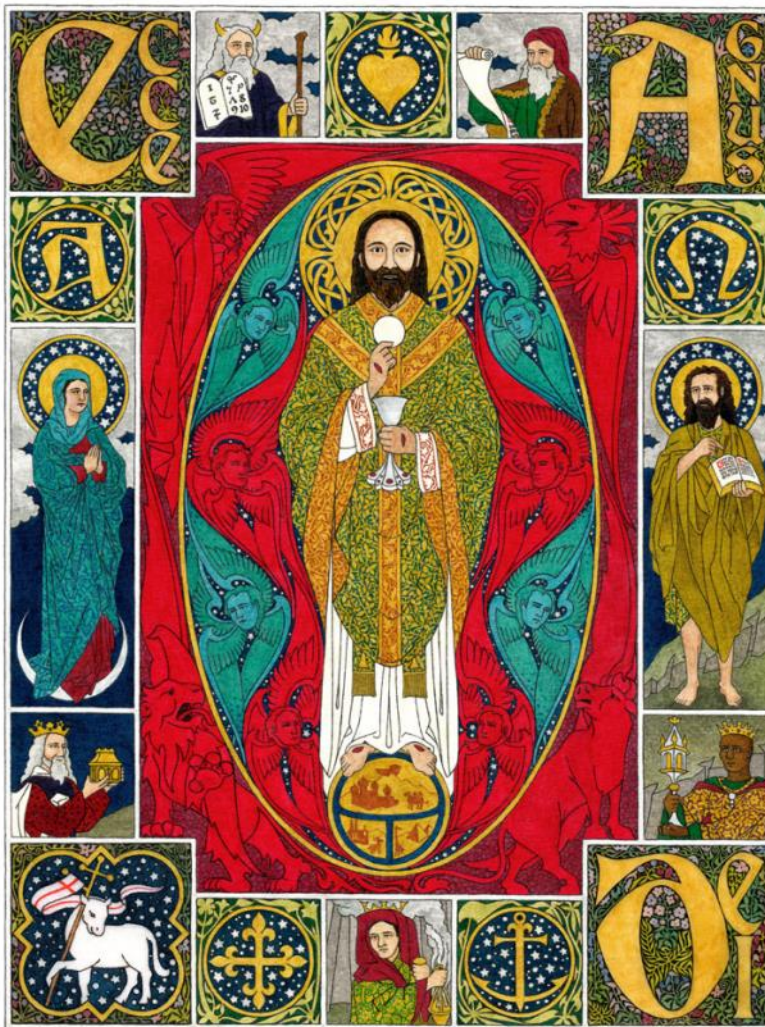


# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
August 22, 2021—9:30 am

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### *A Note To Our Guests:*

Welcome to Epiphany, we are glad to have you join us this morning as we celebrate Holy Eucharist! You are also invited to sign a pew card.

Guests sometimes worry about what to do next...where to turn in the book and whether to stand, sit or kneel. From time to time you will receive page number guidance from the clergy, and you may watch to see what others do. The “BCP” page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, the black book. The “S” numbers refer to the Service Music in the front of the blue Hymnal 1982. But we invite you into worship and just to enjoy the service. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord’s Table. If you prefer not to receive, but wish to come forward for a blessing, please do so, crossing your arms against your chest.

We are blessed to have you with us! So, sing the hymns, join in, and celebrate the joy of our Lord’s life, death, and resurrection!

Again, welcome ...We wish you God’s peace and joy!

Faithfully,  
*The People of Church of the Epiphany*

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)—Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)—Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer via Zoom

Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 a.m.

# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 2021

Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 9:30 am

*A time of quiet reflection or personal prayer is requested prior to the service.*

<b>PROCESSIONAL</b>	<i>Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word</i>	Hymn 440
<b>OPENING ACCLAMATION</b>		BCP 355
<b>GLORIA</b>	<i>Glory to God</i>	Hymn S-280

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

*1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43*

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day

toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

*Lector*  
**People**

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM**

*Psalm 84*

- <sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- <sup>2</sup> The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- <sup>3</sup> Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- <sup>4</sup> Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.
- <sup>5</sup> Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- <sup>6</sup> They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- <sup>7</sup> Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- <sup>8</sup> Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

<sup>9</sup> For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

<sup>11</sup> No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

<sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**THE EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord  
**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN**

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

Hymn 524

**THE GOSPEL***John 6:56-69**Lector*  
**People**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

*Lector*  
**People**The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.****SERMON**

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**THE NICENE CREED**

BCP 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

BCP 388

**THE PEACE****OFFERTORY MUSIC***The Church's One Foundation*

Hymn 525

**DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

<b>GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>		BCP 361
<b>SANCTUS</b>		Hymn S-125
<b>GREAT AMEN</b>		Hymn S-146
<b>THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>		BCP 364
<b>FRACTION ANTHEM</b>		Belmont
 <b>Alleluia,</b> <b>Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast;</b> <b>Blood of Christ, shed for us,</b> <b>take in remembrance of Him, in remembrance of Him.</b>  		
<b>COMMUNION MUSIC</b>	<i>Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless</i>	Hymn 343
<b>POST COMMUNION PRAYER</b>		BCP 365
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	<i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i>	Hymn 460

## —Hymn & Verse of the Month—

### *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless*

Hymn 343

<sup>1</sup> Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
thy chosen pilgrim flock  
With manna in the wilderness,  
With water from the rock.

<sup>3</sup> Be known to us in breaking bread,  
and do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread  
thy table in our heart.

<sup>2</sup> We would not live by bread alone,  
But by thy word of grace,  
In strength of which we travel on  
To our abiding place.

<sup>4</sup> Lord, sup with us in love divine,  
thy Body and thy Blood,  
That living bread, that heavenly wine,  
Be our immortal food.

### **1 Peter 2:24-25**

<sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*We are a community of discipleship, healing and worship.  
We are committed to God, one another and  
the transformation of the world in Jesus Christ.*

## NEWS

**COVID Delta Variant**—Bishop Kym put out a letter last week with revised worship recommendations. She strongly urges that congregations across the state return to full masking in light of the rapid spread of the Delta variant. Since Denver has a relatively high vaccination rate and currently low hospitalizations Epiphany’s vestry has determined that we will follow Denver’s Covid dial framework. We still ask that all unvaccinated people wear masks inside the church. Anyone who is medically compromised or lives or works with vulnerable people is also encouraged to mask up.

**A New Way to Give**— If you have the **Zelle** app on your phone or computer you can donate to the church via the email **give@epiphanydenver.org** If you are a first time donor to Epiphany, please include your email & address on the memo line so that you can receive a tax statement in 2022.

**Spiritual Formation**—Look for materials in the commons for the all-ages Biblical literacy program beginning in August! Fr. Stace’s suggested outline for this week:

<i>The Story Bible</i> (Engelbrecht) Ages 2-8	<i>The Child’s Story Bible</i> (Vos) Ages 9 and Up	<i>Growth in the Word</i> (Shafer) Grades 7-12	<i>Experiencing the Presence of God</i> (Tozer)	<i>The Imitation of Christ with Commentary</i> (à Kempis/Billy)
Suggested pace: about 2-4 stories per week	Suggested pace: about 4-6 chapters per week	Suggested pace: about one lesson per week	Suggested pace: about one chapter every 2 weeks	Suggested pace: about 3 chapters per week
<i>The Birth of Isaac, Abraham &amp; Isaac, Isaac &amp; Rebekah</i>	<i>God Tests Abraham, Rebekah, Jacob Buys the Birthright, Jacob Deceives His Father</i>	Lesson 4	Chapter 1 <i>Striving Toward God’s Presence</i> (continued)	8. Of Avoiding Inappropriate Intimacy, 9. Of Obedience for those Under Religious Vows, 10. Of Avoiding Unnecessary Talk