



# Church of the Epiphany

## FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP

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### *Lent - Where Am I Now?*

With Paul's writing in Romans, we can begin to wonder just where our salvation rests. That thought can lead to several questions that don't have ready and satisfying answers.

When we made the discovery in our life of being one of Jesus' everyday disciples, we knew that by our faith in our Lord Jesus we were saved. "God so loved the World." This Grace of God is so amazing that its covering should never leave us. We are at peace with God. This grace of justification is given to us through faith that results in a fellowship with Him.

As we now stand in the middle of Lent we do look ahead to the dreadful trial and crucifixion of Jesus. The agony and pain that he endured to pay the price of our sinful nature is astounding. The thought that he paid that price is way beyond our endurance. The statement is very

true that we could not have been able to save ourselves. We are saved because God loves us and sent His Son to die for what we could never do for ourselves. While some man might die for the righteous or the good, Jesus died for us as sinners.

Grace is a gift from God. This is a reality that should never cease to amaze us and one that should compel us to live for Christ and share his hope of salvation.

In our Communion Service every Sunday we take time to assure ourselves of this love of God. In the Comfortable Words we read two or more of them and they are words of God's love and Jesus' salvation. The doubts we may have are not a sign of disbelief. In the bible we have the apparent disbelief of Thomas on the resurrection of Jesus. Then he is present when Jesus offers his hands and the wounds of the nails for Thomas's touch. Then we have the wonderful exclamation of Thomas, "My Lord and my God." Before the crucifixion we have the question of John the Baptist from his prison cell. "Are you the one or do we look for another?" Jesus' answer to that doubt was that the works he was doing were answers enough. King David had the heart of God but still he wrote many words full of his frustration and fears.

These are servants of God with honest doubts but through faith in God were able to come close. If at times we wrestle with our faith we can do so but it is not the time for us to walk away.

In these times of doubt, we can feel lost. When that happens, we need to dig deeper into scripture. We may be like the father of the tormented son, "I do believe, help me with my unbelief." Jesus did not reject the man but He helped him and healed his son.

In time of our doubt God already knows of our struggle. We can pray to him and confess our condition. Many believers have had their questions in the past. Our involvement with our Christian community is a comfort we can use for some spiritual help. Our real help is to be found in the Cross of Jesus. His forgiveness of our sins pays the price for them and we can be assured of his love for us.

Pray and give yourself to the healing of the Spirit within you. Your doubt of salvation is just a doubt and not the truth.

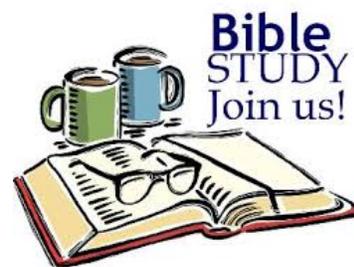
Find peace with God today and grow in your life with our Lord.



### *A Prayer for Holy Thought*

O God, without whose beauty and goodness our souls are unfed, without whose truth our reason withers: Consecrate our lives to your will, giving us such purity of heart, such depth of faith, and such steadfastness of purpose, that in time we may come to think your own thoughts after you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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### *Ecumenical Bible Studies*

#### **Fr. Frank's Bible Study**

**Wednesdays at 4:00 - 5:00 PM**

At Grace Methodist Church 16th St. and Cuba,  
Alamogordo.

They are studying the Gospel of John.

**For more information, call or text Fr. Frank  
At 575-442-1354.**

#### **Combined Ladies Bible Study**

**Thursdays, at 10 am**

at Westminster Presbyterian Church,  
2201 15th St. , Alamogordo.

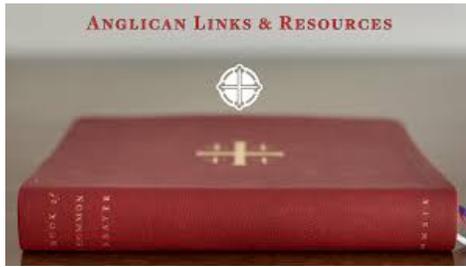
We are studying the Gospel of Matthew using  
the book, "Lets Study Matthew" by Mark E.  
Ross.

Class leaders: Katy Bailey, Nancy Griffin and  
Dawn Wilder, Hannah Barnhart  
Books are available now.

**For more information call or text Nancy at  
575/495-3811**

**Please note there will be no Ladies Bible  
Study during Holy Week,  
Thursday, April 2.**

We will resume on Thursday, April 9.



## Finish Line for Lent

Our time for Lenten reflection and self-examination is about to end. So that we might finish strong, let us consider the resources set forth in this article to carry us through the rest of the Church year, if not for the rest of our lives. My prayer is that these resources will help us all grow deeper and go farther in the faith. While it may not always be as simple as pointing you to “an app for that,” I can help direct your search online. In truth, there is an important app – see below.

The leadership of the **Anglican Church of North America** (to which we at Epiphany belong) has been diligent in assembling and adopting foundational documents that set forth the apostolic faith as revealed in Holy Scripture and as understood by the early Church. Those documents (and a wealth of other information) can be found in the Book of Common Prayer 2019, but also on the ACNA website, [www.anglicanchurch.net](http://www.anglicanchurch.net). You will find lots to explore on the website, but when I visit, it is often because I am preparing to preach on the readings for an upcoming Sunday. So I click on a Heading on the right side of the opening page, “**RESOURCES.**”

Two more headings will be displayed, one titled “**Book of Common Prayer 2019** and the other **Additional Resources.** Clicking on the first will open a window in which you can read (and print) the entire text of the **Book of Common Prayer 2019.** Scroll down to find the **Table of Contents.** Near the end you will find the Foundational Documents, like the Creeds, the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, and the Jerusalem Declaration. They are set forth just like in the Prayer Book. The text of every form of worship service is also set forth, and it is all in both Word and pdf format so it can all be printed as desired. If you found the Table of Contents, you can open single documents, but one of the tabs will also open the entire Book of Common Prayer, all 814 pages. Your browser may not let you download that much, so go back and find the Table of Contents (in red letters).

However, one key document used to be displayed here, but it is now found elsewhere. Look at whichever App Store you use for the **CATECHISM.** Be sure to search for the one for ACNA. Download and study thoroughly. You will be surprised at how user-friendly it is. You can buy a hard copy at the website of **ANGELIC HOUSE PUBLISHERS.** The full title is “**TO BE A CHRISTIAN: AN ANGLICAN CATECHISM.**” If you do not have a copy or are unable to load and use an app, I encourage you to order one. It is worth studying as a Lenten discipline. In contrast to the brief summary in the 1978 Episcopal Prayer Book “Outline of the Faith,” our Catechism gets to the heart of what is important to learn and know. It is helpful in understanding why we believe what we believe. If after shopping, you aren’t yet tired of exploring and scrolling, you can return to the **HOME** page, where you can click on “**ABOUT THE ACNA**” to open a menu and read the Canons (how boring!) under **GOVERNANCE.**

Take a little more time this Lent to also visit the website of the **Anglican Diocese of the Southwest**, [www.anglicansw.org](http://www.anglicansw.org), and our own **Church of the Epiphany** website, [www.churchoftheepiphanycloudcroft.org](http://www.churchoftheepiphanycloudcroft.org). You will learn more about the church and more about the faith.

The Rev. Frank K. Wilson,  
Associate Pastor

## *Lenten Community Luncheons*

**The Wednesday Community Lenten Luncheons on Wednesdays** at the Cloudcroft Methodist Church have been an inspiration to all who have attended. Thus far speakers have been Pastor Dan Sherrell, Cloudcroft Methodist Church, Pastor Gary Truex, Cloudcroft Church of Christ, Pastor Larry Evans, Summit Christian Fellowship, Chaplain Charles Garden, Hospice Chaplain, Alamogordo. We look forward to two more speakers, Wednesday, March 18 - Happy Trails Cowboy Church, and Wednesday, March 25 - Fr. Frank Wilson, Anglican Church of the Epiphany will give the final talk.

Lunch begins at 11:45 am and the talk ends at 1 pm. Epiphany has been well represented in the attendance and we encourage anyone who hasn't been able to attend so far, to come to the last two luncheons. We are grateful to the ladies of the Cloudcroft Methodist Church who organize these luncheons and to all the sponsoring churches who provide the soup and speaker each week.

## *Spring Cleaning Day*

**Please note** on our Holy Week Event notice that we are having a **Church Spring Cleaning Day** on **Saturday, March 28**, beginning at 10 am. If we get enough help we should be through by noon.

**Thank you in advance for your participation!!!**

## *2026 Annual Meeting*

The Annual Meeting of the Church of the Epiphany took place on February 22, 2026.

The 2026 proposed budget was presented and approved.

Annette Fazenbaker will be our 2026 delegate to Synod and she will remain on the Standing Committee as a deanery delegate.

## *Holy Week*

We will begin our Holy Week celebration with Palm Sunday, March 29, and then enter into Holy Week, remembering the Lord's Commandment on Maundy Thursday and taking part in a reflection on the six things that Christ carried with him to the cross on Good Friday.



## *Easter*

*Easter Sunday, after a joyful celebration of the Resurrection, we invite you to join us for Easter Luncheon.*

*We hope you will be able to join us if you are visiting Cloudcroft.*

## *Collect for Easter*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Epiphany Holy Week

### Schedule

#### **Wednesday, March 25 - 11:45 am to 1 pm Last Lenten Community Luncheon at the Cloudcroft Methodist Church**

Fr. Frank will give the talk and Epiphany is responsible for 5 soups. Please have them at the church have them at the church by 11:45 or earlier. *And if anyone would like to bring a dessert, I am sure the ladies would be very happy to have a contribution.*

#### **Cleaning Day - March 28. 10 am** *"Many hands make light work!"*

#### **Palm Sunday - March 29**

#### **Maundy Thursday April 2 - 5 pm Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing**

#### **Good Friday Reflection and Holy Eucharist April 3 - 4:30 pm**

#### *Easter Sunday - 10 am*

**There will be an Easter Luncheon following the service.**

#### **Epiphany Military Prayer List**

Gabriella Murley, US Army,  
Mason Gregg, US Marines  
Creed Napier, USAF  
JW Grove, US Navy  
Shawn Zima, US Army, Hong Kong  
Wyatt Green, US Navy  
Emma Skidmore, US Navy  
Patrisha Wilson Kellner, US Navy  
David Fazenbaker, USAF  
Garrett Haynes, Army National Guard  
Samantha Kozeniesky - US Air Force

### Praise Reports

#### **Praise God for answers to our prayer requests**

- For** Recoveries and healings for Karli Sorensen, Dave Dunn, Wayne Conine Jr. David Griffin, Fran and Tom Gregg
- For** The Community Lenten Luncheons and all the churches and speakers.
- For** a successful Clergy Conference in Albuquerque, March 12-14
- For** our well attended Bible studies in Alamogordo.

#### **Prayer Concerns**

- For** a good Lent and our Lenten services
- For** all our service men and women.
- For** moisture on the mountain and protection from wind and fire.
- For** a successful surgical procedure for Darcy Ellis.
- For** Walter and Carolyn Ford as they travel.
- For** Esther's cousin, Dave Dunn, as he recovers from surgery and for Esther as she returns home on March. 17.
- For** Donya and Trevor Conine to regain more strength and mobility
- For** Fr. Frank and Carolyn Wilson, Walter and Carolyn Ford, George and Gayla Chapman, Patty Kendrick, and all our caregivers
- For** churches in Alamogordo who are having searches for pastors: Grace Methodist Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church.
- For** the ACNA and Bishop Julian, and the ADSW Diocese, Bishop Steven, and the Standing Committee.
- For** Annette Fazenbaker as a deanery representative to the Standing Committee of the Diocese.
- For** Fr. Frank as a member of the Diocesan ROC committee and the Bylaws committee
- For** church plants within the diocese and for protection for our Mexican churches

**March Service Schedule**

**LEMS & Lectors**

**The Rev. Willis F Griffin, Pastor**  
**The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor**

**Lent 2 - Sunday, March 1 - 10AM**

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank  
LEM Karli Sorensen  
Lector Paul Fazenbaker

**Lent 3 - Sunday, March 8 - 10 AM**

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred  
LEM Karli Sorensen  
Lector Machele Lackey

**Lent 4 - Sunday, March 15 - 10 AM**

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank  
LEM Patrick Zima  
Lector Annette Fazenbaker

**Lent 5 - March 22 -10 AM**

Holy Eucharist - Pastor Fred  
LEM Patrick Zima  
Lector Madeleine Fazenbaker

**Palm Sunday - March 29 - 10 AM**

Holy Eucharist - Fr. Frank  
LEM Karli Sorensen  
Lector Machele Lackey

**Maundy Thursday - April 2 - 5 pm**

Holy Eucharist -Pastor Fred  
LEM Karli Sorensen  
Lector Nancy Griffin

**Good Friday - April 3 - 4:30 pm**

Holy Eucharist -Pastor Fred  
LEM Karli Sorensen

**Easter Sunday- April 5 - 10 am**

Holy Eucharist -Pastor Fred  
LEM Patrick Zima  
Lector Paul Fazenbaker

**Sunday, March 1**  
Potluck after the service

**Community Lenten Luncheons**  
**Wednesdays during Lent**  
**Held at the Cloudcroft Methodist Church**  
**11:45 am to 1 pm**  
**Wednesday, March 25 is our turn to**  
**provide soup, Fr. Frank will give the talk.**

**Stations of the Cross**  
**Fridays during Lent**  
**4:30 pm**

**Palm Sunday March 29 - 10 am**  
**Holy Week:**  
**Maundy Thursday April 2 - 5 pm**  
**Good Friday April 3 - 4:30 pm**

*Easter Sunday April 5 - 10 am*  
**A luncheon will be served after the**  
**service.**



Coffee Fellowship

March 1 - Potluck  
March 8 - Machele Lackey  
March 15 - Annette Fazenbaker  
March 22 - Nancy Griffin  
Palm Sunday, March 29 -  
Easter Sunday - April 5 - luncheon  
Sign-up sheets are on the table.



**March Birthdays**

Aliene Gainey - 6  
Jessica Williams - 7  
Charles Stigall - 26  
Lydia Fyock - 29

**March Anniversaries**

Paul & Kathleen Coleman - 21

**ACNA Lectionary yr. A  
March 2026**

**Lent 2 • March 1, 2026**

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalms 33:12-21

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-16

**Lent 3 • March 8, 2026**

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 1:16-32

John 4:5-26, 39-42

**Lent 4 • March 15, 2026**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:1-14

John 9:1-13, 28-38

**Lent 5 • March 22, 2026**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 6:15-23

John 11:18-44

**Palm Sunday • March 29, 2026**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalms 22:1-11

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:36-75, 27:1-66

**Easter Sunday • April 5, 2026**

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:14-17

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-10

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Bishop Steven Tighe

**The Church of the Epiphany**

The Rev. Willis F. Griffin, Pastor

The Rev. Frank K. Wilson, Associate Pastor

Musicians: Esther Fyock, Stan & Sandy Thomas.

Senior Warden

Annette Fazenbaker, Junior Warden

Financial Committee: Paul Fazenbaker, Machele Lackey,

Doug Price

**Church Board**

Karli Sorensen Aguilar Patrick Zima

Machele Lachey, JR Hester

Nancy Griffin, Clerk

**Mission Statement**

Our mission is to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere where the Word of God fills each person with an understanding and renewal of their faith in Christ.

Outreach, both within our own community as well as abroad, is a further extension of this faith.

*Romans 10:17 ~ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.*

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**The Anglican Diocese of the Southwest. Bishop Steven Tighe**

**The Church of the Epiphany, Cloudfcroft, Rev. Fred Griffin, Rev. Frank K. Wilson**

Christ the King, Albuquerque (Rev. Peter Falk, Deacon Bill Lock); Church of our Lord, Albuquerque (Rev. Harold Trott, Michael Kline); Emmaus Anglican Church, Albuquerque (Revs. Greg & Noel Pfeifer; Christ Church, Farmington (Revs. Carl & Barbara Brenner); St. Clement's, El Paso (Revs. Bill Cobb, Rick Milliorn, Eduardo Gonzalez, Michael Sheehan, Deacon Courtney Brown) Rey de Paz, El Paso (Revs. John Dixon, Ken Hanna); Good Shepherd, San Angelo (Rev. Hal Scott); St. Stephen's, Roswell (Rev. Bob Tally); All Saints' and St. Paul's, Midland Texas (Rev. Tom Finnie); Iglesia La Trinidad, Guadalajara (Lay Leader, Miguel Meriono Lobos) Iglesia de Jesus & Jesus es la Resurreccion, Aguas Caliente, Mexico (Revs. Elias Rosales Mendez and Maria del Rayo Jimenez Victoria, Deacon Roger Griffin); Gran Pastor, Fresnillo, Mexico (Sr. Warden, Norma Rodriguez, Missionary Meredith Omland); Good Shepherd, Hill New Mexico (Rev. Farhid Adabache); St. James, Dalhart, Texas (Rev. Philip Ray). Emmaus Anglican, Castle Rock CO (Rev. Theron Walker; Resurrection Anglican Fellowship, Greenwood Village, CO (Fr. Phil Eberhardt) St. Paul's Anglican Church, Owasso, OK (Fr. Chris Waters); Christ the Redeemer, Oklahoma City, OK (Fr. Brad Van Deventer); Iglesia Piedra Angular & Comunidad de Fe, Rey de Justicia, Juarez, Chihuahua;