

Epiphany Anglican Church
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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.

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.

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** The Kingdom of God is Justice & Joy (B631)

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.

The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry "Glory!" To God All-in-All.

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. Scandalous God, you sow weeds among the crop, raise bread with impure yeast, offer treasure without price and cast a net that catches good and bad: throw down our idols of purity and possession, so that you might reveal in us your wide-branching love; through Jesus Christ, the stumbling block. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the Book of Genesis (29:15-28)

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?"

Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me."

So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed."

So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

Psalm 105: 1-11, 45c

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the divine name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises,
and speak of all the marvellous works of the Lord.

Glory in the holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the strength of the Lord;
continually seek the face of God.

Remember the marvels the Lord has done,
the wonders and the judgements of the mouth of the Lord,

O offspring of Abraham the servant of God,
O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord.

The Lord is our God,
whose judgements prevail in all the world,
who has always been mindful of the covenant,
the promise made for a thousand generations:

the covenant made with Abraham,
the oath sworn to Isaac,

established as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan
to be your allotted inheritance." Hallelujah!

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:26-39)

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and

those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 (13: 31-33, 44-52). **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

God our wisdom and our song, we pray for all who seek to lead your disciples. We pray for Kathryn, our Bishop, Anne, our Metropolitan, and Shane, our Primate. We pray for the staff at Ascension House, including the Archives. We pray for Kairos Ottawa and Saint Paul University, our diocesan partners. We pray for St. Clare's, North Dundas with the Reverend Jonathan Askwith and for the residents, staff, and chaplains of the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre. We pray for our own parish of the Epiphany with Rev. Simone, our priest, and for all who lead ministry here. We pray especially for our building restoration project. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support people and animals affected by forest fires, including those fighting them. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our peace and our guide, remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. 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.* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Eric Killby in honour of his parents: Harry & Joan Killby. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **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 worshipping online.

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

♪ **Offertory Hymn** Seek Ye First (B458) ♪

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And God's righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia. **Refrain**

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 grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask 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 indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name, 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.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for 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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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 Rev. Simone know if you need a gluten-free wafer. The sidespeople will direct you to receive around 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 grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. **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** Sent Forth by God’s Blessing (R232) ♪

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended; O, now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God’s grace did invite us; and love shall unite us
to work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.
With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God’s children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us; with your light now lead us.
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honour to Christ and that name which we bear.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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.

Building Restoration Update We are pleased to let you know that our special vestry on June 28 unanimously approved our restoration project. The next step is to secure diocesan approval and confirm favourable financing. Once these steps are complete we will prepare and sign a contract with the general contractor so that the work can begin over the next couple of months. Please continue to pray for the success of this project!

July is Scam Awareness Month. We are all vulnerable to scams, and unfortunately scammers are getting more and more sophisticated. Throughout the month of July, our own Sam Leek will be sharing information about the most common scams and tips on how to avoid them. This week we'll learn about authority scams: scammers impersonate trusted agencies such as the CRA or CBSA and claim you'll face penalties if you don't follow their instructions. They may ask to pay a fine to avoid a penalty and often pressure you to act quickly. Tip for avoiding: real Canadian government officials will not threaten arrest or demand immediate payment by phone or email. If you're unsure, look up the agency's official phone number and call them directly. We've included a handy tip sheet in this week's bulletin to take home.

Construction on Ogilvie Road The City of Ottawa has advised that Ogilvie Road from the Aviation Pkwy to City Park Drive East will be resurfaced during the day and possibly on the weekends and will involve minor lane interruptions. Work is expected to start on July 2 and be completed by August. Let's continue to be patient and cautious when entering and exiting our parking lot.

Epiphany's New Indigenous-Focussed Lending Library The Outreach Committee has launched a new Indigenous-focussed lending library in Epiphany's narthex. We would love to borrow your books written by Indigenous authors and about Indigenous issues. The books would be offered to be lent out to parishioners during the months of May, June and July. Please speak with Valerie Maier or email the office if you can contribute.

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

Epiphany Anglican Church

1290 Ogilvie Rd.
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Friday, August 28

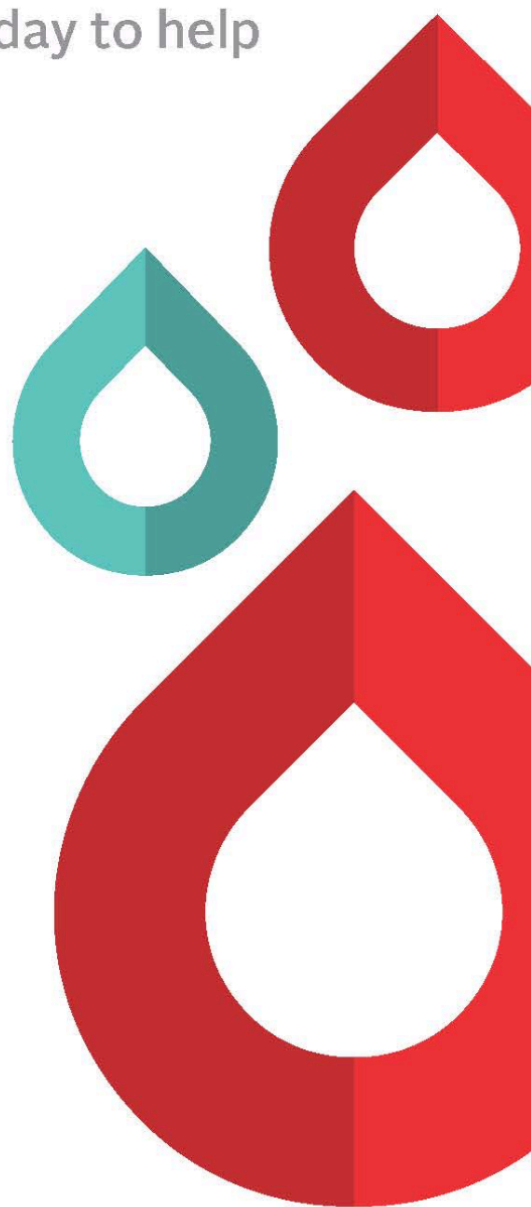
2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Monday, August 31

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Join **Canada's Lifeline**

Book now at blood.ca or call **1 888 2 DONATE**



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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	Judith Young
Altar Guild	Wendy Green, Cindy Hurst Boyd
Crucifer	Judy Lee
Sidespeople	Bill Eggleton, Jos Cleary
Readers	Susan Liddle, James Menard
Psalmist	<i>Spoken in the summer months</i>
Prayer Leader	Violet Shaw
Communion Assistants	Deborah Bennett, Rose Dennis
Coffee Hosts	Judith Young, Roy Moffett, Susan Liddle
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 & 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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