

# The STAR



## September 2014

#### From the Rector:

# Moving Forward: What will Change, What will Stay the Same?



What will change? What will stay the same? These are perfectly normal questions to be wondering about during a leadership transition. As I begin my service as Epiphany's third rector, I want to let you know what I am thinking and praying about as we begin this next season of Epiphany's ministry.

First, through God's generosity and Fr. Robin's steady leadership, **Epiphany is in a good place**.

That means there isn't a mandate for immediate, significant change to our church. That means you can expect Epiphany to basically look and feel and act like the Epiphany you know when you come to church this September. We will be continuing ministries and activities that we have done in the past, including the parish weekend October 24-26 (see page 3 for more details). Sunday worship will use the same liturgies and we will do things in (mostly) the same way that Epiphany has done them in the past.

Secondly, while there isn't a mandate for immediate significant change, this is an opportunity for Epiphany to take stock and reevaluate how and why we do what we do and whether or not it is effective. I intend for Epiphany to take that opportunity. As I have already mentioned, one immediate step I am taking is to invite the Rev. Dr. Tom Herrick of the Titus Institute to help us both evaluate how we are functioning as a church and help us work towards an

agreed mission and action plan for the next few years. The vestry will meet with him for the first time on September 9.

Another thing we will be working on this fall is **how we welcome and incorporate new members to our church**. As part of that process, I have talked with Tom Will, who has led

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the Ambassador ministry for many years, and we agree that it is time to retire that effort and bring together a new group built from the ground up to help people find their place at Epiphany. Watch the Candle email newsletter for more information about this. Thank you to all who have served as ambassadors over the years. I've heard a many stories of how Ambassadors welcomed people to our church in the past. While it is time to do something different, my hope is that many past ambassadors will consider once again sharing their welcome, wisdom and enthusiasm with the people God calls to Epiphany.

The final big change we will be taking on this fall involves staffing. In discussion with the wardens, it is my clear sense that Epiphany needs to move forward with two full-time priests instead of the three of the last few years. This means I won't be filling my past position of Senior Associate Rector, and Fr. Michael's current position of Associate Minister for Discipleship will ultimately be phased out as well and replaced by a new associate rector position. Of course Epiphany's commitment to children and youth ministry will not be phased out. These things will be a big part of the associate rector's position. However, I will need this position to "do more" as well when it comes to helping me lead Epiphany.

This necessary restructuring also does not necessarily mean that Fr. Michael will leave Epiphany. Instead, just as I was the first candidate to be Epiphany's next rector, Fr. Michael is my first candidate to be Epiphany's associate rector. Just as both the vestry and I needed to seriously discern whether or not I was called to be Epiphany's next rector, Fr. Michael and Epiphany's leadership will need your prayers as we discern together whether or not he is called to serve our church in this new, expanded, capacity. I have asked Mark Oliphant to join with me and the personnel committee (Janice Wolfe, Merle Stromberg, Ron Harp and George Hamlin) in doing this work in the next few months.

With this staffing reconfiguration comes a number of practical issues we will need to work out. The most significant issue is simply how we continue to serve Epiphany well with a smaller staff. Please pray for the vestry, clergy and staff as we work together to get all of the bases covered.

Epiphany is also served very ably by volunteer clergy. I'm very glad to report that I have asked and, with Bishop John's support, Deacon Dave Welch has agreed to continue his ministry with us. Fr. David Browning will also continue to occasionally serve our church as he works on his doctoral degree at Catholic University. While we are still working on scheduling, Fr. David will be leading a study on our new Anglican catechism beginning sometime this fall or winter.

Friends, I'm excited about what God has ahead for our church. As we go forward, I'll do my best to communicate "what's coming" to you in a timely manner. Feel free to stop by or give me a call if you have questions or thoughts. In the meantime, see you on Sunday at Epiphany!

God bless,





#### "Faith, Hope and Love" - Parish Weekend October 24-26



Have you ever wondered how to be a better disciple of Jesus? This year, <u>Dr. Phil Harrold</u> will be coming to Epiphany to talk about "Faith, Hope, and Love" the basic building blocks of discipleship as our presenter for Epiphany's annual parish weekend October 24-26. Dr. Harrold is an associate professor of church history at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. A gifted presenter, Dr. Harrold is particularly skilled at connecting our contemporary questions and challenges with the wealth of wisdom and practical experience of Christians who have gone before us.

"I am thrilled that Dr. Harrold will be joining us this year. I benefited greatly from his teaching during my own seminary education and I am very glad to be able to share him with Epiphany," said the Rev. Peter Frank. "I encourage everyone to plan now to be at Epiphany Oct. 24-26. More details, and a sign up will be released in late September.



# Fall Kick Off - September 20, 5 PM



# The 2014 - 2015 choir season begins on Thursday, September 4th.

The choir meets from 7:30pm to 9:00pm on

Thursday evening, for rehearsal, and everyone is welcome to join. The main purpose of the choir is to lead the congregation in singing the hymns and the service music that enhances our worship. In addition we provide anthems for the 10:00 AM service and we sing a Choral Evensong 2 or 3 times a year.



If you can commit only for special times of

the year such as Christmas, Easter or Evensong we would still love to have you join us. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Jimmy Crawford, Director of Music and Liturgy at 703-481-8601 Ext. 101 or jcrawford@epiphanyanglican.net.

# Sports Camp 2014

Epiphany Sports Camp 2014 was from August 4-8 at Coates Elementary School. Over 50 adult and teen volunteers (including those who committed to pray daily for the camp) gave their weeks to put this summer soccerthemed Bible camp for over 75 children from our local community.



Some highlights from camp:

- Over 100 people from camp came to Epiphany for a cookout at the church on Thursday evening.
- Five families from camp attended church on the Sunday after camp for a breakfast and performance by the children.
- At least seven children made first-time commitments to Jesus during the camp!

From some of our volunteers:

- "My favorite part of camp was hearing the kids" curiosity about Jesus and being able to share my faith with them."
- "This camp took evangelism from something 'out there' to something very personal."
- "I didn't realize that the camp would change me."

I cannot thank the tremendous volunteer team enough for their incredible work at this camp. The camp was a huge success, and our volunteers were amazing.









## Greetings from the Intern!

I have been so blessed with the opportunity to serve Epiphany for seven weeks this summer as its intern and, as such, I've been keeping busy! One of the biggest tasks this summer was preparing for the Summer Sports Camp, filling soccer balls with air, labeling name tags with colorful stickers, organizing t-shirts, etc. and then working as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade huddle leader once the camp started. As many of you already know, the camp ran August 4-8 and went phenomenally. You should also know that it could not have been done without all the many wonderful volunteers, from music leaders to



soccer coaches to our lovely nurse, we couldn't have done it without them. Seriously—if you're sitting near one of those phenomenal human beings right now, give them a hug (or a high-five if they're not a hugger). But the camp was filled with many blessings for the volunteers and children alike. To see these kids laugh together, sing God's praise, and a few of them even accept God into their hearts for the first time…it was incredible, as was meeting some of the children's families at the camp cookout on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Another of my tasks was been going through the Daily Morning Prayer service to find all the Biblical references and Scripture in it to create a master copy that acknowledges the primacy of the Bible in our faith. Another responsibility of mine, and one of my favorites, was been leading the High School Girls' Bible Study each Saturday morning. It has been an absolute pleasure studying God's word with these beautiful, lovely, Spirit-filled young women and getting to know them all better. And some of them even came to the young group outing I organized: watching the new X-Men movie and eating dinner together afterwards.

God bless!

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Epiphany Sports Camp in the Newspaper!

On Friday, August 8th Epiphany Sports Camp received an extended mention in a front-page article in the Washington Times! You can read the digital copy of the article at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/EpiphanyInTheNews">http://tinyurl.com/EpiphanyInTheNews</a>.



# THANK YOU! from Penny Rauh

Dear Epiphany Women,

Thank you so much for the lovely "Farewell Dinner". I was so touched by your generosity...of Spirit, Time, Love, Support and Gifts!

This is such an emotionally charged time for both Robin and myself. While we are so looking forward to what God has in store for us, we are so sad that part of this means leaving Epiphany and our "family".



We hope to stay in the area, so we will have opportunity to see each other on occasion! Think of us as "distant relatives"!

Your "gift" paid for our tickets to HAWAII! Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

All my love,

### Penny

p.s. I promise to give Bella the cute backpack...(Renee made me put this in here, so i would actually do it).art work compliments of: Miss Gabrielle McKenica



# Thanks Be To God! from Ann Guest



I would like to thank all of my Epiphany family for the many prayers lifted this past year or so for my grandson, Daniel Smith, who has/had Stage 4 Metastatic Rhabdomyosarcoma – a deadly childhood cancer. (Daniel was 26 years old.) He was treated by doctors at Children's Hospital in a trial program. Fifty weeks of chemo, radiation, surgery. We got news on Saturday that his last tests show **NO CANCER!** Daniel is a fighter, but we know the prayers are the source of this miracle. I thank each and every one of you. God Bless!!!

# Thank You, Epiphany!

Robin, Peter, Dave, Michael and everyone at Church of the Epiphany!

Thank you so very much for the gift of this new Altar Table! As you can see it is in the sanctuary and ready for Sunday worship! We at Winchester Anglican send our warmest thanks to you and all who generously donated this table for us. It will be a true encouragement to our people in our mission to share Jesus in this place!

I hope you will express our thanks to your people in worship and show them these pictures! We are united in the Gospel.

With gratitude,

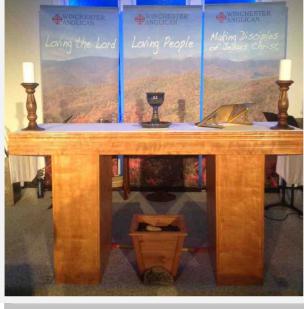
The Rev. Patrick Ware

Rector

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#### WE MUST NOT BE SILENT

"As Christians in the West, it is appalling how most of our government leaders and the secular press have been silent. It is a genocide and humanitarian crisis of the likes we have not seen since World War II."

Archbishop Foley Beach has issued an appeal for prayer and action on behalf of Christians under immediate threat in places like Iraq and Syria. Please read his appeal in its entirety below.

Greetings in the Name our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May God grant you the abundance of His Grace as you follow Him day by day!



If you have been paying attention to what is happening in the Middle East in recent months, you will note that those who are Christians are being brutally murdered, women and girls raped and forced into marriage, experiencing all kinds of torture, and hundreds of thousands have been forced out of their homes and countries. We are seeing communities who date to the 1st Century with their Christian presence being totally annihilated and killed. Historic churches, holy sites, and tombs are being completely destroyed - all in the name of Allah.

In Syria many of our brothers and sisters are engulfed by an ongoing humanitarian crisis. Areas of Aleppo that are home to around 400,000 Christians have been besieged and surrounded by the rebels for months. Many Christians have become malnourished owing to shortages and skyrocketing prices of food and other essentials. Access to water, electricity and communications is very limited. Hundreds of thousands of other Syrians have fled to Jordan where they are living in poverty and confined in tent cities and cardboard homes.

In Iraq hundreds of thousands of believers have fled their homes, reducing the Christian population to a quarter of the size it was in 1990. Many took refuge in Syria or Lebanon, while others are internally displaced in the autonomous region of Iraqi Kurdistan, which once provided relative peace and stability. But Iraqi Christian refugees are no longer safe in Syria, as anti-Christian violence threatens all Christians in the country, while Iraqi Kurdistan is now also seeing escalating tensions; Christians also struggle to find work to support themselves there. Recent events in Mosul have seen the city's Christian population totally exterminated by murder or the evacuation of Christians. Pictures of heads of Christians hanging from telephone wires, crucifixions, and other acts of brutality are heart-wrenching.

This brutality is being led by a group called the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS). Their goal is to reinstate the Islamic caliphate and rule the whole of the Middle East and eventually the world by Sharia Law. Their tactics are pure evil, and they will stop at nothing to accomplish their purposes.

I am writing asking you to do several things. As Christians in the West, it is appalling how most of our government leaders and the secular press have been silent. It is a genocide and humanitarian crisis of the likes we have not seen since WWII. We must not be silent!

1) Would you join me in prayer for our sisters and brothers? Would you in your personal prayers and in the Prayers of the People pray for those being persecuted, those doing the persecuting, and for a solution? Would you pour out your heart in prayer and fasting before God on their behalf? See prayers below.

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- 2) Would you call or write your government representatives and ask them to do something to help the situation? They will not attempt to help if they don't think you care. Right now, they don't think you care.
- 3) The following ministries are engaged in helping refugees. Please offer them your prayers and support.
- Barnabas Fund—"The mission of the Barnabas Fund is to support Christians where they are in a minority and suffer discrimination, oppression and persecution as a consequence of their faith."
- Voice of Ishmael (via Commission to Every Nation)—Bringing hope that changes communities in the Middle East and North Africa.
- Christ Church Jerusalem Ministering to Refuges of the Crisis. Please write "Iraqi refugees" in the memo line.

Please join me in interceding on behalf of our Christian sisters and brothers.

Your brother at the Foot of the Cross,

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach Archbishop and Primate Anglican Church in North America

#### Sample Prayers

Heavenly Father, we bring before you today the people of Syria and Iraq, asking you to be their defender and help in their time of need. Walk with them in their suffering and loss, and give them strength to face the days ahead. We pray for release of the captives and freedom for those held hostage. We pray for your intervention against the violence and evil against your people. We pray for your provision for the hungry, the homeless, and the bereaved. We pray for you to help your people who are called by your Name, Jesus' Name, and it is in His Name we ask these things. Amen.

From the Book of Common Prayer:

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth: deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Edited from the Book of Common Prayer:

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near:

Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, especially in Syria and Iraq; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This article can be found on the ACNA website at: <a href="http://www.anglicanchurch.net/?/main/page/866">http://www.anglicanchurch.net/?/main/page/866</a>





#### http://anglicanchurch.net/

As you may know, our new archbishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach, has a ministry called *A Word from the Lord*, which broadcasts his Bible teaching on a number of radio stations and the internet. This ministry also sends out a weekly "One-Minute Message" from the Archbishop via email.

Archbishop Beach would like to invite you to subscribe to this weekly message, which you can do by clicking here.

Those who sign up can unsubscribe at anytime.

In Christ,

Andrew Gross +
The Rev. Canon Andrew Gross

Canon for Communications and Media Relations

# Welcoming New Leaders

Among the great things about Epiphany are all of the people who give their time and leadership to our church. As we begin a new season of ministry, I want to note a number of leadership transitions.

Outreach/Evangelism: Jan Welch, who two years ago took on the task of revitalizing our outreach ministry, completed her work in this capacity this summer. Maggie Marcum has agreed to take her place. We are also expanding this committee to include evangelism.

**Maintenance:** With Fr. Robin's retirement, I have asked Fred Apelquist to take responsibility for some of the basic building maintenance tasks I was responsible for as Senior Associate Rector. I deeply appreciate his willingness to take on this role.

**Help Wanted:** One other place we need volunteer leadership this fall is in the area of communications (Website/Candle/Facebook). If you have skills and interest in this area, I'd love to hear from you.

God bless,



# Helping Hungry Kids



### **Coates Elementary School**

In January 2013 our Home Group assumed this task which Ann Bracy had done so well since October 2012. Overall since this program started two years ago Epiphany has delivered over 10,320 meals + 3,440 snacks for the needy kids of Coates Elementary!

Our Home Group will again be blessed with coordinating and assembling the food bags for this third school year. We have been asked this year to provide bags for 60 students each month. We plan to give you brief periodic reports during the school year on how things are going.

**AND** you all made it possible! This **Epiphany** effort did not go unnoticed by the school: "Thanks so much [Epiphany] for supporting us this school year! All of the food bags have been delivered to the students."

Coats Food Bags: We are requesting home groups, families, and individuals to fill one gallon Ziploc bags, each with 2 Breakfast items, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners, and 2 Snacks. See following page for more information and Q&A on building the food bags.

The first delivery of 60 bags to Coates is 1 October, which means we will need your contributions by 28 September at the latest. Just bring them to the church and place in the baskets as you enter. Look for more info in the weekly bulletin and Candle.

Again as always many thanks! The kids will really appreciate it!



Home Group assembles bags to make-up shortfall and prepares for delivery.



Example of a prepared bag as donated.

Dave Schriener & Jan Reiter



# Helping Hungry Kids Program: 2014-15

Each month Epiphany prepares and delivers 60 food bags to Coates Elementary for children in need so they will have 3 meals and a snack for each weekend day.

## Food Bags: Instructions and Sample Food List

In a one gallon Ziploc bag include:

#### 2 Breakfast items + 2 Lunch items + 2 Dinner items + 2 Snacks

These are small individual servings you can find in any grocery store. Here are suggestions on what to put into the bags:

Breakfast	Lunch & Dinner	Snacks
Milk (shelf stable cow's	Beef entrees (i.e. Chef Boyardee	Fruit cups
or soy or other non-	pastas)	Applesauce cups
dairy)		Pudding cups
Oatmeal	Non beef entrees (items with	Sweet snacks (granola bars,
	chicken, tuna, vegetarian)	cookies, etc.)
	Individual Mac & Cheese Ramen	
	Noodles	
Dry Cereal	Soups	Salty snacks (microwave
		popcorn, pretzels, crackers)
Cereal Bars		Dried fruits/raisins
		Hot chocolate

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: Can fresh fruit be included?

A: No, these bags are not refrigerated and may be stored for a number of weeks

Q: Do I have to get the items you list?

A: No, these are suggestions.

Q: Can I do more than one bag each month?

A: YES! You are encouraged to involve your children, home group, bible study, etc.

Q: When can I bring in the food bags to Epiphany?

A: Any time, but the deadline is the last Sunday of the month before delivery.

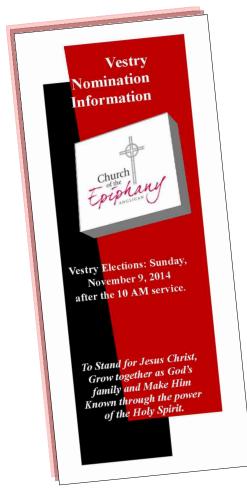
Any other suggestions?

A: Yes Since we will be doing 60 bags each month, it is suggested that you buy these items in quantity (e.g. Mac & Cheese comes in packages of 6 or 12).

If you have questions, please contact:

- Dave Schreiner at 571-251-3955 or manitu12@earthlink.net
- Jan Reiter at 703-966-7083 or prayerlady2@gmail.com

# **Vestry Elections**



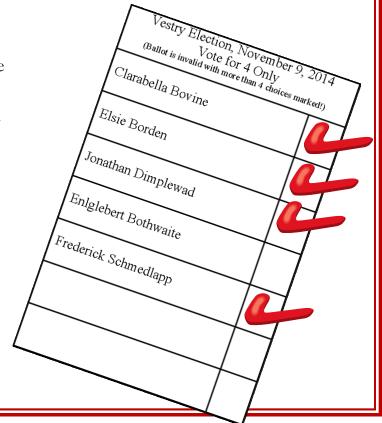
Vestry Elections will be held at the Annual Church Meeting immediately following the 10 AM Service on November 9th.

Please prayerfully consider whether you are called to serve Epiphany in this vital position. This year, four members will be retiring from their three-year vestry terms, and we will be selecting their replacements.

The Vestry Nomination Information brochure, available on line <u>here</u>, contains more information about the duties, obligations and qualifications.

We will also be selecting two members of the congregation to serve on the nominating committee for the next year. These are normally two year obligations, however, since we currently have a vacancy, one will be a one year term, and the other a two year term. If you are not led to stand for the Vestry, please consider this position. It too fills a vital function.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the members of the current Nominating Committee: Tom Will, Maggie Marcum, Ron Harp or Jim Humenik (out going Vestry Members), or Debby Morris.















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## **Publishing Information**

The <u>Epiphany STAR</u> is generally published monthly and contains articles and information about what God has and is doing in us and through us as the Epiphany Family. It is intended to encourage each of us in our ministry and discipleship by relating how God is working in the midst of us.

The *Epiphany Candle* is published weekly by email, highlighting what is coming in the days ahead at Epiphany and other information that the staff and vestry feel is important to emphasize.

Articles and Subscription requests: star@epiphanyanglican.net candle@epiphanyanglican.net

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**Deadlines:** 

STAR: 15th of the month Bulletin: Monday, 8 AM Candle: Wednesday, 8 AM

BIRTHDAYS						
2	Sheila Mentzer	14	Gabrielle Tucker		27	Jane Derrick
3	Darlene Earley	15	15 Mark Monroe			Judy Hall
4	Nicholas Long	Ted Gregg			Bob Schulenberg	
5	Tracy Guernsey	16	16 Kelly Ellis			Eric Schultz
8	Brianna Ellis		TJ Fredrick		28	Tracy Plummer
9	Gordon Coffee		Brent Kendrick			Christopher Rauh
	Cyndi James	19	Jerry Ear	ley		Alexander Rayo-Jones
10	Ryan McKenica	20	Sherry W	/ill	29	Paul Arpee
	Elizabeth Rubis	22	Lee Baun	ngartner		Stephenie Browning
11	Angela Bender		Corey Baumgartner			Scott Reiter
12	Linda Bassert		Andrea Frank		30	Jane Wiegand
	Rob Baumgartner	23	Alastair Y	Young		
13	Samuel Arpee	24	Cecilia Frank			
	Cameron Bender		Daniel T	urner		
	Natalie Harrison					
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES						
8	Janice & Jim Wolfe		17 Cynd	lie & Jim	Humenik	
	Jan & Dave Welch	21 Mary		& Brent	Kendrick	
10	Kris & Duane Young			23 Sherr	ry & Ton	n Will
15	Cindy & John Newton					
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## Resources

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#### **Vestry Officers**

#### **Intercessory Prayer Letter**

Requests can now be submitted by email at a secure site,

prayer-request@epiphanyanglican.net

or written and left in the prayer request box in the Fellowship Area.

All prayer requests are collected after the Sunday morning services and prepared for Monday morning distribution. For more information or questions, contact Faith Fisler at 703-591-6645 or email her at <a href="mailto:mizfiz34@gmail.com">mizfiz34@gmail.com</a>.





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GROW TOGETHER as God's family and

MAKE HIM KNOWN through the power of the Holy Spirit

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September					
20	5-6:30 PM	Youth Group Fall Opener			
21		WINGS			
27	5-6:30 PM	Youth Group			
October					
4, 11, 18, 26	5-6:30 PM	Youth Group			
12	10 AM	Installation of Rector			
24-26		Parish Weekend			
26	5 PM	Charged			
	Novem	ber			
1, 8, 15, 22	5-6:30 PM	Youth Group			
2	7 PM	Choral Evensong			
9	After 10 AM Service	Annual Meeting/Vestry Elections			
9		WINGS			

# Worship Schedule

#### Sundays

8:00 and 10:00 AM Eucharist and Healing

At the 10 am service: Nursery available for infants through 2 years old Sunday School for children 3 years old through 5th grade

#### Weekdays at 9:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: Daily Morning Prayer Wednesdays: Holy Communion