

# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**MORNING PRAYER**  
**October 10, 2021—8:00 am & 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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 10, 2021

Morning Prayer - 8:00 am & 10:30 am

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

**PROCESSIONAL**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Hymn 680

**INVITATORY**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
**People** **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**All** **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and o the Holy Sirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.**

**VENITE**

*Psalm 95:1-7*

(seated)BCP 82

**THE PSALM**

*Psalm 90:12-17*

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup> Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? \*  
be gracious to your servants.

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

<sup>15</sup> Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

<sup>16</sup> Show your servants your works \*  
and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup> May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.

**All** **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.**

**FIRST LESSON***Amos 5:6-7,10-15*

Seek the LORD and live,  
 or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
 and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.  
 Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
 and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
 and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.  
 Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
 and take from them levies of grain,  
 you have built houses of hewn stone,  
 but you shall not live in them;  
 you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
 but you shall not drink their wine.  
 For I know how many are your transgressions,  
 and how great are your sins—  
 you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
 and push aside the needy in the gate.  
 Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
 for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,  
 that you may live;  
 and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
 just as you have said.  
 Hate evil and love good,  
 and establish justice in the gate;  
 it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
 will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

**BENEDICTUS***Luke 1:68-79*

(standing) BCP 92

**THE EPISTLE***Hebrews 4:12-16*

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,  
 piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge  
 the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden,

but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

Hymn 460

**THE GOSPEL**

*Mark 10:17-31*

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of

the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

**SERMON** Dcn. Gary Stoddard

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED** BCP 96

**SUFFRAGES (B)** BCP 98

**COLLECTS**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** BCP 387

**COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVE SACRAMENT** BCP 398

**COMMUNION MUSIC** *Take My Life and Let it Be* Hymn 707

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** BCP 399

**RECESSIONAL** *Praise to the Living God* Hymn 372

## —Hymn & Verse of the Month—

### *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Hymn 460

<sup>1</sup> Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone;  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by His blood.

<sup>2</sup> Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how:  
Though the cloud from sight received Him,  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

<sup>3</sup> Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,  
thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

<sup>4</sup> Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great high priest:  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.

<sup>5</sup> Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of holy Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
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### **Colossians 1:19-20**

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*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

### Fall Sunday School—October 3<sup>rd</sup> to November 21<sup>st</sup>

**Teen & Adult Class**—Join us for in-person classes from 9:30-10:15am to 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.

**\*Resumes next week!**

**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.

**Hymn & Verse of the Month**—Pick up your bookmark in the commons!

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*—Hymn 460

**Colossians 1:19-20** — For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### Spiritual Formation—Suggested Calendar for the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>

<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>The Lord Stops the Enemies, Gideon, A Sword for the Lord, Samson</i>	<i>Israel's Feasts, The Year of Jubilee, They Continue Their Journey, The Grumbling, Spies Search Out the Land, Three Miracles</i>	Chapter 4 <i>Narrative Study of Philemon</i> Step 1	Chapter 5 <i>Man's Revolt Against God's Presence</i>	Book 2: <i>4. Of Pure Feelings &amp; Simple Intentions, 5. Of Paying Attention to Oneself, 6. Of the Joy of a Good Conscience</i>