

**Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

**Feast of the Creator
&
Blessing of Animals**

8:00 & 9:30 am

October 4, 2026

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**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.

We have a vibrant children and youth program with Sunday School each week at our 9:30 am service.

Note that our 9:30 am service is live-streamed, recorded, and posted to social media

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** All Things Bright and Beautiful (B416) ♪

Refrain All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each radiant flower that opens, each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings. **R**

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden: God made them every one. **Refrain**

The rocky mountain splendour, the loon's wild, haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall. **Refrain**

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator, who has made all things well. **Refrain**

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. Creator, you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens and the earth and us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your breath in all creatures that we may be of service in the healing of the earth, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, through whom you breathe all creation into being. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from the Book of Proverbs (8:22-31)

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

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

♪ Psalm 33:1-9 ♪

Refrain: Happy the people chosen by God.

Rejoice in God, you righteous; it is good for the just to sing praises. Praise God with the harp; play to the Holy One upon the psaltery and lyre. Sing for God a new song; sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet **R**

For your work, O God is right, and all your works are sure. You love righteousness and justice; your loving-kindness fills the whole earth. **R**

By your word, O God, were the heavens made, by the breath of your mouth all the heavenly hosts. You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin and store up the depths of the sea. **R**

Let all the earth fear you, O God; let all who swell in the world stand in awe of you. For you spoke, and it came to pass; you commanded, and it stood fast. **R**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (1:15-20)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

♪ Gospel Acclamation: **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah** ♪

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:1-5). **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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

Homily

Blessing of the Animals

Call out the names of those animals for whom we care. Call out the names of those animals who are no longer with us.

Open our eyes to the wonder of creation, that we may see you in all your works; **pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Make us wise and faithful stewards of creation, caring for the earth, the waters, the air, and all that live therein; **pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Look with compassion on those that are abused and mistreated, show us their dignity in your creation; **pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Remember those creatures that have died yet remain dear to us that they may rejoice in your new creation; **pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis' love for all God's creatures, we bless all the animals entrusted to our care, especially those whose pictures are shown here today, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world. *A brief silence.*

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. We pray for Kathryn, our Bishop, Anne, our Metropolitan, Shane, our Primate, as well as for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. We pray for the Communion Forest and Compass Rose, our diocesan partners. We pray for St. Barnabas, Ottawa with the Reverend Canon George Kwari. We pray for our own parish of the Epiphany with Rev. Simone, our priest, and for all who lead ministry here. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation, especially Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering. 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), **Michael** (Blakely), **Joanne** (Lewis), **Swami** (Gyankirti), **Marjolaine, Jilleen, Bob** (Blackie), **Yagu** (Coker), **Andrea** (Mackellar) and any others we name aloud or in our hearts. *A brief silence.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. The flowers on the altar are given by Ivy Sayers in loving memory of her brother, Radford Upfield. The candles on the altar are lit in memory of Mike and Iris Dove, beloved husband and mother-in-law of Lyness Dove. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through 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** Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth ♪

Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flower, until I know.

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.*

Eternal Creator, Holy Wisdom, all creation yearns in hope to be
set free. Receive all we offer you this day and through this
Eucharist lead us to be servants of your justice and truth in the
name of Jesus. **Amen.**

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Creator.

Let us thank the Giver of Life.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you
Creator of all. We praise you here in this place, where the rivers
meet. We praise you in this time of sorrow, when the body of the
earth is broken and bruised. We give you thanks for our place on
this land, and in the story of salvation.

Our ancestors journeyed with you in desert and in wilderness, displaced and displacing, frightened and welcoming, all the while searching for home. They knew you on mountains and by wells, in tents and in cities, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who saw you in a burning bush, followed you in cloud and fire, and were fed by ravens on the mountains.

Together with angels and ancestors, lake and river, deer and coyote, birch tree and cedar, we join our voices with all of creation as we sing: ♪ **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 thanks to you for Jesus, born among the animals. He was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, nourished and tested in the wilderness, travelled on the lakes, and knew the mysteries of seeds and growth.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth. He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land and work of human hands, gave thanks and gave it to his friends, saying, This is my blood, which is shed for you. Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and awaiting his coming to renew all things, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts, that we who eat and drink at this table may be one with all who hunger and thirst for justice, and be joined with all of creation, our kin.

Pour out your Spirit on the whole earth, that it may become your new creation, and that we, along with your people, of every language, race and nation, may share the banquet you have promised now and on the new earth. All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Saviour, and Spirit, now and in the world to come.
Amen.

at 8:00 am

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

at 9:30 am

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we sing:

♪ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen, amen.** ♪

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord. **Give us this bread for ever.** "I am the vine, you are the branches." **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

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

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. (x2) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.** ♪

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** Come to the Water (R49) ♪

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord
Without money, without price
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?
And let all who seek, let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord
Without money, without strife
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?
And let all who toil, let them come to the water
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord
All who labour without rest
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?
And let all the poor, let them come to the water
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light: come to the Lord

The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Creator of all, in the death and resurrection of Jesus you have reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. May this bread and wine open our eyes to your love and justice woven through all of creation. We ask this through Jesus, your creating Word. **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

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

Announcements

October 17 Raise the Roof Dinner Join us at 6 pm on Saturday, October 17 for a potluck dinner to celebrate the success of our lightning pledge drive in support of our Building Restoration Project. This is a great opportunity to gather in thanksgiving and to hear about next steps in this important project. Plan to bring something to share if you can - there is a sign up sheet in the narthex this morning.

Indigenous-Focussed Library & Journeying as Allies Book Club Thank you to all who loaned books to the Indigenous Library and enabled others to learn more about Indigenous issues and authors. It has been wonderful to see people browsing through the shelves, borrowing books and discussing them. The library will continue to be open. For those wanting to further their involvement please consider joining the Journeying as Allies book club. See the poster on the bulletin board or scan the QR code for more information.



Bishop's Panel on Housing Justice Ontario Municipal Elections Bulletin The Bishop's Panel on Housing Justice (BPHJ) has developed a one-page bulletin in the context of Ontario's municipal elections taking place on October 26, 2026. The bulletin provides key facts and calls to action to engage parishes across the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa in action, advocacy, prayer, and learning for housing justice. Scan the QR code to access the bulletin and learn more.



Mayoral Debate on Housing & Homelessness On October 19, 2026 from 7-8:30 pm, join the Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa, the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Social Sciences, the Centre for Research on Research and Community Services and other partners for an important conversation on housing and homelessness in Ottawa. This event will be held at the University's Social Sciences Building, room 4007. Space is limited so secure your free tickets by scanning the QR code.



Greeters Needed Are you looking for a way to get involved at Epiphany? We are looking for friendly faces to greet folks as they come in for our 9:30 am services. Our warm welcome is one of Epiphany's greatest assets - please consider serving in this role and speak with Jos Cleary or Cindy Hurst Boyd for more info.

Epiphany Bible Study Group *New Time* We meet on Thursday evenings at 5:45 pm (note new time) till 7:15 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.

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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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	Shelley Harvey, Judy Lee
Crucifer	Emily Menard
Sidespeople	Denise Siele, Martin Thieringer
Readers	Margaret Moffett, Christa O’Hare
Psalmist	Sandy Harris
Prayer Leader	Eric Adam
Communion Assistants	Deborah Bennett, Rose Dennis
Coffee Hosts	Rachelle Dubé-Hayes
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Are you new to Epiphany? Have you moved or changed coordinates, or would you like a name tag? How about becoming involved in a particular way or have ideas for our parish and community? Use the form below & place it on the offering plate.

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Email Address

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I would like a name tag

I would like a call from the priest

YesNot at this time

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