

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 11, 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 8:30 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 - Savior of the Nations, Come

Hymn 54

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

MAGNIFICAT

¹ My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exalts in God my Savior
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted
For the mighty God has done great things for me
And His mercy will reach from age to age

**And holy holy
Holy is His name**

² He has mercy in ev'ry generation
He has revealed His power and His glory
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly
He has come to help His servant Israel
He remembers His promise to our fathers

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
 the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
 and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
 the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
 the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
 and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
 “Be strong, fear not!
Behold, your God
 will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
 He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a hart,
 and the tongue of the dumb 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;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
 the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

And a highway shall be there,
 and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not pass over it,
 and fools shall not err therein.
No lion shall be there,
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
 but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
 and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

THE PSALM - Psalm 146:6-10

All **Lord, come and save us.**
Cantor It is the LORD who preserves fidelity forever,
 who does justice to those who are oppressed.
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD who sets prisoners free.

All **Lord, come and save us.**
Cantor The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,
 the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.
 It is the LORD who loves the just, the LORD who protects the stranger.

All **Lord, come and save us.**
Cantor The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.
 The LORD will reign forever, the God of Zion from age to age.

All **Lord, come and save us.**

THE EPISTLE - James 5:7-10

RSV

Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble, brethren, against one another, that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the doors. As an example of suffering and patience, brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN - *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came*

Hymn 265

THE GOSPEL - *Matthew 11:2-11*

RSV

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

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings’ houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

‘Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,
who shall prepare thy way before thee.’

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

SERMON

Bishop Kym Lucas

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 392

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY - O Magnum Mysterium

*O magnum mysterium
Et admirabile sacramentum
Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
Jacentem in praesepio!
Beata Virgo, cuius viscera
Meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum
Alleluia*

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
the Lord, Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Morten Lauridsen

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 380 v.3

GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 367

SANCTUS

Hymn S-125

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC - *Gabriel's Message Does Away*

Hymn 270

Once He Came in Blessing

Hymn 53

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

RECESSIONAL - *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

Hymn 444

*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

2023 Pledge Cards Available—Look for pledge cards in the commons to help the vestry plan Epiphany's operating budget for next year. Please return to the collection box or the church office.

Advent Sunday School—All are welcome to the teen/adult class in the St. Martha's room at 9:30 for a time of reflection on the art and music of the season.

Epiphany Celebration—Our traditional pig roast is back! We will celebrate our church's name feast on January 8th. Please see the sign-up link in the newsletter for ways to help out.

Advent Events

Dec 18	4 th Sunday of Advent	Lessons & Carols 10:30am (no 8:00 service)
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service	4:00pm Candlelight Service
Dec 25	Christmas Day/Sunday	10:30am service only
Jan 8	Epiphany Celebration!	Pig Roast Feast