

Prayer List

Members of the Congregation:

Jean Holloway (macular degeneration), **Sladen** Bradley (bladder cancer), **Jim** Hipps, **Pat** Rapp, **Tethi** Inman, **Craig** Thompson.

Friends and Loved Ones:

Brian M. Carrie's friend, cancer treatment
Joe Epperson, Rev. Cynthia's cousin, cancer
Christopher Eckert, Donna's brother in law
Mary Patterson, Amelia's friend, cancer treatment
Eddie and **Taywee**, the Cotham's son and daughter in law
Cheryl, Amelia's aunt
Kat C, Amelia's friend, breast cancer
Angela Willocks, friends of the Penleys
Fred and **Carol** Godwin, friends of the Penleys
Josalyn Tigelman at the loss of her baby, Heather's friends
Mandy, Cheryl C's friend with cancer
Ed, on the loss of his wife, Don C's brother
Wanda Chavers, The Cotham's friend
Fred and **Pat** Bowman, Cheryl C's daughter in law's family
Kim K., Annie's friend, stage four brain cancer treatments
Charlene Comer, Carrie's friend
Ken Bird, Don C's friend, lung cancer.
Janice Robertson, Ashli Jordan's grandmother (James' daughter in law)
Margaret Long, Mark's mom
Kathy Schalekamp, heart, Kathy M's friend
Julie Talens, Kathy M's friend
Val Morien, Kathy M's friend
Janet, Kathy M's friend
Pam Jackson, Amelia's friend, terminal cancer
Ronnie Johnson, Amelia's uncle
Sara Main, Carol Dalglish's sister
Earl Krampe, Nichole Pruneda's uncle

Alicen and **Hailey**, Del and Pat's Granddaughters
Sister **Tina** Francesca, Friend of the Long and Duff families
Wilene Penley, Keith's mom
Kathy Lowry, former parishioner
And those you would like to name silently or aloud.

For first responders and those in military service and their families, especially, **Julianne** Moore, **Anthony** Sarago, **Trevor** Sanders, **Malerie** Bell, **Sean** Vogel, **Dalton** Ogdon.

For those having birthdays this month: **Lori** Cameron (1/1), **Piper** Duff (1/7), **Bill** Dalglish (1/13) **Ann** Lemoine (1/14), **Carol** Dalglish (1/15), **Wayne** Hill, **Cheryl** Cotham (1/20), **Kelly** McConnell (1/30).

For those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage: **John** and **Kathy** Vogel (1/2)

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 Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville.



**The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of our Lord
January 12, 2025 + 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. 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.

Teen Parents Meeting today after the 10:30AM service to plan the spring.

Annual Parish Meeting and Potluck, January 19th, After the 10:30AM with Potluck luncheon and meeting to follow. Hear reports on 2024 and help us elect our vestry members.

The Bishop is coming! January 26th. Bishop John Bauerschmidt will be preaching and celebrating at both services and will confirm Bill Bryson and Brittany Alack. Bishop John will speak on the charms of the Episcopal Church at 9:30 in the fellowship hall.

GriefShare Support Group is returning to Epiphany, Thursday January 16th: This group is for people who are grieving the death of a loved one. Often it can be a great comfort and help to meet with others who are also experiencing grief. Together we will watch informative videos and share support and conversation. Participants from our surrounding community and the congregation are all welcome. This 13 session group will meet weekly at Epiphany on Thursdays, 9:30-11am. For questions and/or to register please contact cindylongrn@gmail.com (916) 261-1341. More information is available on the GriefShare website <https://www.griefshare.org/>

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, 8:30AM** Parish Hall, See Jim Hipps
- *Second Sunday, **Choir Practice**, 9:30AM
- *Third Monday, **Vestry Meeting**, 6PM
- *Third Thursday, **Lunch Bunch** Social 11:30AM (1/16 TBD)
- *Fourth Sunday, **Food Pantry** Collection for Joseph's Storehouse
- * **Youth Group Sunday School** TBD

	8:30	10:30
Ushers	Debbie Hayes & Edie Kanyock	Mark Long & Bill Florescu
Lector	Carol Dalglish	Jason Pau
Prayers of the People	Susan Johnston	Cheryl Cotham
Eucharistic Minister	Susan Johnston	Keith Penley
Acolytes	Donna Eckert	Ginger Penley, Rory & Trinity Duff
iPad Livestream	***	Stephen Hughes
Altar Guild	Susan Johnston & Lori Cameron	
Open & Close	Susan Johnston	Bunky Williamson
Organist	James Jordan	James Jordan
Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Cynthia Seifert	The Rev. Cynthia Seifert
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Cindy Long	The Rev. Deacon Cindy Long

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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 Blessing

Hymn 448 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take, our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 For us baptized, for us he bore, his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.
- 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus, still seeking not himself, but us.
- 4 For us to wicked hands betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.
- 5 For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here, to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 6 All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore, forever and forevermore.

The Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

The Baptism of our Lord: First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Prelude and Welcome

Hymn 616 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

4 Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing, and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest;
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.

Opening Sentences

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.**

The Gloria *(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.

The Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (43:1-7)

Thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 29 (Let us read responsively by half verse.)

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

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from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

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

Fraction Anthem (Hymnal Service Music 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 Hymn 490 *I want to walk as a child of the light*

The Celebrant concludes with a 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**

The Absolution

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Presentation and the Doxology

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. *(A seasonal preface is added here.)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus *(Hymnal Service Music 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 kneel or stand.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

A Reading from the Book of Acts (8:14-17)

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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 Luke (3:15-17, 21-22)

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying,

"I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
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 Reverend Cynthia L. Seifert

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he came up from the water he was anointed by the Spirit of God and designated as God's Son. So we also are anointed by that same Spirit; we are reborn and adopted as sons and daughters with whom God is well pleased. Let us now renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers of the People, Form III *(The people kneel, stand or sit.)*

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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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for 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 _____) 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.