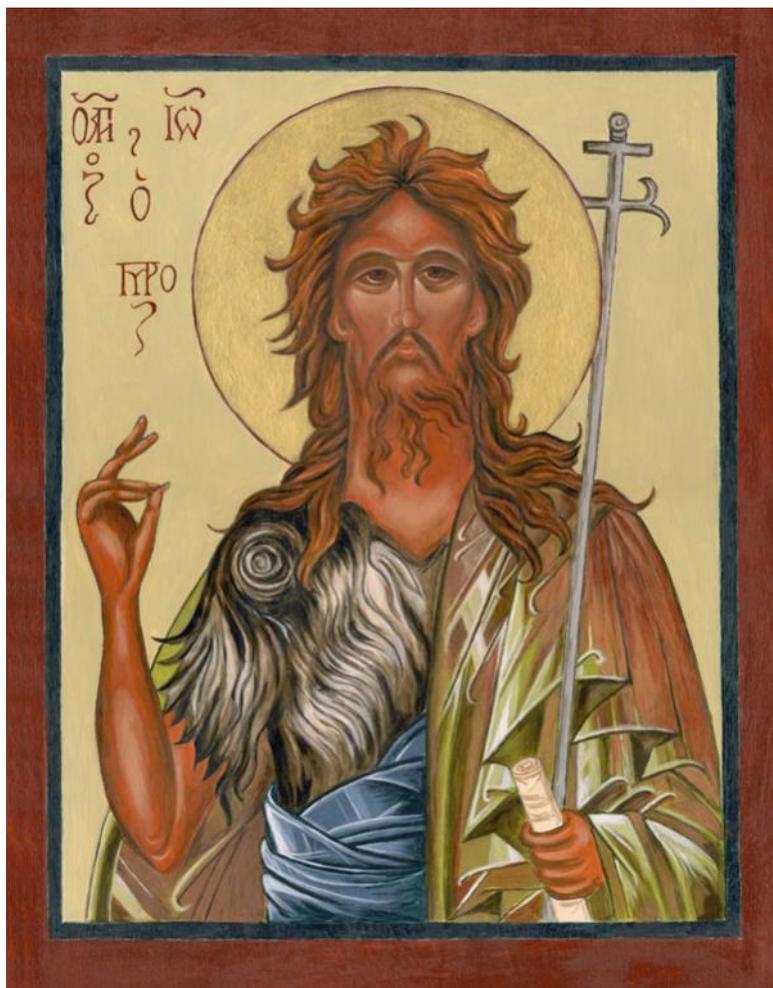


# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 4, 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*

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## 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** - *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

Hymn 59

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

BCP 355

**MAGNIFICAT**

<sup>1</sup> 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**

<sup>2</sup> 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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist,  
and faithfulness the girdle of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
and the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall feed;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

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

**THE PSALM** - *Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17*

**All**            **Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you.**

*Lector*        O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgment.

**All**            **Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you.**

*Lector*        In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more.  
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the river to the bounds of the earth.

**All**            **Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you.**

*Lector*        For he shall save the needy when they cry, the poor, and those who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy.

**All**            **Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you.**

*Lector*        May his name endure forever, his name continue like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blest in him, all nations shall call him blessed.

**All**            **Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you.**

**THE EPISTLE** - *Romans 15:4-13*

RSV

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise thee among the Gentiles,  
and sing to thy name”;

and again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and further Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
he who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him shall the Gentiles hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN** - *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying*

Hymn 75

**THE GOSPEL** - *Matthew 3:1-12*

RSV

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

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.”

Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit that befits repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he



*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

**Greening of the Church**—All are welcome to stay for a potluck & pizza lunch after the 10:30 service to decorate the church for Christmas!

**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 8<sup>th</sup>. Please see the sign-up link in the newsletter for ways to help out.

### *Advent Events*

Dec 11	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Bishop Kym's Visit
Dec 18	4 <sup>th</sup> 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