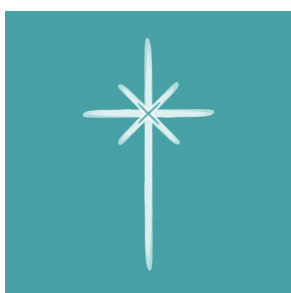




**Sixth Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**9:30 am
Holy Eucharist**

July 5, 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.

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** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (B354) ♪
Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure of my God's unchanging love.
Here I make faith's affirmation: thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy compassion, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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 heaven and earth, you reveal your wisdom to the childlike; may we learn from your Son humility of heart, so that we find refreshment and rest even as we shoulder the cross of Christ; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the Book of Genesis (24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67)

Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.'

So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the

right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

Psalm 45:11-18

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;
forget your people and your father's house.

The king will have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your master; therefore do him honour.

The people of Tyre are here with a gift;
the rich among the people seek your favour."

All glorious is the princess as she enters;
her gown is cloth-of-gold.

In embroidered apparel she is brought to her sovereign;
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

With joy and gladness they are brought,
and enter into the royal palace.

“In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons;
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another;
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.”

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (7:15-25a)

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 (11:16-19, 25-30). **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they

say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

t that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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 unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest. We pray for Kathryn, our Bishop, Anne, our Metropolitan, Shane, our Primate, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. We pray for Alongside Hope and the Anglican Foundation, our diocesan partners. We pray for St. James, Manotick with the Reverend John Holgate. 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 life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our freedom, you bring peace. Teach us our part in creating peace for future generations. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill, or who are in need. 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), **Shireen** (Ciccarelli), **Vanessa & Talhia** (L), **Celestine** (Bynoe), **the Carriere Family**, **Michael** (Blakely) and any others we name aloud or in our hearts. *A brief silence.* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our home, you model freedom through the love shared across communities of trust and goodwill. As we remember those now gone to eternal rest, we thank you for the gifts of life together. 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 worshiping online.

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

♪ **Offertory Hymn** Just a Closer Walk With Thee ♪

Refrain Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,
let me walk close to thee. **Refrain**

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. **Refrain**

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. **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 heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and
strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a
world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By
your power you sustain the universe. **Glory to you for ever and
ever.**

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each
other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we
do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather

us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say, **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.**

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me." **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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.**

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread. **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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** Be Thou My Vision (B505) ♪

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, thine own may I be
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee
Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art
High King of heaven, when victory is won
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, 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** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (B425) ♪

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Dismissal

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

Announcements

Building Restoration Update We are pleased to let you know that our special vestry last Sunday 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 and all who are working on it!

Annual Rummage and Bake Sale Save the date, save your items! On Saturday, July 18 from 9 am and 1 pm (rain or shine) we will be hosting our popular annual rummage and bake sale. Come find treasures, bring your family and friends and let's celebrate summer together! Please note this is a cash-only event.

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 *fake email scams*: dishonest people impersonate someone you know by creating an email address that looks like their real email address. Scammers usually do this so they can access your financial information (e.g. a money transfer) or get you to buy gift cards for them. For example, someone recently created a fake email account to impersonate Rev. Simone and sent requests to parishioners. Tip for avoiding: If you get a request from someone you know for money or gift cards, call them directly to confirm.

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.

Support Venezuelan Earthquake Recovery Efforts The devastation continues in the wake of the deadly twin earthquakes that shook Venezuela last week. In response to the crisis, the Government of Canada announced it will match all donations made to the Humanitarian Coalition (HC) appeal between June 25 and July 14, up to \$2 million. The HC comprises 12 leading Canadian aid agencies including the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, of which Alongside Hope is a member. Scan the QR code to learn more and to donate.



Sign a Petition to Support a Palestinian Refugee You may have noticed that we have been praying for Ghassan--a Palestinian refugee taking refuge in Indonesia--in the Prayers of the People for the past two years. The Interchurch Refugee Group (IRG), of which Epiphany is a founding member, has committed to sponsoring Ghassan, but his application has been stalled. The IRG is seeking answers from the government about why this application is stalled and asking them to take action. In the church lobby tomorrow there will be three petitions to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, and Mona Fortier, the MP of the riding where Epiphany is located. Please support the IRG's sponsorship efforts by signing all three petitions in the narthex this morning.

Coping with Grief On May 21, Epiphany's Thursday Evening Study Group held a special session on grief and loss. Our own Roy Moffett of our pastoral care team made a presentation that can be viewed using this QR code.



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!

Get in Touch & Get Involved!
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<p>Webmaster Alex Killby</p>	<p>Fellowship Larry Cicarelli</p>
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<p>Treasurer Gregg Alexander</p>	<p>Worship & Altar Guild Shelley Harvey</p>

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	Wendy Green
Altar Guild	Lina Trépanier, Jestina Agbaje
Crucifer	Doug Sherman
Sidespeople	Duncan Hayes, Jos Cleary
Readers	Melvyn Douglas, Matthew Ezema
Psalmist	<i>Spoken in the summer months</i>
Prayer Leader	Christa O'Hare
Communion Assistants	Roxanne Latulippe, Sri Mukherjee
Coffee Hosts	James & Sandy Menard, Susan Liddle
Lock Up	Duncan Hayes

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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.

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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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