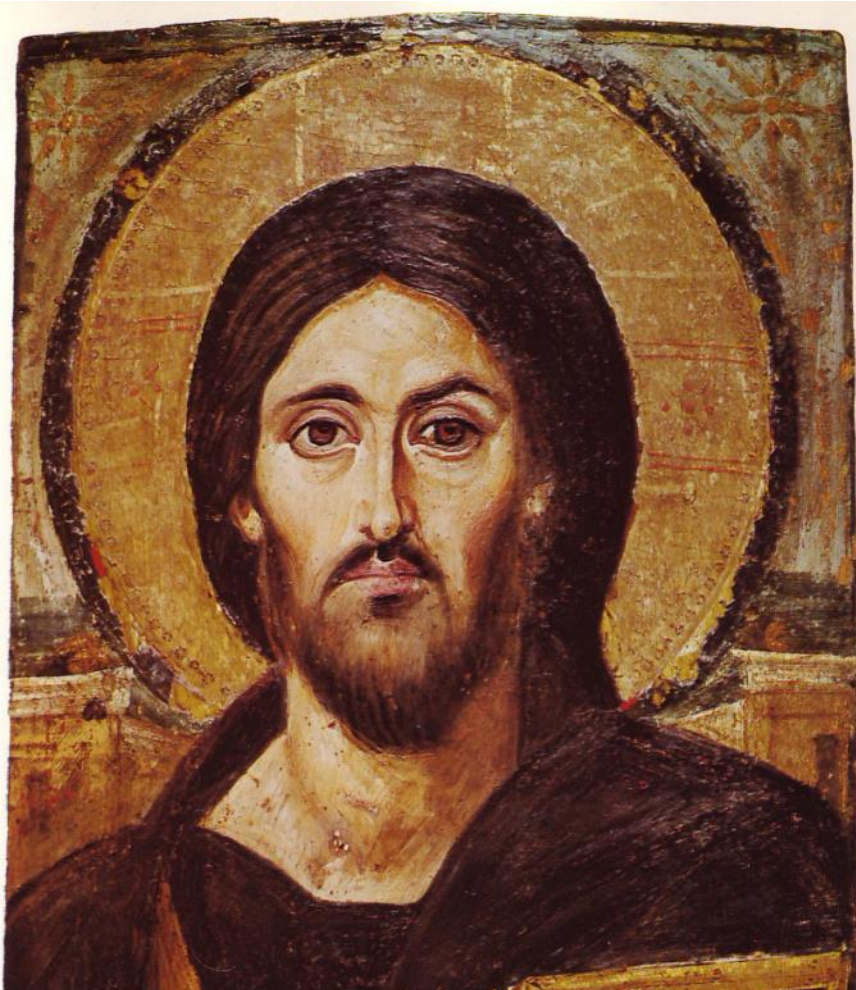


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 12, 2021—10:30 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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)—Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist (Rite II)—Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 a.m.

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021

Holy Eucharist & Baptism - Rite II - 9:30 am

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

PROCESSIONAL

All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine

Hymn 477

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 299

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.

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 116:1-8

- ¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- ² The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- ³ Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”
- ⁴ Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- ⁵ The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- ⁶ Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD has treated you well.
- ⁷ For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- ⁸ I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.

**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 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

O Love of God, How Strong and True

Hymn 455

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

—Hymn & Verse of the Month—

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

Hymn 477

¹ All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine: Alleluia!

² Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
By thee the outcast and the poor were sought;
And by thy death was God's salvation wrought: Alleluia!

³ Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
Who wast a servant that we might be free,
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary: Alleluia!

⁴ Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
And given the name to which all knees shall bow: Alleluia!

⁵ Let every tongue confess with one accord
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord:
And God the Father be by all adored: Alleluia! Amen

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*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

Nursery—Child care for babies up to 3 year-olds resumes **next week, September 19th**. Nursery attendants will be masked and fully vaccinated. They will take temperatures upon entry.

Acolyte & Reader Training—Anyone elementary age and up who wants to volunteer as an altar acolyte or scripture reader is invited for in-person training on September 19th or 26th at 9:30am.

Fall Sunday School—October 3rd-November 21st

Teen & Adult Class—Join us for in-person classes from 9:30-10:15am. We will discuss *The Imitation of Christ*. We will follow the biblical literacy calendar loosely and outside reading is encouraged but not necessary; each class will be self contained.

Elementary Age—Fr. Stace will check-in with elementary kids over Zoom from 9:15-9:30am to discuss what they've been reading in the Biblical literacy program.

Kids & Teen Book Club—Stay tuned for a book club for kids and teens with Jen & Ann, TBA

COVID Delta Variant—We 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.

Spiritual Formation—Suggested Calendar for the week of September 12th

<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 Blesses His Children, The Birth of Moses, Moses & the Burning Bush, Moses & the Plagues</i>	<i>Benjamin Goes to Egypt, Joseph's Silver Cup, Jacob Goes to Egypt, The Death of Jacob</i>	Chapter 2 <i>Word Study in Philipians</i> Lesson 1	Chapter 3 <i>Man is Naturally Drawn to God's Presence</i>	17. Of the Monastic Life, 18. Of the Examples of the Holy Fathers, 19. Of the Training of a Good Religious Person