

Prayer List

Members of the Congregation:

Ellen Thomas, **Linda** Jones, **Craig** Thompson, **Jean** Holloway

Friends and Loved Ones:

Peggy Bay, Richie's contact

Johnny Seifert (Rev. Cynthia's father in law, in hospital)

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,

Tasha Clark, Tethi's sister,

Karen Dritsas, Ann L'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: **Brenda** Walther (4/5), **Maya** Gibson (4/12), **Tethi** Inman (4/13), **Annalise** Holland (4/13), **Jean** Newbell (4/23).

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 Good Shepherd, Brentwood.



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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 for the glory of God.

Announcements

Epiphany 101 | Sundays 9:40-10:10AM | through May 22nd. A mini class for newcomers about our congregation and the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion as a whole.

Blessing of the Newcomers, May 5th at both services. It is a chance to be introduced to the congregation and to officially establish desire for membership.

Feeding the Homeless | Monday, April 22nd, 11:30am | Compassionate Hands lunch We need cooks, servers and set up and clean up helpers. Sign up on the door or contact Deacon Cindy cindylongrn@gmail.com

VBS Planning Meeting | Sunday, April 28th, Noon | Help us do an excellent program for kids!

New Members Installation of the National Order of Daughters of the King | May 5th, 10:30AM service. A number of women have finished their 12-week course and discerned a call to take vows of prayer, service and evangelism.

Baptism Day | Pentecost, Sunday, May 19th is one of the traditional days for baptism. Talk to the clergy if there is interest in this sacrament.

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

Ushers	8:30AM	10:30AM Servers
Lector	Jeannie T and Deborah H	Carrie Johnson and Jean Newbell
Prayers of the People	Susan Johnston	Heather Hughes
Eucharistic Minister	Donna Eckert	Cheryl Cotham
Acolytes	Donna Eckert	Carrie Johnson
Livestream on Ipad	Donna Eckert	Lori Cameron, Stephen Hughes and Rory Duff
Altar Guild	NA	Mark Long
Opener /Closer	Susan Johnston and Lori Cameron	Judy Peary
	Amelia Hipps	

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 buy 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 182 *Christ is Alive, Let Christians sing*

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound; to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now; and conquer every place and time.
4. In every insult, rift, and war; where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.
5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns; through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns; his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

The Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Postlude

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Organ Prelude

Welcome

Hymn 376 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their 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.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All may be seated.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:5-12)

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

Psalm 23 *Let us read responsibly by half-verse.*

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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

BCP 372

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 (3:16-24)

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Hymn 645 vs 1-4 *The King of love my shepherd is*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (10:11-18)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

People The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ

Hymn 645 vs 5-6 *The King of love my shepherd is*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed *(BCP 358)*

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.

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 _____) 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.

All stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

People

And also with you

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

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

Offertory Music

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!