

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 8, 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.

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Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 9:30 am

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

PROCESSIONAL	<i>God is Love, and Where True Love Is</i>	Hymn 577
OPENING ACCLAMATION		BCP 355
GLORIA	<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 to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33*

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 130

- ¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- ² If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- ³ For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- ⁴ I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- ⁵ My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- ⁶ O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- ⁷ With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**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 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths,

but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Hymn 343

THE GOSPEL

John 6:35, 41-51

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

SERMON

Fr. Jack Stapleton

THE NICENE CREED		BCP 358
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		BCP 392
THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY MUSIC	<i>Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	Hymn 410
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.	
GREAT THANKSGIVING		BCP 361
SANCTUS		Hymn S-125
GREAT AMEN		Hymn S-146
THE LORD'S PRAYER		BCP 364
FRACTION ANTHEM		Belmont
	Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast; Blood of Christ, shed for us, take in remembrance of Him, in remembrance of Him.	
COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord</i>	Hymn 524
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP 365
RECESSIONAL	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>	Hymn 522

—Hymn & Verse of the Month—

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Hymn 343

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

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

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

⁴ 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

²⁴ 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. ²⁵ 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

Welcome Babies!—Hadassah Abigail Maria Tafoya, born 7/21, 5lbs 12oz
Cal William Hull, born 7/25, 7lbs 15oz

Fellowship Dinners!—**Space available at August 27th dinner!** Check your email for the sign-up. You can also still sign up to host! If you are interested in hosting an outdoor meal please contact:

Ann Rennie at 303-641-9340 or at ann.rennie@gmail.com

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.

Kid's Summer Book Group—Join Ann Rennie for a fun discussion of a fanciful book with underlying Christian themes. Read the book at home and come to the park ready to discuss!

- **Teens** (middle school/high school): *Out of the Silent Planet* by C.S. Lewis
Sat. August 21 from 10:00-12:00 at Crestmoor Park Playground

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> (aKempis/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>Sin Enters the World, Cain and Abel, Noah and the Flood, God's Promise to Noah</i>	<i>A Loss and a Promise, The First Crime, What the First Men Were Like, The Second Beginning, The Strange Division of Men into Nations</i>	Lesson 2	Continue: Forward & Introduction: <i>A Journey of Discovering God's Presence</i>	2. Of Having a Humble Opinion About Yourself, 3. Of the Teaching of Truth, 4. Of Thinking Before You Act