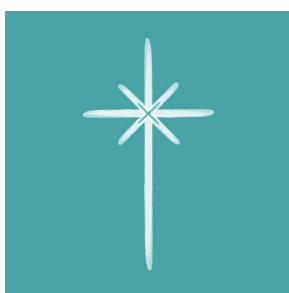




Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**9:30 am
Holy Eucharist**

August 16, 2026



**Epiphany Anglican Church
1290 Ogilvie Road, Ottawa
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.

In the summer months our services are held at 9:30 am each week & are live-streamed, recorded, & posted to social media.

Children are welcome to stay in the service and use the tables at the sides of the worship space to colour. Sunday school will resume on September 13 at our 9:30 am service.

We are blessed to welcome back Canon Pat Johnston this morning. Rev. Simone returns from holiday on August 19.

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** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (B606) ♪

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

Foolish hearts, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Fainting souls, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray. God of the nations, all are invited to your table, for in your family no one is a stranger. Satisfy our hunger and mercifully extend to all people the joy of salvation and faith. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the Book of Genesis (45:1-15)

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more

years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
**upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
**For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (11:1-2a, 29-32)

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 Matthew (15:10-28). **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Homily

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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. We pray for Kathryn, our Bishop, Anne, our Metropolitan, and Shane, our Primate. We pray for the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Sacred Circle Events, and the ministry of reconciliation. We pray for Alongside Hope and Anglican Foundation, our diocesan partners. We pray for St. Aidan's, Ottawa with the Reverend Rosemary Parker. We pray for our own parish of the Epiphany with Rev. Simone, our priest, and for Canon Pat, our guest priest, and for all who lead ministry here. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats especially those threatened by the wildfires throughout the planet. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind. 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**, **Margaret**, **Ambar**, **Tendeh**, **Janine & Mike**, **Linda** (Tasovac), **Ruth**, **Curtis**, **Rhonda & Darcy** (Colenutt), **Nicole** (Asite), **Don** (Raymond) **& Family**, **Kathy & Family**, **Jonathan** (René de Cotret), **Rob** (W), **Bobby**, **Saindass** (Aeri), **Ryan** (Thompson), **Scott** (Armstrong), **Vanessa & Talhia** (L), **Celestine** (Bynoe), **the Carriere Family**, **Michael** (Blakely), **Joanne** (Lewis), **Swami** (Gyankirti), **Marjolaine**, and any others we name aloud or in our hearts. A *brief silence*. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. The flowers on the altar are given by Wendy Green in loving memory of her husband, Gerry. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *Silence is kept.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

We remember to share the Peace with those worshiping online.

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

♪ **Offertory Hymn** Where Charity and Love Prevail (B487) ♪

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear, his charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our own confess,
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contention cease.
Be his the glory that we seek; be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honoured be God's name;
Our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

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.*

Loving God and Creator, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn, saying: **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, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all. **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say: **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.**

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst." **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

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

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 to receive a blessing. Let Canon Pat know if you need a gluten-free wafer. The sidespeople will direct you to receive around the altar.

♪ **Communion Hymn** Surely, the Presence of the Lord (R246) ♪

Refrain Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

In the midst of his children, the Lord said he would be.
It doesn't take very many, it can be just two or three.
And I feel the same sweet Spirit that I've felt oft times before.
Surely I can say I have been with the Lord. **R**

There's a holy hush around us as God's glory fills this place.
I've touched the hem of his garment, I can almost see his face.
And my heart is overflowing with the fullness of his joy.
I know without a doubt: I have been with the Lord. **R**

The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our 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** In Christ There is No East or West
(B484, tune 620) ♪

In Christ there is no east or west, in Christ no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find,
whose service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be;
who serves my God in truth and love is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in Christ meet south and north;
all faithful souls are joined in one throughout the whole wide Earth.

Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Announcements

Farewell Card for Daniel As announced earlier, after four beautiful years as Epiphany's organist and pianist, our beloved Daniel Furtado will be stepping down. Save-the-date for a farewell celebration at the end of his last service with us on Sunday, Aug 30, and sign the card in the narthex this morning.

Welcome Josh! Epiphany's organist hiring committee (Gennaro, Rev. Simone, Daniel and Alice) is pleased to announce that Josh Wu will begin as Epiphany's new organist and pianist on September 6. Josh is highly qualified: he has a Bachelors of Music degree in piano performance from Western University and a Masters of Music with a concentration in performance from the University of Ottawa. He also has experience accompanying choirs and teaching piano here in Ottawa. We are thrilled Josh will be joining us and look forward to getting to know him.

Building Restoration Update Despite our best efforts, our building restoration project start is delayed until spring 2027. The selected contractor had not yet secured building permits, which would have pushed the work into the colder months, increasing the cost of the project. In addition, the Diocese has recently let us know that it is unlikely to guarantee a construction loan from BMO and requires us to secure 80% of the funds needed before the project can be approved and begun. While this is disappointing, we know that projects of this complexity and magnitude have many twists and turns! We will go back to tender in January 2027 for a spring construction start. We're so pleased that Laurence Sianchuk has agreed to act as our fundraising campaign Chair, assisted by James Menard. Look for more information on our continued campaign for the additional funds in the weeks to come. Your prayers for this project and all who are working on it continue to be greatly appreciated.

Rev. Simone's Vacation Rev. Simone will be away between August 5th and 18th. We are blessed that Canon Pat Johnston will be back with us on August 9th and 16th. Please phone the church office and listen to the voicemail for instructions on what to do should there be a pastoral emergency.

Epiphany Bible Study Group will resume mid September. We meet on Thursday evenings at 6 pm in the worship space for a light meal followed by our liturgical study. All are welcome! See Dianne Woods or Sylvie Pelletier with questions and email epiphanystudygroup@gmail.com to be added to our contact list or to provide any feedback which could help us for our next Bible study season.

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!



Your donation matters

It matters to every patient across Canada.
Because it's something we can do today to help others wake up healthier tomorrow.

Upcoming blood donation events

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Friday, August 28

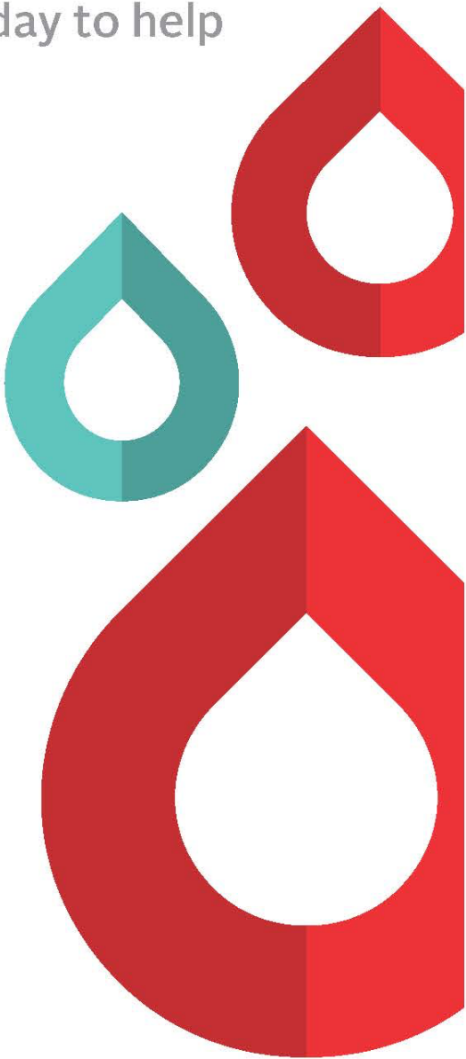
2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Monday, August 31

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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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 at 9:30 am Today

Greeter	Gail LaBarbera
Altar Guild	Wes Fayad, Violet Shaw
Crucifer	Doug Sherman
Sidespeople	Martin Thieringer, Jos Cleary
Readers	Duane Van Alstine, Alice Alexander
Psalmist	<i>Spoken in the summer months</i>
Prayer Leader	Wes Fayad
Communion Assistants	Laurence Sianchuk, Judith Young
Coffee Hosts	Carol Arnott, Cindy Hurst Boyd, Gail LaBarbera
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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 & place it on the offering plate.

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Email Address

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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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