

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 7, 2022—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!

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.

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Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:30 am

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

PROCESSIONAL - *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

Hymn 398

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

GLORIA

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.**

FIRST LESSON - *Genesis 15:1-6*

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM - *Psalm 50:1, 8, 12-15*

All **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

Cantor The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and summoned the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
“I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me.

All **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

Cantor “Were I hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness its mine.
Do I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

All **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

Cantor “Give your praise as a sacrifice to God, and fulfill your vows to the Most High.
Then call on me in the day of distress.
I will deliver you and you shall honor me.”

All **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

THE EPISTLE - *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had

left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

GOSPEL HYMN - *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

Hymn 444

THE GOSPEL - *Luke 12:32-40*

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

SERMON

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THE NICENE CREED	BCP 358
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	BCP 387
THE PEACE	
OFFERTORY - <i>God, My King, Thy Might Confessing</i>	Hymn 414
DOXOLOGY	Hymn 380 v.3
GREAT THANKSGIVING	BCP 361
SANCTUS	Hymn S-125
GREAT AMEN	Hymn S-146
FRACTION ANTHEM	Belmont
<p>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.</p>	
COMMUNION MUSIC - <i>Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace</i>	Hymn 593
<i>Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God</i>	Hymn 711
POST COMMUNION PRAYER	BCP 365
RECESSIONAL - <i>Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</i>	Hymn 618

*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

Counters Needed—If you are interested in helping the church behind the scenes we need you! Teams of two count the offering after the 10:30 service once a month. Training and calculators are provided!

Sunday School Volunteers Needed—We are poised to begin Sunday School again after a two year hiatus. Jen Anderson Tarver, Sarah Tafoya, and Fr. Stace are looking for five to six people who feel called to participate in our Christian education hour this Fall, which takes place from 9:15 to 10:15. If you feel the Lord urging you to inquire, please respond with an email at office@epiphanydenver.org or rector@epiphanydenver.org