord, all ye of new birth;  
praise him who hath brought you his grace from  
above,  
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

**The Gospel** **Mark 9:38-50**

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for



us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. “For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

### **Sequence Hymn H-432 “O Praise Ye The Lord”**

- 3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord reecho around;  
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,  
and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.
- 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured all ages along!  
For love in creation, for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

**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.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **Form II (Page 385)**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; **in the Diocese**, we pray for all who are seeking that they might

find their path to loving and living as Christ. Pray for St. Michael and All Angels, Adelphi; and for St. Francis Church, Potomac. Pray for all of God's creatures, especially companion, rescue, and service animals.

**In the Anglican Communion**, pray for The Church of Pakistan (United). We pray for **Justin**, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop; **Sean**, our Presiding Bishop-elect; **Mariann**, our Bishop, and **Prince**; our Priest; pray for this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

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

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, for the sick & suffering: **Matthew & Kimberly** Louers, **Alyssa** White, **Owen** Wilkins, **Patricia** Jackson, **Catherine** West, **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); **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); for the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

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

*Silence*

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

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially \_\_\_\_\_ whom we remember today].

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.  
(*Leader may add an appropriate reference to the sermon if applicable*)

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Solo

Minister Delbury Kayode

## **Remarks**

Bishop's Staff

Vestry

Friends

The Decker Family

## **The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship Special Presentations**

*Just before the Peace, the Minister addresses the the Bishop's Deputy and the congregation with these or similar words*

On the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2015, I was inducted by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde as rector of Epiphany \_\_\_\_\_ Forestville. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of Epiphany ends this day.

*The departing Minister and the congregation then say together the following prayer*

O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

*Silence*

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

*Silence*

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

*Silence*

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

*Silence*

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*The departing Minister's says:*

                                  The peace of the Lord be always with you  
People                      And also with you.

***Announcements/Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Prayers***

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## The Offertory Hymns:

### H-415 “When All Thy Mercies, O My God,”

- 1      When all your mercies, O my God,  
          my rising soul surveys,  
          transported with the view, I'm lost  
          in wonder, love, and praise.
- 2      O how shall words with equal warmth  
          the gratitude declare,  
          that glows within my fervent heart?  
          But thou canst read it there.
- 3      Ten thousand thousand precious gifts  
          my daily thanks employ;  
          nor is the least a cheerful heart  
          that tastes those gifts with joy.
- 4      When nature fails, and day and night  
          divide thy works no more,  
          my ever grateful heart, O Lord,  
          thy mercy shall adore.
- 5      Through all eternity, to thee  
          a joyful song I'll raise;  
          but oh, eternity's too short  
          to utter all thy praise!

## **H-644 How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds**

- 1      How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds  
        in a believer's ear!  
        It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
        and drives away our fear.
- 2      It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
        and calms the troubled breast;  
        'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
        and to the weary, rest.
- 3      Dear Name, the rock on which I build,  
        my shield and hiding-place,  
        my never-failing treasury, filled  
        with boundless stores of grace!
- 4      O Jesus! Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,  
        O Prophet, Priest and King,  
        my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
        accept the praise I bring.
- 5      Weak is the effort of my heart,  
        and cold my warmest thought;  
        but when I see thee as thou art,  
        I'll praise thee as I ought.

## **PRESENTATION OF OFFERING: 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



**The Holy Communion**  
**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC**  
**PRAYER A** (*BCP page 361*)

*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*

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 the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostle to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of ages.

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: 🛎️ 🛎️ 🛎️

***Sanctus – 130***

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,

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

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

*The people stand or kneel.*

*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 lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold*

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 for ever. *AMEN.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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

**LEV 264**

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world; give us  
your peace, give us your peace.

**Celebrant:** The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them  
in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in  
our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymns:**

**H-337 “And now, O Father, mindful of the love”**

- 1      And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
          that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
          and having with us him that pleads above,  
          we here present, we here spread forth to thee,  
          that only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
          the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.
- 2      Look Father, look on his anointed face,  
          and only look on us as found in him;  
          look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
          our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:  
          for lo! between our sins and their reward,  
          we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.
- 3      And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
          by this prevailing presence we appeal;  
          O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast!  
          O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal!

From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear,  
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

- 4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,  
most patient Savior, who canst love us still!  
And by this food, so awesome and so sweet,  
deliver us from every touch of ill:  
in thine own service make us glad and free,  
and grant us nevermore to part from thee.

### **H-332 “O God Unseen”**

- 1 O God, unseen yet ever near,  
thy presence may we feel;  
and thus inspired with holy fear,  
before thine altar kneel.
- 2 Here may thy faithful people know  
the blessings of thy love,  
the streams that through the desert flow,  
the manna from above.
- 3 We come, obedient to thy word,  
to feast on heavenly food;  
our meat the Body of the Lord,  
our drink his precious Blood.
- 4 Thus may we all thy word obey,  
for we, O God, are thine;  
and go rejoicing on our way,  
renewed with strength divine.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP page 365**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of William among us, and the presence of his family here. Grant that both he and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us in his ways. Amen

May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace. Amen

May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the year to come.

Amen

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen

## **THE RECESSIONAL**

## HYMN AAHH157 “To God Be The Glory”

1 To God be the glory - great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

### **Refrain:**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His  
voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus, the Son,  
and give Him the glory - great things He hath done.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **[Refrain]**

3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath  
done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.  
**[Refrain]**



TAKE NOTE  
OF WHAT IS  
HAPPENING!



## ***PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



**Congratulations:** May this new chapter be filled with joy, rest, and the fulfillment of dreams? Thank you for your dedicated service and spiritual guidance. Happy retirement, dear Pastor!

### **TOS CORNER:**

We are looking for all Epiphany Entrepreneurs! Do you have a small business? Do you have a not-so-small business? We will be dedicating a page in the Sunday bulletin to your businesses. Please contact any member of the TOS Committee with your name, the name/type of business, your business (or personal) email address and phone number. We will list your information in the bulletin each week so that we can show our support for each other. We already have a few names, but we want to fill an entire page and eventually grow to a second page! If you're just starting out or looking to add to your clientele, why not start with your church family?



**FOOD BANK:** The committee is **URGENTLY** collecting non-perishable food items or cash contribution to continue the food pantry ministry. 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. For cash donation

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

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** Stay connected with the church and your friends by following us on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/EpiphanyEpiscopalChurch](http://www.facebook.com/EpiphanyEpiscopalChurch)

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR**

- Oct 6            The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost @  
                         9:30am **On-Site and Zoom**
- Oct 13           The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost @  
                         9:30am **On-Site and Zoom**
- Oct 20           The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost  
                         @ 9:30am **On-Site and Zoom**
- Oct 27           The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost @  
                         9:30am **On-Site and Zoom**

**Serving Today**  
**Sunday, September 29, 2024**

<b>First Reading/Psalm</b>	Avis Watts
<b>The Epistle</b>	Jocelyn Fleming
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Maurice Fox



Mrs. Brenda Murray .....	10/1
Mr. Randall Maxwell	10/3
Valerie Albritton	10/5
Mrs. Joan Grant.....	10/8
Ms. Adrienne Wheeler...	10/11
Mr. Christopher Smith...	10/12
Paul Decker	10/13
Mrs. Nancy Murrell.....	10/14
Mrs. Karla Alston.....	10/21
Ms. Kenneh Koroma	10/21
Mrs. Barbara Arnold	10/22
Mr. Leslie Fleming	10/23
Mr. Bonner Murrell.....	10/23
Mrs. Lisa Dennis	10/24
Mrs. Erline Vaughan.....	10/31

**Wedding Anniversary**

Cheryl & Randolph Maxwell 10/20



## **Mission Statement**

Epiphany Episcopal Church family exists to worship God and grow into the image of Christ, while ministering to the people of God.

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## **The Parish Staff**

Mr Claudius Smith

Organist

Mrs. Corrine Archibald

Parish Administrator

Ms Lorraine Nue

Cemetery Administrator

*Office Hours: 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m., Monday -Friday*

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## **Vestry**

Randy Maxwell

Senior Warden

Ricaldo Lyles

Junior Warden

Cheryl Maxwell

Treasurer

Janet Walker

Clerk of the Vestry

Faith Louers

Kirk Nielsen

Gloria McKnight

Avis Watts

Ryan Bascombe

Maurice Fox

Sonia Staples

Ethan Gaskin