

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 5, 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>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	Hymn 423
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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 35:4-7a*

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 146

- ¹ Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- ² Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.
- ³ When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- ⁴ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- ⁵ Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- ⁶ Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- ⁷ The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- ⁸ The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- ⁹ The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

**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 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and

if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

GOSPEL HYMN *O Bless the Lord, My Soul* Hymn 411

THE GOSPEL *Mark 7:24-37*

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even

the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

SERMON	Fr. Stace Tafoya	
THE NICENE CREED		BCP 358
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		BCP 388
THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY MUSIC	<i>All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine</i>	Hymn 477
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

**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 *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread* Hymn 321

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

RECESSIONAL *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing* Hymn 344

— Hymn 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

*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

This service moves to 10:30 NEXT WEEK!

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> (àKempis/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>Joseph & His Brothers, Joseph’s Troubles, Joseph Feeds Egypt, Joseph Forgives</i>	<i>How Joseph Was Sold, In Potiphar’s House, From Prison to Palace, Joseph’s Dreams Come True</i>	Lesson 6	Chapter 2 <i>Hindrances on the Pathway to God’s Presence</i> (continued)	14. Of Avoiding Hasty Judgments, 15. Of Works Done Out of Love 16. Of Putting Up With Other’s Faults