

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** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (B388) ♪
Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.
See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.
Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering— showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading, light by night and shade by day,
Daily on the manna feeding which God gives them when they pray.
Saviour, if of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure, all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

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. O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, so that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the Book of Exodus (1:8-2:10)

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.

So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong.

And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

Psalms 124

If the Lord had not been on our side,

let Israel now say;

if the Lord had not been on our side,

when enemies rose up against us;

then would they have swallowed us up alive

in their fierce anger toward us;

then would the waters have overwhelmed us

and the torrent gone over us;

then would the raging waters

have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord

who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;

the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

the maker of heaven and earth.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (12:1-8)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 (16:13-20). **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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.*

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. 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 Communion Forest, Compass Rose, our diocesan partners. We pray for St. Bartholomew's, Ottawa with the Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah. We pray for our own parish of the Epiphany with Rev. Simone, our priest, and for all who lead ministry here. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster, especially Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Ukraine and Sudan. Guide the work of relief agencies and peace-making organizations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. 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, Margareth, 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.**

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. We pray for our own Amani Cicarelli as she embarks on a journey of learning and serving in Bethlehem, Palestine. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. The candles on the altar are lit in loving memory of Joycie and Carlton Braithwaite, dear friends of the Dennis family. 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** They'll Know We are Christians ♪

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **R**

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. **R**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. **R**

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 glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us that true and perfect gift. 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.

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.**

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** This is the Body of Christ ♪

This is the body of Christ,
Broken that we may be whole;
This cup, as promised by God,
True to his word, cradles our Lord:
Food for the good of the soul.

The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake 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** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (SNC 139) ♪

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me...

I'm gonna pray so God can use me...

I'm gonna sing so God can use me...

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.

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.

Capital Pride Parade, August 30 This year our diocese will be once again marching in the Capital Pride parade, happening at 1 pm next Sunday, August 30. Watch this space for details on where to congregate on the day of the parade.

Urgent Request to Extend Centre 454 Relocation Centre 454 provides essential services and support to some of Ottawa's most vulnerable residents and is an important part of the broader community and social-service network in Lowertown, Sandy Hill, the ByWard Market and surrounding neighbourhoods. As part of long-term planning, Belong Ottawa and the City have concluded after January 2027, Centre 454 will relocate. One of our Diocesan Community Ministries, Belong Ottawa is committed to ensuring that people who rely on these services continue to have safe, consistent and uninterrupted access to support and is asking the City of Ottawa for more time. Scan the QR code to access a short, fillable advocacy letter that will be sent directly to the Mayor and City Councillors.



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.

Epiphany Bible Study Group will resume on September 10. 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
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Friday, August 28

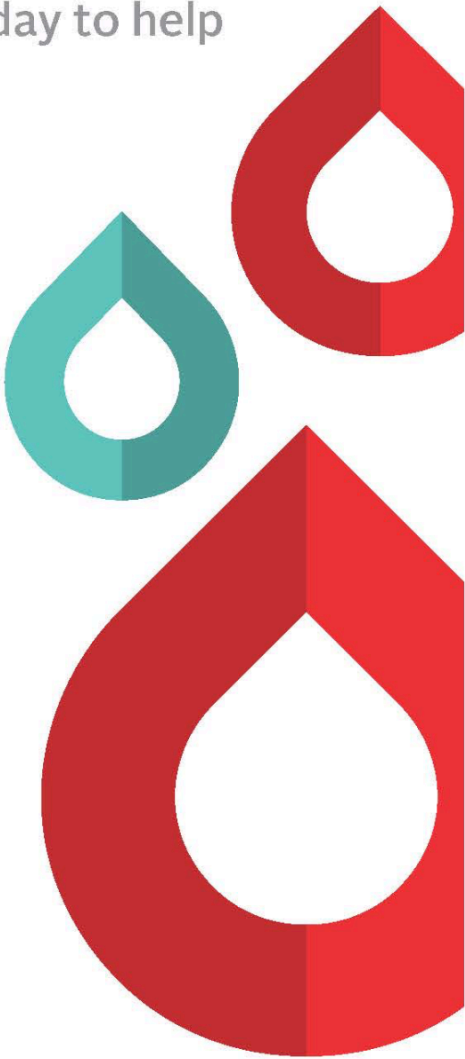
2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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	Susan Liddle
Altar Guild	Wendy Green, Cindy Hurst Boyd
Crucifer	Shelley Harvey
Sidespeople	Bill Eggleton, Duncan Hayes
Readers	Jane Robin Bell, Larry Ciccarelli
Psalmist	<i>Spoken in the summer months</i>
Prayer Leader	Margaret Moffett
Communion Assistants	Ken Amesbury, Lina Trépanier
Coffee Hosts	Rose Dennis, Roy & Margaret Moffett
Lock Up	Rose Dennis

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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

I would like a call from the priest

YesNot at this time

YesNot at this time

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