



**The Fifth  
Sunday of  
Easter**

**8:00 & 9:30 am  
May 3, 2026**



**Epiphany Anglican Church  
1290 Ogilvie Road, Ottawa  
[epiphanyanglican.ca](http://epiphanyanglican.ca)**

***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.*

### ♪ **Prelude** ♪

Melancholy Reflections by Mike Schoenmehl, Rina Kim, piano

## **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** How Firm a Foundation (B527, tune 393) ♪

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

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. Generous God, whose life is freely given in Jesus Christ our Lord: as you have opened for us your house of many rooms, so may we make a place for the rejected and unloved, and share in the work of peace; through Jesus Christ the cornerstone. **Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

**A reading from the Book of Acts (7:55-60)**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

♪ **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** ♪

**Refrain: Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit.**

In you, O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. **R**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. **R**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, who are the God of truth. **R**

"My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me." **R**

**A reading from the First Letter of Peter (2:2-10)**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 (14:1-14). **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

## **Homily**

♪ **Musical Reflection** ♪

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

by Crosby/Sweney (arr. David L. McIntyre)

*Crystal Thieringer, flute*

## **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.*

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. 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; as well as for the International Anglican Women's Network of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, our diocesan partners. We pray for St. Barnabas, Ottawa with the Reverend Canon George Kwari, and for the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen. We pray for our own parish of the Epiphany with Rev. Simone, our priest, all who lead ministry here, and especially for our building restoration project. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick. Tend to those who have asked for our prayers: **Jody** (Shaw), **Pierre** (Poirier), **Ghassan, Aaron** (Blakely) **& Family**, **Fred** (Sherman), **José** (Rodrigues), **Lisa** (Van Alstine), **Rita & Colin** (Hurst), **Betiel** (Gideon), **the Douglas Family**, **Julie** (Foster), **Faith, Miroslav** (Slejska), **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), **Rob** (W), **Jestina** (Agbaje) **& Family**, **Bobby, Saindass** (Aeri), 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.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Alex Killby in loving memory of John & Alice Van Leeuwen. 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** Nada te Turbe (B568) ♪

Nada te turbe, nada te espante:  
Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.  
Nada te turbe, nada te espante:  
Solo Dios basta.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
God alone fills us.

### 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.*

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life.  
May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your  
truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
**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.**

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise  
for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one  
another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the  
world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain  
with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and  
call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak,  
and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed  
home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise  
our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and  
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.** ♪

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home. **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love. **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and 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** Healer of Our Every Ill (B612) ♪

**Refrain** Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. **Refrain**

In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. **Refrain**

Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. **Refrain**

You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. **Refrain**

### **The Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (B300) ♪

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody,  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness,  
hear thy servants as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee, forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever three, and ever one,  
one in might, and one in glory,  
while unending ages run.

**Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Announcements

**Fundraising Tea for the Middle East** On Saturday, May 23 between 2 and 5 pm, 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! RSVP by scanning the QR code or by emailing the office. See you there!



**Epiphany Staff News** After four beautiful years as Epiphany's organist and pianist, our beloved Daniel Furtado will be stepping down at the end of summer 2026. This decision comes after many months of discernment - Daniel's long-term health challenges have prompted him to reduce his overall workload. He will continue teaching and has graciously made himself available to help us find Epiphany's next organist. To say that we have been blessed to have Daniel on our Epiphany staff team is an understatement. He is a true gem: musically gifted, highly intelligent, kind, generous and a joy to work with. He will be dearly missed. Please wish Daniel all the best as he enters this next chapter and plan to attend the celebratory gathering we'll hold for him in late summer, details to come.

**Nature & Birding Walk** It's that time of year again! Spring means more of God's creatures venturing out or back from southern climes. Join James Menard in the parking lot after the 9:30 service on Sunday May 10. We'll walk over to Ken Steele Park again for a leisurely stroll. It can be muddy in spots, and there may be ticks so be sure to wear closed shoes with socks. Rain or shine!

**Epiphany Study Group May 7** 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](mailto: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](https://www.youtube.com/@ChristChurchCathedralOttawa).

**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>.

**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!**  
**Ministry Team Leads at Epiphany**

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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](mailto:epiphanyanglican@gmail.com), automatic giving (email [office@epiphanyanglican.ca](mailto:office@epiphanyanglican.ca)), or placing a gift on the collection plate. All gifts are important and appreciated!

## Assisting in Ministry Today

<b>Greeter</b>	Judith Young
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wendy Green, Cindy Hurst Boyd
<b>Crucifer</b>	Susan Liddle
<b>Sidespeople</b>	Jos Cleary, Laurence Sianchuk
<b>Readers</b>	Gillian & Derek Keane
<b>Psalmist</b>	TBD
<b>Prayer Leader</b>	Ron Zimmer
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Deborah Bennett, Judith Young
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Rachelle Dubé-Hayes
<b>Lock Up</b>	Rachelle Dubé-Hayes

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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

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Email Address

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Yes

Not at this time

I would like a call from the priest

Yes

Not at this time

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