

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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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! You are also invited to sign a pew card.

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.

her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

THE PSALM *Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11*

All **Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.**
Cantor Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.
Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

All **Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.**
Cantor To you I have acknowledged my sin; my guilt I did not hide.
I said, "I will confess my transgression to the LORD."
And you have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

All **Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.**
Cantor You are a hiding place for me; you keep me safe in distress;
you surround me with cries of deliverance.

All **Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.**
Cantor Rejoice in the LORD; exult you just!
Ring out your joy, all you upright of heart!

All **Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.**

THE EPISTLE *Romans 5:12-19*

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Hymn 150

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

SERMON

Fr. Stace Tafoya

THE NICENE CREED BCP 327

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP 328

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Be Near Me Still* (Hiller)

Lord! In my heart's love deep I hide Thee, Be near me still!
Thou tow'r of strength, whate'er betide me, Be Thou with me.
Oh, be my guard in life's bright places, Lest pride prevail,
When fear or self-mistrust o'er-ride me, Be near me still!
Like dew upon the vine Thy grace is, I'm not alone,
But when I storm the heights, then guide me
To do Thy will; Be near me still!

O Thou my hope, my pow'r unshaken, My soul's true sun,
Till earth's dark days shall be forsaken, Be near me still! Be near me still!
Till earth's dark days shall be forsaken, Be near me, near me still!

DOXOLOGY Hymn 380 v3

All **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name; both for our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP 333

SANCTUS Hymn S-117

GREAT AMEN Hymn S-147

FRACTION ANTHEM Hymn S-158

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

I Will Praise Him Still

- ¹ When the morning falls on the farthest hill
I will sing His name,
I will praise Him, still.
- ² When dark trials come and my heart is filled
with the weight of doubt,
I will praise Him, still.
- ³ And He gave us life in His perfect will,
and by His good grace
I will praise Him, still.

**For the Lord, our God,
He is strong to save
from the arms of death,
from the deepest grave.**

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Mighty to Save

- ¹ Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations
- ² **Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave**
- ³ So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender
- ⁴ **Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King; Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

RECESSIONAL

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Hymn 688

*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

Adult/Teen Sunday School—Fr. Stace and Dcn. Gary will teach a Lenten class “Worship Without Words”. Join us in the St. Martha’s room at 9:30.

Lenten Wednesdays—Join Fr. Stace for a look at Bishop Robert Barron’s “Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues”. We’ll meet at 6pm for a simple soup dinner followed by discussion. Sign up to bring food using the link in the newsletter. March 1, 8, 15, 23, & 29.

Epiphany Scholarship—The Church of the Epiphany Scholarship committee is accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year. Applications are available through the church office. Applications for the 2023-24 year are due April 1, 2023. Please contact Kevin Kane 303-859-5988 with any questions concerning the application or the scholarship process.

DATE	10:30 LECTOR	ACOLYTES	CHALICE
2/26	Margaret	Outshine, Martin, Amalia	Gillian, Shirley
3/5	Shirley		
3/12	Grace-Ann		