

Prayer List

Members of the Congregation: Ellen Thomas, Linda Jones, Craig Thompson, Jean Holloway

Friends and Loved Ones:

Earl Krampe, Nichole Pruneda's uncle with stage 4 cancer

Chris, Cotham's son in law, mission trip in Nepal

Bill, The Cotham's brother in law, hip surgery

Peggy Bay, Richie's contact

Johnny Seifert, Rev. Cynthia's father in law,

Jessica Dennison, Sister of Billie's coworker.

Avery Monroe, Ouida's friend's toddler son

Wanda Chavers, The Cotham's friend

Fred and Pat Bowman, Cheryl's contact

James Brown, Jeff Brown's father

Janet, Kathy M's friend

Ronnie Johnson, Amelia's uncle,

Alicen and Hailey, Del and Pat's Granddaughters

Kris and Fulton, Church neighbor

Emily Sullivan, Catherine Wilson's Mom,

Karen Dritsas, Ann L's sister

Tasha Clark, Tethi's sister,

Lisa, Tethi's friend going through chemo

King Moss, Adam's uncle,

Sara Main, Carol Dalglish's sister,

Nancy Heath (Susan's relative)

Sister Tina Francesca (Friend of the Long and Duff families)

Jess (Rachel Rowland's Cousin)

Cole Joiner (Traumatic Brain Injury)

And those you would like to name silently or aloud.

Those in long term care: Wilene Penley, Kathy Lowery.

For first responders and those in military service and their families, especially,

Trevor Sanders (Beth Sander's son, Navy, San Diego), Malerie Bell (The Gipson's niece, Coast Guard, Montauk, New York), Sean Vogel (Kathy Vogel's son, Air Guard, Colorado), Dalton Ogdon (Linda Jones' grandson, Army Reserve).

For those having birthdays this month: Tracey Mitchell (5/3), Jeannie Tuschl (5/7), James Jordan (5/9), Susan Johnston and Rory Duff (5/10), Gayle Beason, Sarah Hughes, Cynthia Seifert (5/12), Jason Pau (5/17), Debbie Hayes (5/23), Mark Long, Seth Hughes (5/26). Emilie Eckert (5/29).

For those having anniversaries this month: Mark and Rita Nelson (5/12), Rodney and Gayle Beason (5/13)

We pray for our outreach partners Byars Dowdy Elementary, Joseph's Storehouse and Compassionate Hands and the people they serve. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's, Franklin.



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 + 8:30AM + 10:30AM

In-person and Livestream

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany

Lebanon, Tennessee

Welcome!

“...For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people...”

Guests and friends, we are delighted to welcome you today. We hope you will enjoy the service and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in praise and prayer. Everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this order of service bulletin. Episcopalians generally stand to sing, kneel (or sit) to pray, and sit to listen.

Baptized Christians of any denomination are invited to take communion with us! At the altar rail, if you'd like to receive a prayer of blessing instead of the bread or wine, indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. **Gluten free wafers are available.**

Please sign our guest book, receive a visitor's bag and join us downstairs for refreshments after the service. Our child care workers, Evie and Chloe, are available downstairs from 8-12PM.

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Ernest Cameron, on the anniversary of their wedding, by Lori Cameron.

Announcements

Blessing of the Newcomers is today at both services.

Service of Admission the National Order of Daughters of the King | Today at the 10:30AM service. Congratulations to Cheryl Cotham, Mary Holland and Tethi Inman. Reception to follow.

Epiphany 101 | Sundays 9:40-10:10AM | through May 26th. Tour of the Building

VBS Planning Meeting | Monday, May 13, 6PM, Co-leaders this year are Deacon Cindy Long and Jeannie Tuschl.

Baptism Day | Pentecost, Sunday, May 19th is one of the traditional days for baptism. Pray for those preparing for baptism: the Owens Pruneda family, the Rowlands family, and the Alack family.

Pentecost Baptism Reception and Potluck Picnic | May 19 | Save the date!

Monday Bible Study | Noon-1PM | Begins tomorrow, May 6th, The Book of Revelation

Ongoing events:

*First Sunday, Opportunity for **Healing Prayer** in the Eucharist

*First Sunday, **Daughters of the King**, 12:15PM See Pat Rapp

*Second Saturday, **Men's Breakfast**, 8AM Restaurant TBD, See Jim Hipps

*Third Monday, **Vestry Meeting**, 6PM

*Wednesdays, **The Alpha Course**, 6-7:30pm through May 22.

*Third Thursday, **Lunch Bunch Social** 11:30AM

*Fourth Sunday, **Food Pantry** Collection for Joseph's Storehouse

*Fourth Sunday, **Youth Group, (6th-12th grade)** Noon

Camp Firelight VBS for PreK- Rising 6th graders is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10- Friday July 12pm 9:00-11:30AM!

Server Scheduler Needed | Delvin Rapp is retiring after thirteen years of faithfully organizing the server schedule for our congregation. Is the Lord raising you up to take his place? Let Rev. Cynthia know.

	8:30AM	10:30AM Servers
Ushers	Sladen B and Edie K	Del Rapp and TBD
Lector	Julianne Moore	Carrie Johnson
Prayers of the People	Julianne Moore	Cheryl Cotham
Eucharistic Minister	Ann LeMoine	Carrie Johnson
Acolytes	Richie Watson	Ginger Penley, Stephen Hughes and Sarah Hughes
Livestream on Ipad	NA	Sarah Hughes
Altar Guild	Jean Newbell and Mary Lou McBrien	
Opener /Closer	Amelia Hipps	Heather Hughes, Stephen Hughes and Rory Duff

Fraction Anthem S 154

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The ushers will direct when to come forward. Present your hands to receive a blessed wafer; leave it for the chalice bearer to dip and give back to you, unless you'd like to receive from the cup. If so, help by guiding the cup to your lips. Cross your arms to indicate you'd like the wine to pass you by or receive a prayer of blessing instead of communion.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer *Please kneel or stand as able.*

**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**

The Easter Blessing

Hymn 473 *Lift high the cross*

Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (Refrain)

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. (Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

The Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Postlude

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Organ Prelude

Welcome

Hymn 594 *God of grace and God of glory*

1 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise (*Hymnal Service Music S-280*)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

People: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All may be seated.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 98 *Let us read responsibly by half-verse.*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer D

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The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

The Sanctus (*S-125*)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

A Reading from John's First Letter (5:1-6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Hymn *Speak, O Lord, as we come to You*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You; To receive the food of Your holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today; In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us; All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience; Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes; In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see; Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (15:9-17)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Hymn *Speak, O Lord, as we come to You*

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time; That will echo down through eternity
And by grace, we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith, we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built; And the earth is filled with Your glory

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed *(BCP page 358)*

Prayers of the People, Form III *(BCP pg. 387)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for John, our Bishop, Cynthia, our Priest, and Cindy, our Deacon, and for all bishops,
priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe our President, Bill, our Governor, and Rick, our Mayor, and all who govern and
hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed (especially Sylvia Addis and _____) eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for those on our prayer list on the back
page of the bulletin.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen

All may sit.

Opportunity for Anointing with Oil and Healing Prayer

Blessing of the Newcomers (see separate liturgy)

The Service of Admission to the Daughters of the King (10:30AM only)

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Passing of the Offertory Plates *(Offering goes to Epiphany's general fund)*

Offertory Music: *It is Well With My Soul*, Keith Penley, trumpet, & James Jordan piano

The Presentation and the Doxology *(Tune of Hymn 400)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here below! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above the heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!**