



Church OF THE
Epiphany

Community Announcements

Sunday April 11

*We acknowledge the indigenous peoples of the land on which we stand
and respect their care of creation.*

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INVITE Council:

We welcome you to Serve in Worship Ministries:

Greeters/Ushers serve to welcome folks into our worship spaces.

Server/Acolyte help prepare the altar for Holy Communion.

Lector/Reader share God's word with those gathered for worship

A/V Ministers help us provide a good experience to those worshipping in person and online
email office@epiphanytempe.org to sign up.

CONNECT Council:

Care Connect makes calls every 2 weeks to connect with the Epiphany Church family to offer prayer and just say hello. If you are interested in joining this call ministry email Lkadwell@hotmail.com

Chapter 1 Book Club meets via Zoom every 3rd Saturday of the month at Noon. Contact Gillian Murphy at 480 907 4933 or email gillian@kirkyhomes.com

GROW Council:

Sunday Adult Formation Sundays at 9 am. This Sunday we will begin discussing the book of Judith. Sign up on our website and get the Classroom link.

Children's Formation Sundays at 9AM. Sign-up and link are available on the website.

Online Youth Group Meets every other Sunday 4 pm - via Zoom. Email hunter@epiphanytempe.org

Wednesday Discipleship Group continues to read Love is the Way by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. We meet every Wednesday at 11am via Zoom.

SERVE Council:

United Thank Offering Drive a Success! Thanks to all who donated so generously, the Church of Epiphany has raised over \$600 for UTO. Each and every dollar is a blessing to those in need of support here in Arizona and all over the world.

Concert at the Cross Sunday April 25th at 6:30PM, From the Ashes returns to Epiphany's courtyard for another wonderful performance of live classical music!

Epiphany's Online Store is now open! Visit <https://www.epiphanytempe.org/merch>

COVID Vaccines are now available to those 16 and above [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about eligibility

COVID testing at Epiphany the parking lot at Church of the Epiphany is a drive-thru testing site.

Testing will take place Monday-Thursday from 8am-5pm.

Sign up at <https://www.testnow.com/locations>

LENTEN CEREAL DRIVE TRIUMPHS OVER PANDEMIC--FINAL TOTAL 50 boxes of cereal came in on Easter Sunday to bring our grand total for the 2021 Lenten Cereal Drive to **434**. Both Paz de Cristo and Matthews Crossing Food Bank are grateful for our donations since cereal is one of the most requested items by clients. Thank you again for your support of our neighbors.

NEWS FLASH--COLLECTION FOR STAPLE FOOD FOR MATTHEWS CROSSING NOW AVAILABLE

EVERY SATURDAY Donations of staple foods for Matthews Crossing Food Bank are now collected EVERY Saturday of the month from 7 am to noon and every Sunday during services in the grocery cart by the west entrance to the Parish Hall. Thanks for helping.

CALLING HOME ALL MATTHEWS CROSSING HOUSES If you took a Matthews Crossing house during the "Change for Change Drive" please bring it back (full I hope!) and place it in the grocery cart. Thanks for helping out Matthews Crossing Food Bank.

Have an announcement for your ministry?
Send it to christian@epiphanytempe.org by Monday at 12pm

Livestream - April 11, 2021 10:30 AM

Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude/Welcome

Entrance Hymn: "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright" H-193

That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.



The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

The 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:

**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 Collect of the Day:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 4:32--35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Responsorial:

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it/ is, ***
when brethren live together in /unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the /head ***
that runs down upon the /beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of /Aaron, ***
and runs down upon the collar of his/ robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of /Hermon ***
that falls upon the hills of /Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the /blessing: ***
life for ever-/more.

Second Reading

John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of

Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Please stand as able

Gradual Hymn: "Awake, Arise, Lift up Your Voice!"

H-212

Awake, arise, lift up your voice,
let Easter music swell;
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice
and on his praises dwell.

Oh, with what gladness and surprise
the saints their Savior greet;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes
but by his hands and feet,

The Gospel:

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Leader: We pray to you,

Response: Our Lord, and our God. Amen. Alleluia.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Christopher's-Sun City; Our companion diocese: The Diocese of Western Mexico and The Episcopal Church in Navajoland.

Parish Prayer List

Ben, Cecilia, Edwin, Ellen, Irene, Jane, Laura, Laurie, Ron, Steve, Sue, and the frontline healthcare workers, and for the students, staff and teachers of Thew Elementary.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offering Invitation

Offertory Hymn: "This Joyful Eastertide"

Choir

Text to donate option: Text 'Give' to 480-725-3974

Offertory Response: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

H-178 (v.1)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give Praise to his Name.

Liturgy of the Table The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S-128

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

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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. 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.

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**



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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover

S-155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion of the People

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music:..... *Dr. Miriam Hickman, Piano*

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: The Blessing

People: **Amen.**

Recessional: "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

H-205, Choir

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today!
Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your Name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son,
to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Deacon/Celebrant - *Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude.....Dr Miriam Hickman

Stay tuned for some excellent music

Our Sincere Appreciation

*The wooden cross used on Good Friday was made by Jerry Adwell
Our new fire bowl stand used for the lighting of the new fire on Easter Vigil was built by
Rev Laura Adelia. Our thanks to them both for their time, creativity and munificence.*

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