

# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**August 29, 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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 2021

Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 9:30 am

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

**PROCESSIONAL**

*At the Name of Jesus*

Hymn 435

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

BCP 355

**GLORIA**

*Glory to God*

Hymn S-280

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

*Lector*  
**People**

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

**THE PSALM**

*Psalm 15*

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- <sup>2</sup> Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- <sup>4</sup> In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- <sup>5</sup> He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- <sup>6</sup> He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- <sup>7</sup> Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

**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**

*James 1:17-27*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Hymn 436

**THE GOSPEL**

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

*Lector*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**People**      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’  
You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

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

**—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>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>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>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

**Summer Sunday 9:30 services end next week!** Beginning September 12th we will return to 10:30am

**COVID Delta Variant**—Bishop Kym put out a letter recently 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>Jacob &amp; Esau, Jacob's Dream, Jacob's Family, Esau Forgives Jacob</i>	<i>Jacob Leaves Home, Jacob Meets Rachel, Jacob Leaves Haran Secretly, Jacob Goes Home</i>	Lesson 5	Chapter 2 <i>Hindrances on the Pathway to God's Presence</i>	11. Of Finding Peace & Making Spiritual Progress 12. Of Putting Troubles to Use, 13. Of Resisting Temptations