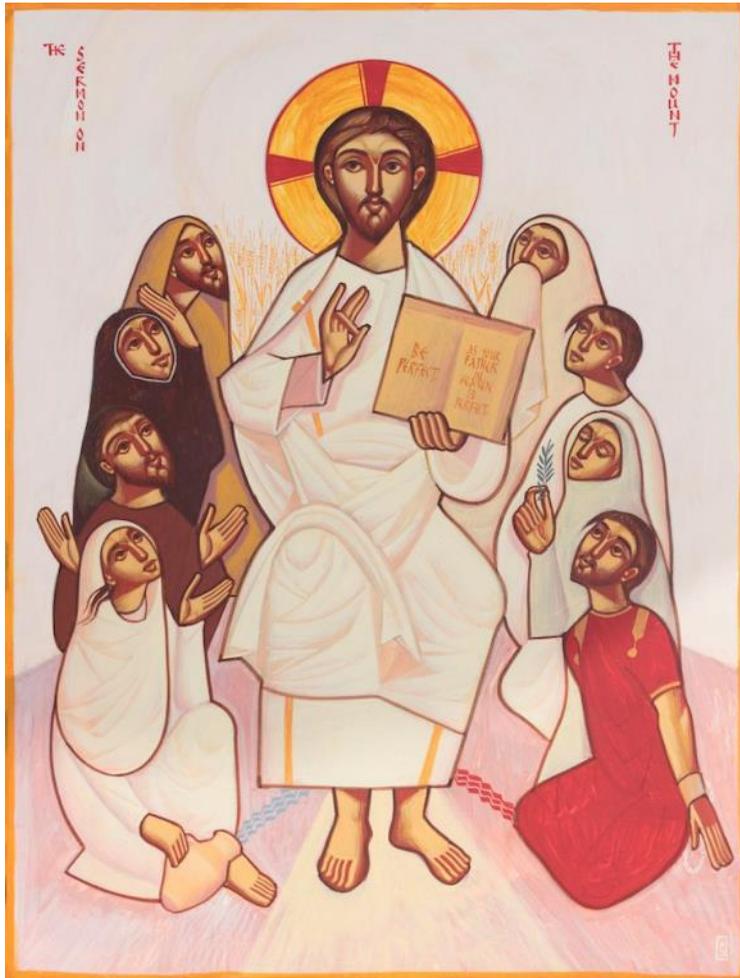


# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
January 29, 2023—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.

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023

Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:30 am

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

**PROCESSIONAL**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hymn 616

**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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Micah 6:1-8*

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

## THE PSALM

## *Psalm 15*

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- <sup>2</sup> Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- <sup>4</sup> In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- <sup>5</sup> He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- <sup>6</sup> He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

<sup>7</sup>Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

**THE EPISTLE**

*1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

**GOSPEL HYMN**

*Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*

Hymn 160

**THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 5:1-12*

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

**SERMON**

Fr. Dcn. Gary Stoddard

**THE NICENE CREED**

BCP 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

BCP 387

**THE PEACE**

*If a celebrant is not available, please turn to page 396 of the BCP,  
Communion under Special Circumstances.*

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 380 v.3

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

BCP 367

**SANCTUS**

Hymn S-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**GREAT AMEN**

Hymn S-146

**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**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP 365

**RECESSIONAL**

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

Hymn 119

*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

**Annual Meeting**—Mark your calendars for February 5th when we will have an annual meeting with a pot-luck lunch after the 10:30 service to vote on this year’s budget and hear other church updates. See the emailed newsletter for the link to sign up to bring food or help serve.

**2023 Pledge Cards**—There is still time to return your pledge cards for this year. Please either place a card in the offering box or email our bookkeeper Leslie directly at: [accountant@epiphanydenver.org](mailto:accountant@epiphanydenver.org)

**Adult/Teen Sunday School**—We are looking at the Desert Fathers & Mothers who gave our Christian tradition their wisdom in the early centuries of the church. Join us in the St. Martha’s room at 9:30.

### Year-end Budget Update

December Income	\$83,926	2022 Income	\$381,896
December Expenses	\$22,977	2022 Expenses	\$276,489

DATE	10:30 LECTOR	ACOLYTES	CHALICE
1/29	Grace-Ann	Gillian	Gillian
2/5	Shirley	Martin, Amalia, Outshine	John, Shirley
2/12	Martin	Jacob, Pascal	John, Don
2/19	Amalia	Gillian	Gillian, Don