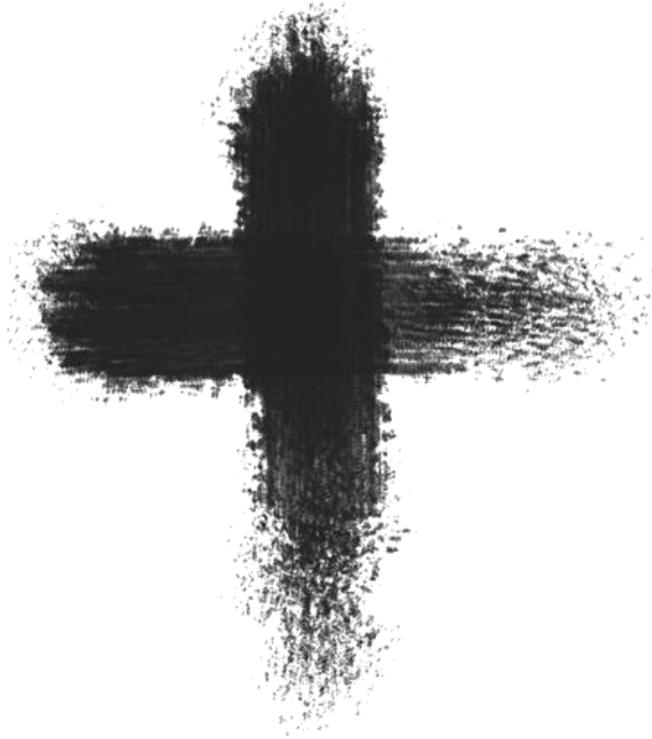


# **CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**February 22, 2023 - Noon & 7pm**

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## *A Note to Our Guests:*

Welcome to Epiphany, we are glad to have you join us for this special day of reflection and 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! Again, welcome...and we wish you God’s peace and love.

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.

# ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

Holy Eucharist - Rite II - Noon & 7:00pm

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

## PROCESS IN SILENCE

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 58:1-12*

Shout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.  
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.  
Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

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

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 103:8-14*

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

<sup>10</sup> He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

- <sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- <sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- <sup>13</sup> As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.
- <sup>14</sup> For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.

**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.**

**THE EPISTLE**

*2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10*

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see— we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN (7pm)**

*Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel*

Hymn 574

**THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

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

Jesus said, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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

**SERMON**

Fr. Stace Tafoya

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

BCP 264

**PSALM 51**

BCP 266

**LITANY OF PENITENCE**

BCP 267

**THE PEACE**

**OFFERTORY (7pm)**

*O Bless the Lord, My Soul!*

Hymn 411

**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

BCP 361

**SANCTUS (sung at 7pm)**

Hymn S-117

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**GREAT AMEN (7pm)**

Hymn S-147

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

BCP 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy.  
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

## FRACTION ANTHEM (sung at 7pm)

Hymn S-158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

## COMMUNION MUSIC (7pm)

*Kyrie Eleison*

Hymn S-84

*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*

Hymn 318

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

## RECESSIONAL HYMN (7pm)

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

Hymn 143

*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.*