



**The Fourth
Sunday of
Easter**

**8:00 & 9:30 am
April 26, 2026**



**Epiphany Anglican Church
1290 Ogilvie Road, Ottawa
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Come Journey with Us!



Welcome to Epiphany! We are glad you are here today.

If you are visiting, please make yourself at home.

We have a vibrant children and youth program with Sunday School each week at our 9:30 am service.

Note that the 9:30 am service is live-streamed, recorded, and posted to social media.

The Gathering of the Community

Our Diocese of Ottawa was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquin. **May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

♪ **Opening Hymn** Jesus is Risen from the Grave (B232) ♪

Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave.
Alleluia.

Jesus was seen by Mary...

Peter will soon be smiling...

Thomas will stop his doubting...

Jesus will meet his people...

Jesus is here in bread and wine...

Jesus will live forever...

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy!

♪ **Glory to God** ♪

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

Let us pray. O God, whose Son is the good shepherd, send us out as shepherds to seek the lost, to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion; through Jesus, who calls each by name. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the Book of Acts (2:42-47)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Psalm 23 The Lord's My Shepherd (B519)** ♪

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want: he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.

A reading from the First Letter of Peter (2:19-25)

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ Gospel Acclamation: **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah** ♪

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10:1-10). **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

♪ **Musical Reflection** ♪

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

by Adam Geibel (Arr. Kim Williams)

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *A brief silence.*

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. We pray for Kathryn, our Bishop-Elect, Anne, our Metropolitan, and Shane, our Primate. We pray for Kairos Ottawa and Saint Paul University, our diocesan partners and for staff at Ascension House, including the Archives. We pray for St. Barnabas, Deep River with the Venerable Patrick Stephens, and for members of the Licensed Lay Readers' Association and their warden, the Rev. Bob Albert. We pray our own parish of the Epiphany with Rev. Simone, our priest, and all who lead ministry here. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured. Tend to those who have asked for our prayers: **Jody** (Shaw), **Pierre** (Poirier), **Jill** (D), **Erin** (Galt), **Ghassan, Aaron** (Blakely) **& Family**, **Fred** (Sherman), **José** (Rodrigues), **Lisa** (Van Alstine), **Rita & Colin** (Hurst), **Betiel** (Gideon), **the Douglas Family**, **Julie** (Foster), **Faith, Miroslav** (Slejska), **Diane** (Smith), **Mary** (Jonah), **Maria, Riccardo, Ambar, Shelley** (Harvey), **Tendeh, Tina** (Schmidt), **Janine & Mike, Linda** (Tasovac), **Ruth** (Colenutt), **Christine** (Jenkins), **Nicole** (Asite), **Don** (Raymond) **& Family, Kathy & Family, Jonathan** (René de Cotret), **Jill** (Hyde-Clarke), **Donna** (Robichaud), **Rob** (W), **Jestina** (Agbaje) **& Family, Bobby**, and any others we name aloud or in our hearts. *A brief silence.* Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honoured and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. The candles on the altar are lit this morning in memory of Bob Amesbury, family member of Ken, and for John LaCombe, friend of Donna Cameron & Bob Blackie. The flowers on the altar are given by Jos Cleary, in loving memory of his wife, Sharon. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. **Amen.**

The Peace

We remember to share the Peace with those worshipping online.

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

♪ **Offertory Hymn** The King of Love My Shepherd Is (B520) ♪

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

The Prayer over the Gifts

You are invited to place your financial gift

on the collection plate near the baptismal font before or after service.

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and
give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold
of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in
the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song
of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and
defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks
through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints
in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your
new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim
your glory saying (singing):

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.** ♪

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

at 8:00 am

And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

at 9:30 am

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we sing:

♪ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen, amen.** ♪

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

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.** ♪

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in bread and/or wine. If you'd prefer not to receive, cross your arms over your chest for a blessing. Let Rev. Simone know if you need a gluten-free wafer. The sidespeople will direct you to the altar.

♪ **Communion Hymn** Great Is Thy Faithfulness (R90) ♪

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **R**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. **R**

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing & Announcements

♪ **Closing Hymn** Crown Him with Many Crowns (B378) ♪

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Announcements

Fundraising Tea for the Middle East Save-the-date: on the afternoon of Saturday, May 23, Epiphany and St. Elias Orthodox Church will be combining forces to host a fundraising tea for people impacted by the recent war in the Middle East. We'll need volunteers and contributions of delicious desserts! Stay tuned for more information.

Alongside Hope Seven Sacred Teachings Storytelling Study

Join in this new season of learning, listening, and relationship-building. Starting Mondays from May 4 through June 22 at 7 pm, Alongside Hope invites you to an eight-week online Storytelling Study exploring the Seven Sacred Teachings. Guided by the Rev. Vincent Solomon of Norway House Cree Nation, we'll gather each week to reflect on wisdom, identity, and what it means to live into Right Relationships. All are welcome to join this journey of shared growth. Register today at <https://tinyurl.com/3jermx3s>.

Epiphany Study Group April 30 We focus each week on the upcoming Sunday readings and reflect on how we can apply this to our daily lives as Christians. We meet on Thursday evenings at 6 pm in the worship space for a light meal followed by our study. All are welcome! See Dianne Woods or Sylvie Pelletier with questions & email epiphanystudygroup@gmail.com to be added to our contact list.

Ordination and Consecration of Our Next Bishop All are warmly invited to the ordination and consecration of the Venerable Kathryn Anne Otley as a Bishop in the Church of God and her Seating as the 11th Bishop of Ottawa, on Saturday, May 9th, 2026 at 10:30 am at Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa (414 Sparks St). A festive reception will follow. The service will also be livestreamed at: youtube.com/@ChristChurchCathedralOttawa.

Free Income Tax Clinics A reminder to newcomers to Canada that it is important to file an income tax return, even if your income in 2025 was very low.

Submitting a tax return connects you with certain benefits that you would not receive otherwise. To find a free tax clinic near you, scan the QR code.



Creative Connections Tuesdays between 10 am & noon. All are welcome to come and enjoy a cup of coffee and join in a friendly game of cards, chess, join the group at the crafting table, or work on a jigsaw puzzle. The more the merrier!

Get in Touch & Get Involved!
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Giving to Epiphany

Did you know that Epiphany's activities and outreach are entirely funded by parishioner donations? There are many ways to help: e-transfer epiphanyanglican@gmail.com, automatic giving (email office@epiphanyanglican.ca), or placing a gift on the collection plate. All gifts are important and appreciated!

Assisting in Ministry Today

Greeter	Susan Liddle
Altar Guild	Wes Fayad, Violet Shaw
Crucifer	Judy Lee
Sidespeople	Duncan Hayes, Hon Lam
Readers	Kitty Galt, Brian Harvey
Psalmist	Sung by the congregation
Prayer Leader	Christa O'Hare
Communion Assistants	Judith Young, Ron Zimmer
Coffee Hosts	Roy & Margaret Moffett
Lock Up	Jos Cleary

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Contact Form

Are you new to Epiphany? Have you moved or changed coordinates, or would you like a name tag? How about becoming involved in a particular way or have ideas for our parish and community? Use the form below and place it on the offering plate.

Name

Email Address

Tel Number (optional)

Address (optional)

I would like a name tag

Yes

Not at this time

I would like a call from the priest

Yes

Not at this time

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