



The Church of the Epiphany in the City of Washington

11:00am

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2016

HOLY EUCHARIST

We continue our exploration of the Liturgy. Today we are looking at the part of the service where we 'respond to the Word'—through the sermon, the Creed, the prayers, the confession and the peace. Take a moment this morning to look at what you see in Church on Sunday. There are two candles on the altar to remind us that God is both human and divine. They represent Christ the light of the world coming into our lives. The ministers (clergy, lay Eucharistic ministers, and choir members) wear vestments. This is to remind us the Church belongs to no particular time or place. Other people involved in the worship (the readers, the intercessor, the ushers) do not vest in order to remind us through our baptism we are all called to minister and share in the priesthood of all believers.

We mark our time in seasons. Currently we are in Lent, a season of abstinence, a time when we strip away the stuff of our lives to make room for God. Accordingly, the vestments worn by the clergy are neutral and we don't adorn the Church with flowers or other decorations.

Prelude

Meditation on *Emendemus in melius*

music: Kenneth Lowenberg (b. 1939)

The Word of God

Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Hymn: #401 in The Hymnal 1982 **The God of Abraham praise**

Leoni

During the Opening Acclamation, this greeting identifies the priest who is to preside over the gathered assembly and who begins by reminding us in whose name we gather. Once gathered, the community's first act is to proclaim and respond to the Word of God.

Confession in the Eucharist is a corporate matter. The Confession is not an aggregation of individuals expressing their sorrow for their individual failures at the same time, but a body of people expressing their sorrow for the church's failure to live up to its calling. Personal confession is expressed through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a powerful way to speak about the things for which we are sorry and hear God's message of love and forgiveness. We are encouraged to make time for this in Lent. If you are interested in making your confession, please speak to Elizabeth or Catriona.

Opening Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

Jesus said: "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-3*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 neighbors 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.

Kyrie Eleison

music: Missa de Angelis adapted: Jeremy Filsell

CANTOR: Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy. ALL: Lord have mer - cy.

CANTOR: Christ have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. ALL: Christ have mer - cy.

CANTOR: Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy. ALL: Lord have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Presider prays the Collect and the people respond, Amen.

Please be seated for the readings from Scripture.

The Lessons

The First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 27 (The choir introduces the refrain; all repeat together.)

music: Plainsong Tone VIII.1 Refrain: Irvin Peterson

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my
life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him. *[Refrain]*

One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the
Lord all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his
shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord. *[Refrain]*

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will sustain me. *[Refrain]*

Show me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.

Lord What if I had not believed that I should see the
goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!
O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the Lord. *[Refrain]*

The Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: #89 in Lift Every Voice and Sing

My Jesus I love thee

Traditional

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon: The Revd. Dr. Catriona Laing

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

In the Prayers of the People we respond to what we have heard in the breaking open of the Word. The Book of Common Prayer prescribes that intercessory prayer be made for: the Universal Church, the world, all people according to their need and those who have died. The Prayers of the People are perhaps less about seeking to change God's mind or to direct God, and more about asking God to change us through our prayers.

The peace comes from chapter five of the Gospel of Matthew. We are to be reconciled with one another in the knowledge of God's love before receiving the Word at the table. The peace is the hinge that takes us from one part of the liturgy to the next.

The Prayers of the People

We invite you to add your prayers, ending your petition with "*Lord, in your mercy,*" to which the congregation will respond, "*Hear our prayer.*"

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

Almighty God, as we remember in Scripture and song your great acts of love throughout the ages, renew our faith, our courage and our hope in you, and set our hearts on fire with your love, so that we may do your ministry in the world, and rejoice in the mystery of your presence in all creation. This we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion

Please be seated for the Offertory.

If you would like *Healing Prayers* for mind, body, spirit or relationship, please meet a Healing Minister in the west transept during Communion to receive the laying on of hands and anointing.

Offertory Music

I got a crown up in'a that Kingdom
Ain'ta that'a good news
I got a crown up in'a that Kingdom
Ain'ta that'a good news
I'm gonna lay down this world
Gonna shoulder up my burdens
Gonna take it home to my Jesus
Ain'ta that'a good news!

Ain'ta that good news music: Spiritual arr. William Dawson (1899-1990)

I got a harp in a the kingdom
Ain'ta that'a good news
I'm a go-in' to lay down this worl',
goin' a shoulder up my cross,
Goin' a take it home a to my Jesus,
Ain'ta that'a good news!

I got a robe up in'a that Kingdom
Ain'ta that good news
I'm gonna lay down this worl'
Shoulder up my cross
Gonna take it home to my Jesus
Ain'ta that good news!

I got a savior in – a the kingdom
Ain'ta that'a good news
I'm a go-in' to lay down this worl',
goin' a shoulder up my cross,
Goin' a take it home a to my Jesus,
Ain'ta that'a good news!
Ain'ta that'a good news, my lawd!

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

The Presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

music: Missa de Angelis adapted: Jeremy Filsell

The musical score is written on three staves in G major. The first staff is for the Cantor, and the second and third staves are for the All. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ble - ssed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

The Presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

music: Missa de Angelis adapted: Jeremy Filsell

CANTOR ALL: (sung twice)

Lamb of _____ God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - - cy up - on us.

CANTOR ALL:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, Grant _____ us peace.

The Gifts of God for all the People of God.

All are invited to receive Communion. Please come forward when directed by the ushers to receive Communion at the head of your aisle. If you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available at the center aisle.

Communion Motet (sung by the choir)

The Lily of the Valley

music: Spiritual arr. William Arms Fisher (1861-1948)

He's the lily of the valley Oh my Lord! King Jesus in the chariot rides Oh my Lord! With four white horses side by side Oh my Lord! What kind of shoes are those you wear Oh my Lord! That you can ride upon the air Oh my Lord! These shoes I wear are Gospel shoes Oh my Lord! And you can wear them if you choose Oh my Lord!

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is common practice to make the sign of the cross when the Trinity is invoked. The sign of the cross is a very ancient practice and prayer. We don't have any indication of it in Scripture, but St. Basil in the fourth century said we learned the sign from the time of the apostles and that it was administered in baptisms. It is a way of declaring Christ's presence among us and recalling what it means to be a follower of Christ.

The Blessing

The Presider offers a blessing and the people respond, Amen.

Sending Hymn: #495 in The Hymnal 1982

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

The Dismissal

Our worship has ended. Our service in the world begins. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

There will be space after the dismissal to respond to God's call to go into the world.

Postlude

My Lord What a Morning from Three Spirituals for organ

Raymond Haan (b. 1938)

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Presider Elizabeth Gardner	Ushers Anthony Tardd, Bertha Harrison
Preacher Catriona Laing	Faith Hope & Loaves Kevin Golden
Director of Music Jeremy Filsell	Organist & Choirmaster Irvin Peterson
Seminarian Ragan Sutterfield	The Epiphany Choir Rachel Barham, Charles
Crucifer Glenn Greene	Berardesco, Christine Browne-Munz, Charles Burg,
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Prayers Bea Dermer	Kaz, Nathan Létourneau, Nicole Levesque, Judy
Eucharistic Ministers ... Theresa Hobgood, Mary Sebold	Lokerson, Rebecca Kellerman Petretta, Christina
Healing Minister..... David Downes	Pantelias Raia, Irvin Peterson, James Rogers, Steven
Altar Guild Kathy Gallagher	Slupe, Farley Lord Smith, Duncan Stevens, Jeffrey
Greeter Jay Derrickson, Bea Dermer	Thurston, Becca Tice

PRAYER LIST

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Mariann, our Bishop, and the leaders of this parish;

For Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer; for the Audit Committee, the Committee of the Partnership with the Province of South Africa, the Diocesan Retreat Committee in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; and for Lay Readers in the Parish Cycle of Prayer;

For Barack, our President; for our Congress and our Courts; for Muriel, our Mayor; and

For all who are seeking healing in mind, body, spirit or relationship. In particular we pray for those on our hearts and those known only to God

MUSIC NOTES

As we observe and celebrate African American History Month, today's musical offerings highlight examples of the rich heritage of African American music. Today we hear three well-known spirituals arranged in differing styles. During the offertory the choir will sing 'Ain'-ta That Good News' arranged by William Dawson; at Communion, James Rogers sings a solo arrangement by William Arms Fisher of 'He's The Lily Of The Valley;' and the postlude is a setting for organ solo by Raymond Haan of 'My Lord, What A Morning' (originally by H.T. Burleigh). We invite you to listen and reflect.

The organ music that concludes our worship is generally the last musical offering of the service. While it is an *offering* (and not a *performance* – the distinction is significant), please don't feel that you have to sit and listen to it all the way through. If you don't wish to sit and listen, please feel free to move. As it is an offering, may we suggest that applause is not appropriate particularly during the season of Lent and its more subdued nature is best left without acknowledgement.

PARISH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 22-28

Monday, February 22

12:00	AA
12:10	Holy Eucharist
1:15	Dhuhur Salat

Tuesday, February 23

12:00	Al-Anon
12:10	Tuesday Concert Series
1:00	Street Church in Franklin Park
1:15	Dhuhur Salat

Wednesday, February 24

12:00	AA and Al-Anon
12:10	Holy Eucharist with Schola Epiphaniensis
1:15	Dhuhur Salat
6:00	Adult Formation: Explore Silent Prayer

February 25

12:00	AA and SLAA
1:15	Dhuhur Salat
6:00	YSOP Dinner

Friday, February 26

12:00	AA
12:10	Holy Eucharist
1:15	Jum'a Salat

Sunday, February 28: The Third Sunday of Lent

7:00	Welcome Table Programming
7:30	Welcome Table Choir
8:00	Welcome Table Eucharist
8:45	Welcome Table Breakfast
11:00	Holy Eucharist
12:15	Fellowship

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY WELCOMES YOU

WELCOME

You are welcome at Epiphany! All are invited to join us at the Holy Eucharist, Communion, the Lord's Supper, the Mass, or whatever your tradition calls the receiving of bread and wine. Please come forward when directed by the ushers to receive Communion at the head of the center aisle. Hold out your hands to receive the bread and when the minister offers the wine, you may dip your bread, or take the chalice and guide it carefully holding its base. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread or the wine, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COVENANT COMMUNITY

The Church of the Epiphany is a covenant community. Our sacred space is open and available to all but it needs to remain sacred. During the worship service we invite you to participate so all might feel safe, affirmed and respected. Likewise, we ask that you refrain from any behavior which might diminish our spirit of hospitality. Thank you for keeping our beautiful sanctuary holy.

MEMBERS OF STAFF

The Revd. Elizabeth Bonforte Gardner, *Interim Rector*
The Revd. Dr. Catriona Laing, *Interim Associate Priest*
Dr. Jeremy Filsell, *Director of Music*
Catherine Manhardt, *Parish Administrator*

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

Rasheen Carbin, *Senior Warden*, Bea Dermer, *Junior Warden*
Lisa Kimball, Scott Marquardt, *Class of 2016*
Ann Gordon, Glenn Greene, Farley Lord Smith, Jennifer Walsh, Annie Wright, *Class of 2017*
Linda Grigsby, Michele Hutt, Uyi Oviasogie, Brian Stecker, *Class of 2018*

MEMBERS OF THE CALLING COMMITTEE

D'Oniece Dillard, Kathy Haines, Sandi Ingram, Caroline Klam, Judy Lokerson, Jim McCarthy,
Peate Pegues, Irvin Peterson, Lee Tyner

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

If you have a pastoral need or would like more information about The Church of the Epiphany, please contact the Parish Office by phone: 202-347-2635 or by email: info@epiphanydc.org.

NURSERY

The nursery is open at 10:00 am through the 11:00 service for children. Please speak to an usher for directions to the nursery, located on the second floor. Please know children of all ages are welcome in the church for worship, and our Children in Worship space located in the front left transept.

PARKING

PMI Garage next door gives Epiphany worshipers free parking on Sundays until 8:00pm. You may validate your parking stub in Community Hall after church. Handicapped parking at the garage is on the street level.

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WORSHIP AT EPIPHANY

Wednesdays in Lent—The 12:10pm Eucharist during Lententide will be sung by the **Schola Epiphaniensis**. Short Mass settings (Kyrie, Sanctus & Agnus Dei) by Renaissance composers, Lotti, Biancheri and Hassler and plainchant propers will enhance and beautify our lunchtime liturgy during this penitential season. The addition of music will add only a few minutes to the length of the liturgy, but will give a chance for contemplation in the context of beautiful words and music.

Sundays in Lent—Join us for Instructed Eucharist at 8:00am and 11:00am during the season of Lent. We will examine the worship service's distinct parts by looking deeply at one section each week: Hearing the Word, Responding to the Word, Coming to the Table; Responding to the Table, and our Service Music as Gateway and Response to God's Love.

MUSIC AT EPIPHANY

February 21—What Makes it Great? with Rob Kapilow at 6:00pm, *Presented by Washington Performing Arts and Smithsonian Associates*, In a three-part format, former NPR music commentator Rob Kapilow unravels and explores a great musical masterpiece with the audience. Next, the piece is performed in its entirety, followed by a Q&A with the audience and performers. This performance features Haydn's Symphony 104 'London'.

February 23—Tuesday Concert Series at 12:10pm: **Peate Pegues**, *baritone* and **Irvin Peterson**, *piano* mark African American History Month with a program focusing on music of the African diaspora through the life and accomplishments of renowned Washingtonian **Richard Smallwood**, alongside Spirituals arranged by **Carl Haywood**, **Thomas A. Dorsey**, **James Cleveland** and **André Crouch**. Admission is free but a donation of \$10 is suggested to support the artists and the concert series.

March 6—16 Cellos Concert at 3:00pm, *Presented by CelloSpeak*, Artistic Director Kenneth Law presents a variety of works, including Gary Fitzgerald's arrangement of Arturo Marquez's Danzon No. 2 for 16 cellists. Fitzgerald has also arranged the final movement of Eduard Lalo's cello concerto, select movements from Igor Stravinsky's Suite Italienne, and Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Priidite, Poklonimsya." Other works on the program include the opening movement of Mozart's 40th Symphony, Faure's Pavanne, Bizet's Carmen Suite, and an excerpt from Bach's 3rd English Suite.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Explore Silent Prayer in Lent: From 6:00pm-7:00pm on Wednesdays in Lent we will explore different ways of approaching contemplative prayer. Topics include, praying with silence, praying with icons, praying with music, and praying with scripture. If you can't get to Church on Wednesday evening, but would like to join us, we have set up a conference call number, to which you can dial in and hear the talk. The number is 1 (712) 832-8310 Code: 208-9394. On Wednesday, Feb. 24 we will learn about prayer with icons. Dr. Bill Roberts from Virginia Theological Seminary will be giving us an introduction to praying with icons. If you would like to receive a copy of the images please email Farley Lord Smith (farleylord@gmail.com).

Weekday Worship: Would you be interested in helping Epiphany design a contemporary weekday worship service for downtown workers? We are putting together a team to interview musicians and worship leaders. If you would like to join us, please contact Elizabeth (egardner@epiphanydc.org).

March 19 Parish Clean Up Day: Please join us for a Parish Clean Up Day on Saturday, March 19 from 9:00am-3:00pm. We will tackle building related projects and work to make Epiphany beautiful for Holy Week.

Explore Confirmation: The Cathedral Confirmation service takes place on May 14, so the coming months are the perfect time to consider taking your commitment one step further from where you are now. We will be holding a series of discussions this Lent where together we will explore the teachings, history, and liturgy of the Church in more depth. We would love for you to join us. Please contact Elizabeth Gardner (egardner@epiphanydc.org), or Catriona Laing (claing@epiphanydc.org), for more information.

Calling Committee Communiqué: Parish Surveys: We are very pleased with our survey results and thank you for your participation! We have had nearly 150 responses, which is wonderful. If you have not yet completed your parish survey, there is still time! We will happily provide you with a paper copy or a link to the electronic version.

Parish Narrative Questions: In our most recent meeting, we continued putting together the answers to the parish narrative questions required by the Diocese. We are working on questions 7-9: (7) New ministries: Describe a new ministry we have started in the last five years; (8) Church of the future: How are we preparing for the Church of the future?; (9) Stewardship: What is our practice & how does it shape our worshipping community? If you would like to help us draft our responses, please speak up! We will post the questions in Community Hall for your input. You can also contact us at: epiphanysearch2015@gmail.com.

Gracious God, we pray for this parish church and for the Calling Committee as we seek to call a new Rector. Help us to be strong, open, forgiving ~ and truthful to those discerning a call to minister in this place. Accompany us on our journey in the knowledge of your love for us and your power to unite us all. AMEN