

THE PARISH OF THE EPIPHANY

A welcoming Episcopal community

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER The Holy Eucharist: Rite II April 28, 2024 • 10:00 am

PRELUDE Trio in G minor Adagio (Op. 41 No. 2) Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901) Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Please stand for the procession. Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to follow the children's cross and their teachers to their Church School classes. Visitors are welcome.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

The Hymnal 1982 #492

1 Sing, faith - ful, ye sing with glad ness. wake your no - blest, 2 Sing how he came forth from hea ven, bowed him-self to 3 So. he tast ed death for he. of hu - man mor tals. 4 Fa - ther's Now on high, yet ev er with from his us, 7 vior sweet - est strain. with the prais - es of your Sa Beth - lehem's the cave, stooped to wear ser - vant's ves ture, kind the head. sin less one. a - mong the \sin ful, throne the Son rules and guides the he world ran somed, bo let his house gain; him all res - ound let your a bore the pain, the grave, with in the cross, the passed -Prince of life, dead: a mong the thus he wrought the till the ap - point - ed done, till work be he see, re your songs his mu - sic hon and alt reign. or, ex of dark thence his ban - ished save. gates ness, ones to re - demp - tion, led. full and the cap - tor tive cap all things gath - ered newed and per fect, in one. to

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Finnian*, Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

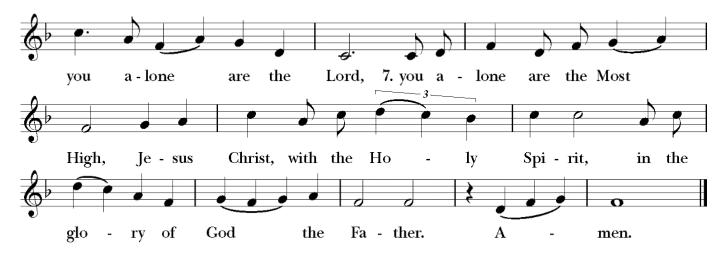
CelebrantAlleluia! Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All 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.

All remain standing to sing the





Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

All remain standing for

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant	The Lord be with y	you.

People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Celebrant Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

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Acts 8:26-40

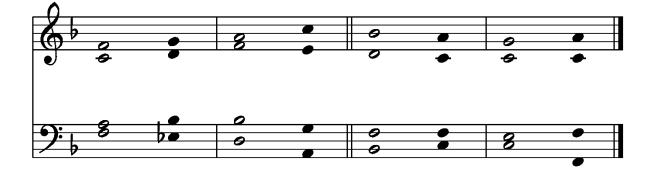
The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

PSALM 22:24-30

Chant: Robert Knox Kennedy (b.1945)

Sung by all. The sung tone changes on the underlined syllable(s), and at the beginning of each new verse or half-verse. The checkmark indicates a slight breath or pause.



²⁴ My praise is of him in the great as<u>sembly</u>; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

- ²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall <u>praise him</u>: * "May your heart live for <u>ever</u>!"
- ²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the <u>Lord</u>, * and all the families of the nations shall bow be<u>fore him</u>.
- ²⁷ For kingship belongs to the <u>Lord</u>; *
 - he rules over the <u>nations</u>. [2nd half of chant]
- ²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in <u>worship</u>; * all who go down to the dust fall be<u>fore him</u>.
- ²⁹ My soul shall live for him; ✓ my descendants shall <u>serve him</u>; * they shall be known as the Lord's for <u>ever</u>.
- ³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet un<u>born</u> * the saving deeds that he has <u>done</u>.

THE SECOND LESSON

Lector A reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

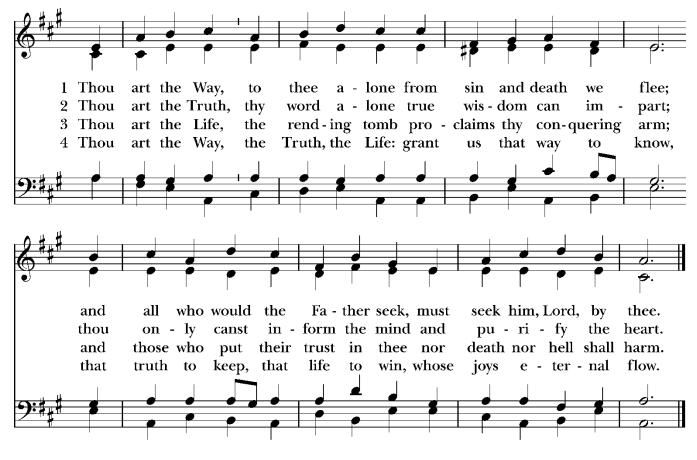
By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN Thou art the Way, to thee alone

Verses 1-3 sung before the Gospel reading, verse 4 sung after the Gospel reading.



Words: George Washington Doane (1799-1859), alt. Music: *St. James*, Raphael Courteville (d. 1735)

THE GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

GospelerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

All stand to say

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

The response to "Giver of life," is "Hear our prayer." Please add your own prayers during any of the silences.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with your neighbor.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

All children are invited forward to discover what new object is in the bag. Each week a different child brings in a mystery object for the priest to use in their extemporized children's sermon.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



To make a one-time contribution to Epiphany or to pay your pledge online: Using your text message on your smartphone, text the word EPIPHANY to 73256. Then click on the secure link sent to you via text message to make a contribution. Or scan the QR code to the left.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM He is risen

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

He is risen, He is risen: Tell it with a joyful voice; He has burst His three days' prison; Let the whole wide earth rejoice. Death is conquered, all are free, Christ has won the victory.

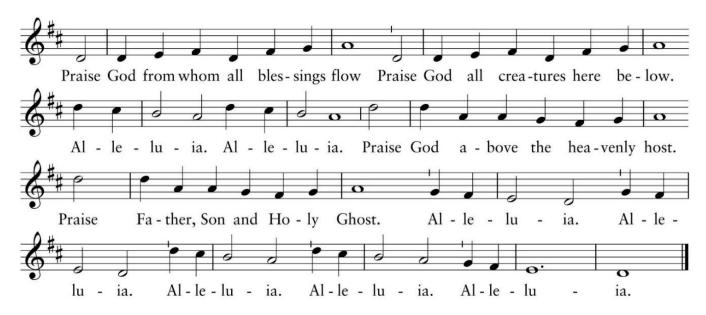
Come, ye sad and fearful hearted, With glad smile and radiant brow; Lent's long shadows have departed, All his woes are over now, And the passion that He bore: Sin and pain can vex no more. Come, with high and holy hymning, Chant our Lord's triumphant lay; Not one darksome cloud is dimming Yonder glorious morning ray, Breaking o'er the purple East, Brighter far our Easter feast.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

All stand to sing this hymn while the ushers present the people's offerings

PRESENTATION HYMN Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Lasst uns Erfreuen



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

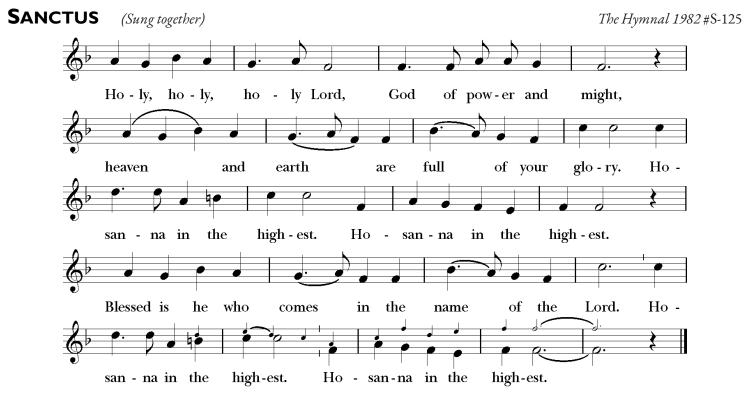
Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer

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 him 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:



Setting: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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.

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:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

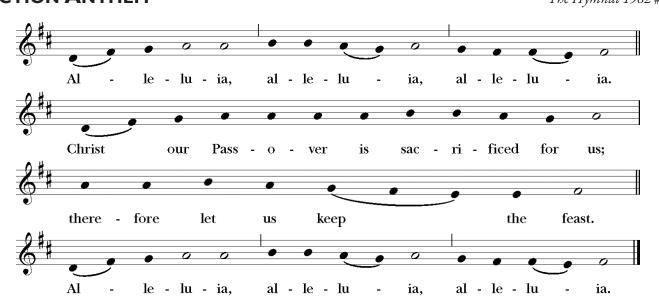
THE LORD'S PRAYER

All

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The consecrated bread is broken. After a period of silence, all sing the



FRACTION ANTHEM

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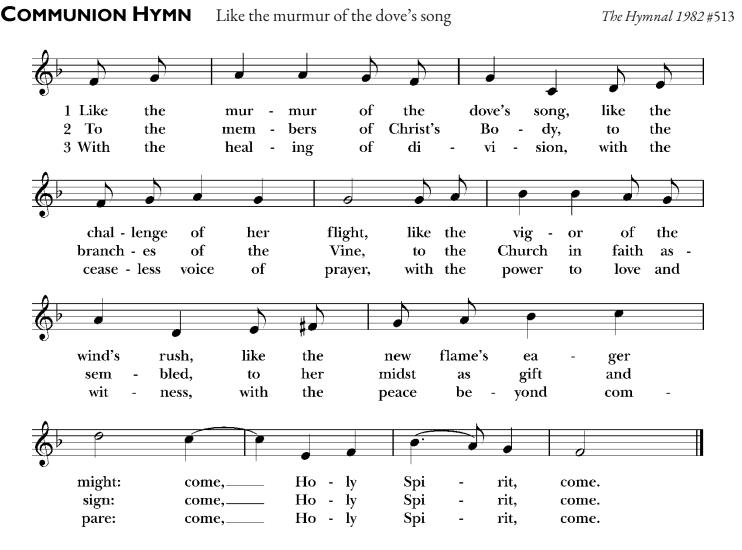
THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Body and Blood of Christ. Behold who you are, become what you receive.

Healing prayer is offered at the kneeler located near the lectern at the front of the nave for those who would like prayer.

Please be seated and wait for the invitation of an usher to leave your pew. Come forward to receive the consecrated bread and wine at the high altar or the station near the pulpit. (Alcohol-free wine is available at this station.) Return to your seat via the side aisles. Gluten-free host is available.

All are invited to sing the



Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) Music: *Bridegroom*, Peter Cutts (b. 1937)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever: even the spirit of truth.

(John 14:15-17a)

COMMUNION ANTHEM I sat down

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Song of Solomon 2:3b-4

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

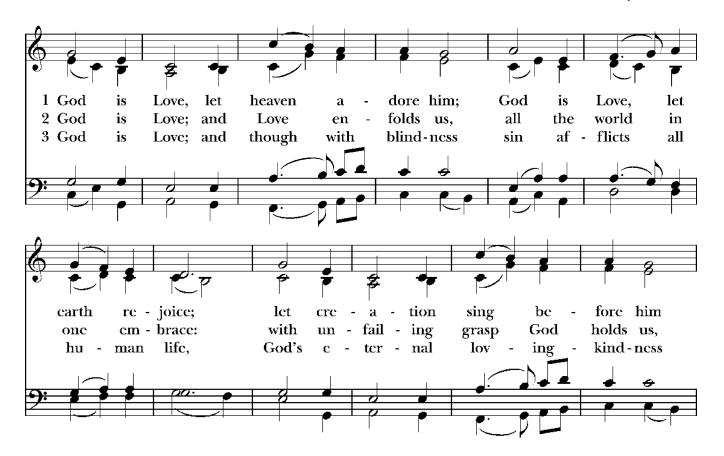
Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

CLOSING HYMN God is Love, let heaven adore him

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Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt. Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)

THE DISMISSAL

CelebrantGo in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Monolog and Fuga in C Major

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Thank you for joining us for worship. Join us for fellowship and refreshments in Hadley Hall.

The altar flowers are given by Ici Preston in memory of Miriam and Granville Edwards, Frank and Pauline King, Gwen Lewis, Eileen Murray, Eudora Burgess, Arturo Rolla, and Lawson Scantlebury.

TODAY

EASTERTIDE SUNDAY FORUM SERIES: CONTINUES TODAY AT 11:30AM

On Sundays, April 21 through May 12 at 11:30 am, join psychologist Dr. Brian Litzenberger and Rev. Nick as they lead us through a series of conversations about the power of rest, renewal, healthy spirituality, and peacemaking in our world shaped by isolation, loneliness, anxiety, and fear. This series will explore finding space for new life, a lasting spirituality, and relationship with God that brings wholeness while continuing to live into the work of following Jesus.

Moms of Young Children Lunch: Today at 12pm

Moms of infants and children up through fifth grade are invited for a casual potluck lunch today at noon in the Upper Parish Hall. Our group is always open to new people, and we offer laughter, moral support, and friendship. Please join us! For any questions, contact Sarah McGonigle at Sarah.p.mcgonigle@gmail.com.

PARISH WEEKEND AWAY: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Our all-parish, intergenerational retreat weekend at the Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center in Greenfield, NH will be the weekend of September 27-29, 2024. Immerse yourself in the peace and beauty of creation, and the community and welcome of our annual retreat. Please scan the QR code to register now!

THIS WEEK

MIDWEEK @ EPIPHANY: MAY I



All are invited to our next Midweek @ Epiphany on May 1 from 6:15 – 7:30 pm! This week, in a nod to Cinco de Mayo, we are having burritos and burrito bowls. There will be vegetarian options cookies for dessert. Midweek begins with dinner and fellowship, followed by formation opportunities for all ages. Please scan the QR code to sign up to help prepare dinner!

NEWCOMER COFFEE HOUR: MAY 5

Are you interested in learning more about Parish of the Epiphany? We invite you to our Newcomer Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 5 at 11:15 am, immediately following the 10:00 am worship service. Join us in the Rector's study to find out more about who we are as a parish and how to get connected!

CHURCH SCHOOL MINISTRY VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION: MAY 5

Our thriving Church School is growing by leaps and bounds, and we need several new teachers and room assistants to join this vibrant ministry as we look to add classes next fall. Volunteers are fully supported, the time commitment is low, and our ministry is full of joy and fun. Please reach out to Bryn Hollenbeck at bhollenbeck@3crowns.org for more information, and join us for a (no commitment) introduction to what we do after church on May 5 at 11:45 am in the Upper Parish Hall.

WORD & TABLE: MAY 5

Our next Word & Table worship service will be offered on Sunday, May 5 at 5:00 pm in Hadley Hall. Word & Table is a casual, contemporary, and creative service based on our familiar Episcopal liturgy offered at 5:00 pm on the first Sunday of each month from October through June.

UPCOMING

JEREMY BRUNS RECITAL AT TRINITY, COPLEY SQUARE: MAY 10

Jeremy Bruns will perform on Friday, May 10 at 12:15 pm at Trinity Church, Copley Square (206 Clarendon Street, Boston) as part of the Fridays at Trinity weekly organ recital series. The 30-minute program will be: Carillon-Sortie – Henri Mulet (1878-1967) and Suite pour Orgue, Op. 5 – Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986). There is no charge for admission; suggested donation of \$10.

GRADUATION SUNDAY: MAY 19

All seniors graduating from high school are invited to be part of Graduation Sunday at Epiphany, on May 19. Please let Rev. Janelle know at jhiroshige@3crowns.org if you (or your child) are graduating and would like to be recognized.

CHORAL EVENSONG: MAY 19

Save the date for a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 19 at 5:00 pm, sung by the Parish Choir and Choristers. More details to follow!

PARENT CONVERSATION SERIES ON MAY 19: THE BLESSINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Please join us for our first spring Parent Conversation! On Sunday, May 19 at 6:30 pm, all are welcome for *The Blessings of Middle Schoolers: Middle School Teacher Panel*. Three local middle school teachers—who also happen to be parents and parishioners at Epiphany—will lead us in a discussion around the joys and challenges of raising middle schoolers. This evening is for all who have a middle schooler; will have a middle schooler some day; have had a middle schooler; or know middle schoolers. In other words: this evening is for all of us. The Parent Conversation Series is part of our 4th-Soil Parenting Project Grant.

WELCOME TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Parish of the Epiphany joyfully welcomes children and the energy, sound, and movement they bring. This Sunday, our nursery is available for drop-off care during the service, for infants and toddlers through three years old. (Exit the sanctuary through the front right door and you will find the nursery). Church School for those in preschool through 5th grade happens during the first half of the service; children (including visitors) are invited to follow the children's cross and teachers during the procession, when those in preschool through 1st graders go to Upper Parish Hall and our 2nd through 5th graders go to the Chapel. We all return at the Passing of the Peace. Worship Bags, full of quiet activities to help children worship, are available in the back of the church.

Please visit our website, 3crowns.org, for more information about our children and youth programs. We offer special family-oriented evening worship services; intergenerational gatherings on Wednesday evenings called Midweek @ Epiphany; Choristers for grades 2-8; and youth groups and service opportunities for those in 6th grade and above. Visitors are always welcome at all of our programs. Join us!

New to our Church School? Please take a moment now to scan this QR code and share important information about your child's name, age, allergies, and parent contact number.



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Janelle Hiroshige, Celebrant Son Dr. Brian Litzenberger, Preacher Jeremy Bruns, Director of Music and Organist Son The Parish Choir Marie Johnson, Verger Son Liam Aldrich, Crucifer Son Finn Aldrich, Acolyte Josh Reynolds and Elizabeth Berner, Lectors
Ted Kellogg, Carol Kellogg, and Jared Cumming, Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Ashley Stevens and Vaughn Miller, Ushers Son Bill Walsh and Julie Theriault, Greeters Ciarán Anthony DellaFera, BSG, Healing Prayer Partner
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