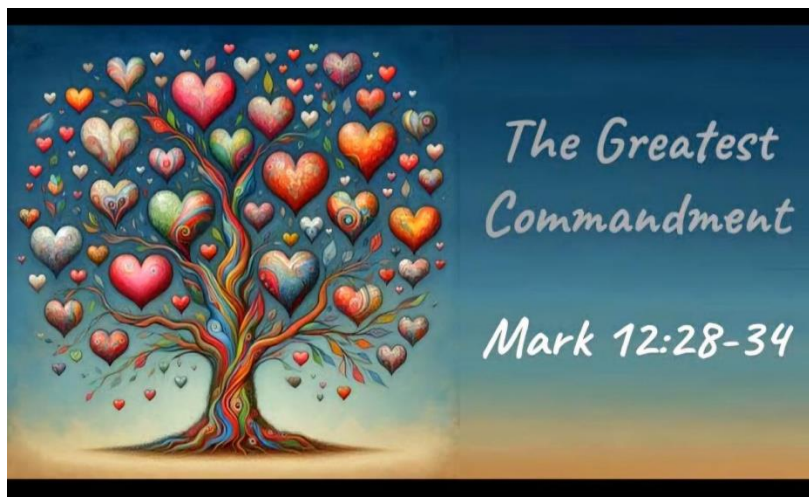


# EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

July 12 - 18, 2024

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## WORSHIP FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ JULY 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 ~

**8:30am** - Traditional Said Service of Holy Communion (BCP). Please note that our 8:30am worship is suspended for the summer and will resume on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**10:30am** - Main Worship Service with music and Holy Eucharist (BAS).

## READINGS FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: – Amos 7:7-15;

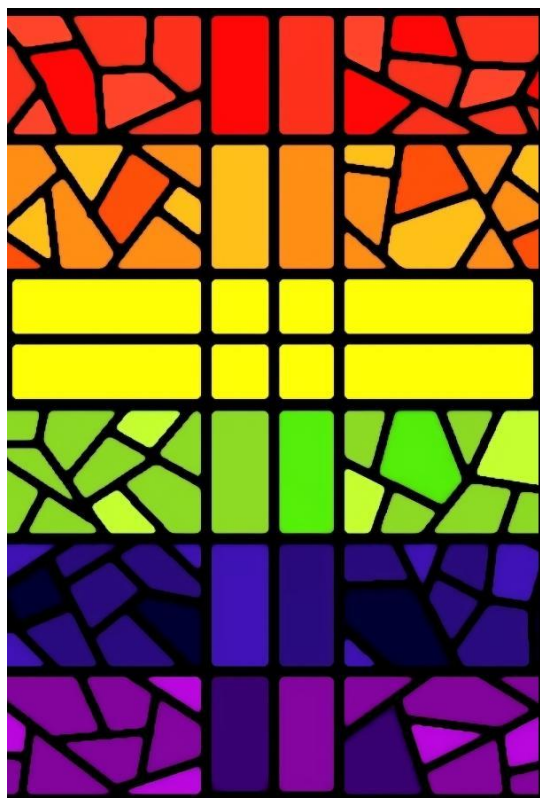
Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 12:28-34

**SUMMARY OF READINGS:** In the passage from Amos, we hear the prophet's vision of the plumb line, followed by his interchange with Amaziah in which he rehearses his humble origins. Psalm 85 appears to be a prophetic oracle offering the prospect of hope to the ancient Israelites. In the letter to the Ephesians, we hear its magnificent opening prayer of blessing. In the selected gospel for today we hear Jesus' teaching about the Great Commandment.

**QUESTION(S) FOR REFLECTION:** To experience one's self as God's beloved is a gift beyond compare. For some, it is difficult to receive such a gift; for others, such grace comes more easily. How can we deepen our experience of that gift in ourselves? How might we encourage this gift in others?

**AT HOME PRAYERS: Morning** – Holy God of steadfast love and faithfulness, as I awaken this day in expectation, I turn my heart toward you, for I am your beloved. Fill me with your wisdom and insight and guide my feet into the way of peace as I walk your righteous path. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

**Evening** – Creator God, as I recount both the blessings and the challenges of this day, I give thanks to you; for my hope is in Christ who makes all things new, and so I rest in peace this night. In the love of Jesus, I pray. Amen.



## A Prayer for Pride Sunday

God our Creator  
Each and every human  
identity  
bears your sacred image.  
Inspire us to fully live the  
power of this truth  
every day of our lives  
May it be so. Amen.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** - If you are not feeling well, or have any ill symptoms such as coughing, fever, fatigue, or a sore throat, please stay home and join us for the worship services that will be offered online. We are delighted to welcome you online if you are not able to join us in person.



**OVERVIEW OF REV. ELIZABETH'S SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS**

Apart from her vacation time in August, Rev. Elizabeth's summer schedule will fluctuate, and change given all that is now required of her in our Diocese, Deanery and Parish community.

Carrie, our Office Administrator, is always able to reach Rev. Elizabeth when needed, and will be assisting her with scheduling home and office visits. Please call Carrie if you would like to arrange a time to meet with Rev. Elizabeth.

Please be assured that if you need to speak with Rev. Elizabeth or schedule a visit for any reason, please email her at [greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com](mailto:greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com) or leave a telephone message for her at the church office. Thank You.



**COFFEE HOUR IS BACK:** But we're doing things a little differently.

Instead of having a "roster" of hosts, we're switching to a volunteer sign up. The summer months are a perfect opportunity for those who are typically busy with other ministries during the fall and winter months to host while those ministries are on a summer break. Anyone and everyone are also welcome to bring snacks for coffee hour whenever you are able.



Please Speak to Carrie Leatherdale for more information.



**THE BALCONY GARDEN PROJECT:** Many of you will remember the wonderful pesto that Marg Loney made for our garden table last year. Demand was high for this tasty preserve. Marg is sharing her recipe with us and we have planted several pots of basil this year, so we will be able to produce a good deal more than last year. We are hoping to have a few volunteers who may take a turn or two



in the church kitchen with the food processor, armed with Marg's recipe and all the ingredients, to turn out these jars periodically during the summer. The basil is producing well, and we could start as soon as we have a team of two people willing to take this on. It is not an arduous or very time-consuming project! If you are interested in helping out occasionally over the season with this pesto project, please call Barb Bolton at 705-674-1691 soon, so we can get teams set up. If you have a friend you would like to ask to make up your team, even better!



**A NOTE FROM REV. ELIZABETH**

*Celebrating Pride*

Dear Friends,

As I was reflecting on what to include about our Pride Worship Celebration at Epiphany this Sunday, I came across this short article written by our Archbishop, and that was posted on the Diocesan Website for Algoma. I have included a portion of it here.

"During the months of June and September a number of events will be held across Canada when community members and their allies will celebrate the resiliency, talents and contribution of members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community.



In baptism we affirm that we will 'respect the dignity of every human being'. I affirm this call and invite us, through our words and actions, to ensure that all people know they are, "Fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139.13) by a loving generous God.



No one should have to live their life in fear of oppression or acts of hatred for who they are. Not everyone is comfortable joining a pride celebration.

One simple way of affirming that your home, church or office is a safe place for members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community is to post a rainbow sticker or a rainbow flag outside the door. It will immediately be recognized.

A group of Anglicans in Thunder Bay participated in their city's Pride Parade. Among them was Archdeacon Deborah Kraft who asked them why they participated: Here are some of the answers:

- + *I think everyone needs to be loved and recognized for who they are*
- + *It is important to feel and support God's love*
- + *Love has no boundaries*
- + *Everyone deserves respect*
- + *Fun to show we can respect and love everyone*
- + *It matters to come together with all the people in this community.*
- + *Feels positive and filled with love.*
- + *The kingdom of heaven is here."*



After reading this, I felt so proud of the Church of the Epiphany because together we have communicated our welcoming of LGBTQIA2S+ people loud and clear. Right now, our Rainbow flag can be seen from our big front window. Our banner can be seen from Medina Lane and year-round, we have a small rainbow sticker displayed in our office entrance which says, *Everyone is welcome here*. This statement, *Everyone is welcome here*, is the Gospel in a nutshell. Building love and equality in our church, in our community and in our world requires the recognition that God's image includes people of all genders and all orientations, and all sexual identities. In the Anglican Church of Canada, this has been an evolving part of what it means to be part of a faith community.

This Sunday our worship includes Celebrating Pride. It is a fine time for upholding God's love for all people, and as we give thanks to God for the inherent worth and dignity of every human being, each one beautifully made in the image of God.

Yours Faithfully,  
Elizabeth+



**ETW TAKES A SUMMER BREAK:** Please note that Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> will be the last edition issued before our *Epiphany This Week* Newsletter takes its summer break. The next full edition of our ETW will be issued on Friday September 6<sup>th</sup>. As always, emails with important news or announcements will be sent out during the time that our ETW is off during the summer. Thank You.



**WE'VE BEEN BLESSED TO WELCOME SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS AT EPIPHANY SINCE THE PANDEMIC:** We will be working with IPC to create a photo directory of our Parish Family this fall. Our last one was done in 2017.

Photo dates are October 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 until 8:30pm each day. Appointments to have your photos taken can be made starting in August. Each family photographed receives a free copy of the

Directory and you are also able to purchase portraits at the time of the photo session. They make great Christmas Gifts!

We will need volunteers to help do some phone calls to book appointments in September and to act as greeters/hosts/hostess each photography day in October. If you are able to assist in any way please speak to Deputy Rector's Warden, Marion Collinson.



**LET US PRAY**

**FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Margaret Kamerman and Eddie Moswane; Samuel Fritz; Marion Collinson; Nancy Cresswell; David Bird and Elizabeth Wilson.

**FOR THOSE IN NEED:** Sheila; William; Tim; Myrna; Joanna; Bill; Jean; Nick and Ellen; Karen and Corrine; Della and Sandra; Frances; Monique; Carol, Bob and Riley; Maybourne; Bill M.



**Watch us LIVE** on Sunday Mornings at 10:30 at [www.epiphanysudbury.org/our-services](http://www.epiphanysudbury.org/our-services)

**Announcements for ETW** should be sent to [etw@epiphanysudbury.org](mailto:etw@epiphanysudbury.org) by NOON each Thursday.

**Donate Online:** You can make a donation to the Epiphany, via PayPal, by clicking the "Donate Now" button at the top or bottom of each page on our website.



**THIS SUNDAY- THE SECOND SUMMER CONCERT:** this one featuring our own Margaret Kamerman

**THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY PRESENTS**

*A performance featuring the vocals of Margaret Kamerman, with Jesse Howell on clarinet and Dr. Charlene Biggs as the collaborative pianist. The program will include works by C. Schumann, W.A. Mozart, and L. Bassi.*

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**14** SUNDAY, 2PM  
JULY CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY,  
85 LARCH ST.

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Free will offering to the Church of the Epiphany may be made at the door of the event.

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