



Church OF THE  
Epiphany

## Community Announcements

Sunday April 18

*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** learn to use the sound board and robotic cameras

email [office@epiphanytempe.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gillian@kirkyhomes.com)

### GROW Council:

*To sign up for any of these groups click here and find them on the calendar*

**Sunday Adult Formation** Sundays at 9AM. We are currently discussing the book of Judith.

**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.

**Wednesday Discipleship Group** continues to meet via Zoom to read and discuss "Love is the way" by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

### SERVE Council:

**Concert at the Cross** Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> 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>

**SAVE THE DATE: MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>** Join the Serve Council Bingo Night on Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Fun for the entire family - Zooming Bingo! More details to follow.

**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](mailto:christian@epiphanytempe.org) by Monday at 12pm

**Livestream - April 18, 2021 10:30 AM**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

*Altar flowers today were given in celebration of the anniversary of Pastor Carmen's Ordination*



**Prelude/Welcome**

**Entrance Hymn:** "Christ is Alive, let Christians Sing" H-182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now  
and conquer every place and time.

**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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

**Acts 3:12-19**

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

**Responsorial:**

Psalm 4

- <sup>1</sup>**Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**
- <sup>2</sup>**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"**
- <sup>3</sup>**Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.**
- <sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
- <sup>5</sup>**Offer the appointed sacrifices, \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.**
- <sup>6</sup>**Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup>**You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**
- <sup>8</sup>**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

## Second Reading

**1 John 3:1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Please stand as able*

**Gradual Hymn:** "Come, Risen Lord and Deign to be our Guest"

H-306

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
thyself at thine own board make manifest  
in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.

We meet, as in that upper room they met;  
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:  
'This is my Body'; so thou givest yet:  
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

## The Gospel:

**Luke 24:36b-48**

Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**Ms. Cassandra Swick**

## 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: O God, our Defender.

**Response: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Ireland. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Advent-Sun City West; Our companion diocese: The Diocese of Western Mexico and The Episcopal Church in Navajoland.

## Parish Prayer List

*Bob, Diane, Edwin, Ellen, Jane, Laurie, Laura, Ron, Sue, Steve, 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: Soloist, Dana Bender

*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:** "Alleluia! The Strife is over the Battle is Won"

H-208, Choir

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
let shout of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,  
he rises glorious from the dead:  
all glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell,  
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!  
Alleluia!

Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live and sing to thee.  
Alleluia!  
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**

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