



## The Parish of the Epiphany

### Family Newsletter

October 18 2020

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Sun 18-Oct 9:30am : [Zoom](#) : Sunday School (preK-6th grade)

Wed 21-Oct 8:00pm : [Zoom](#) : Youth Check-in (grades 6-12)

Sun 25-Oct 9:30am : [Zoom](#) : Sunday School (preK-6th grade)

Sun 25-Oct 11:30am : [Zoom](#) : Youth Mini-Course on Creation Care (grades 6-12)



Dear friends,

This prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book is quickly becoming a favorite during this season. I hope it blesses you this week.

*Lord,  
it is night.*

*The night is for stillness.  
Let us be still in the presence of God.*

*It is night after a long day.  
What has been done has been done;  
what has not been done has not been done;  
let it be.*

*The night is dark.  
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our  
own lives rest in you.*

*The night is quiet.  
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,  
all dear to us, and all who have no peace.*

*The night heralds the dawn.  
Let us look expectantly to a new day,  
new joys, new possibilities.*

*In your name we pray.  
Amen.*

Peace and love,

Bryn



## Youth Mini-Course: Creation Care

### Session I on Sunday, October 25 at 11:30am

Our first youth mini-course of the year will be held on Sunday 25 October and Sunday 8 November at 11:30am. [Zoom Link](#)

This two-session course will be a time to think about why “creation care” is part of the Church’s mission; what the Biblical foundations of creation care are; the role of God’s creation in our own faiths and how creation supports or shapes our spiritual practices; and in what ways we may be called to creation’s care. Some members of our Parish’s Creation Care and Sustainability Committee will join us and offer their reflections on how creation shapes their faith, and on how their faith has impelled them to creation’s care or activism.

Youth are also welcome to join the whole-church zoom formation session with Rev. Dr. Leah D. Schade on November 22. Rev. Dr. Schade will be our guest preacher during worship, and in our after-church zoom will talk about “Beyond ‘Creation Care’: Clarity, Compliance, Compassion, and Commitment.”

## Sunday School This Weekend: Loving Family

Please join us for Sunday School on Zoom this Sunday at 9:30am. Our topic is "Loving Family." We'll think about what family means, how many wonderful kinds of families there are, and how God is part of our families.

Check your Faith-at-Home envelope for fun family game for around the dinner table!

Many of our Sunday lessons include listening to story books. You can find the link to videos of the teachers reading these stories at [3crowns.org/school](https://www.3crowns.org/school).

Also please remember that we have wonderful illustrated Children's Bulletins which complement our live You Tube worship service. Try printing this [PDF](#) for your children (or teen, or yourself). It changes every week and mirrors our lectionary readings.



## Youth, Our Weekly Check-In Time Continues this Wednesday!

This Wednesday (10/21) we will gather again from 8:00-8:20pm. We'll check in with each other, offer friendship and support, and end with a short time of meditating on God's word and prayer.

We hope that these simple 20 minutes will help you feel the love and peace of God in the middle of your week, and to feel the support and friendship of our community.

Wednesday, 8pm: [Zoom](#)



## Nominations for 2021 Service Are Open

The Parish of the Epiphany needs leaders who are committed to growing their faith in Jesus Christ, excited about this parish community and the Episcopal Church, willing to roll up their sleeves, pray, and oversee our common life.

At our annual meeting in January 2021, we will elect one clerk, three vestry members, two people to attend the 2021 Diocesan Convention, and two

people to represent the Parish of the Epiphany at meetings of the local Deanery (the 13 parishes in the Mystic River Valley).

Email your nominations for any of these positions to [nominations@3crowns.org](mailto:nominations@3crowns.org) or use the online [survey here](#) to submit a nomination anonymously. Nominations close on 9 November.



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