

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE FEAST OF THE
PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
February 5, 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

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

In Christ Alone

¹ In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

² In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

³ There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

⁴ No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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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 everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON*Malachi 3:1-4*

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight— indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

THE PSALM*Psalm 84*

- ¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- ² The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- ³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- ⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- ⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- ⁶ They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- ⁷ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- ⁸ Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- ⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

- ¹⁰ For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
 he will give grace and glory;
- ¹¹ No good thing will the Lord withhold *
 from those who walk with integrity.
- ¹² O LORD of hosts, *
 happy are they who put their trust in you!

**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

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God’s children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

¹ O soul my soul are you weary and troubled
 No night so dark that our eyes cannot see
 There's light so bright as we look to our Saviour
 Life more abundant and free
 Life more abundant and free

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus
 Look full in His wonderful face
 And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
 In the light of His glory and grace**

² God our God You are with us in darkness
 Your Word Your light is leading us on
 Our hearts can hear You Heavenly Father
 Calling us all to Your Son
 Calling us all to Your Son

We turn our eyes to You
 Beholding all Your beauty
 You are holy
 (REPEAT)

In the light of His glory and grace
 In the light of His glory and grace
 We turn our eyes to You
 We turn our eyes to You

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
 according to your word;
 for my eyes have seen your salvation,
 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
 a light for revelation to the Gentiles
 and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed— and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

SERMON

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THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 387

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Christ Be Our Light

¹ In deepest night, shadows are lifted.
Now let your servant go forth in peace.
Your Word fulfilled, your promise honored,
Love that will never cease!

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

² With our own eyes, we see salvation.
Within our hearts, we are set free.
Your Word made flesh, hope of the nations,
Light for the world to see!

³ Christ, be our hope! Christ, be our purpose!
Christ, be our vision, radiant and bright!
Christ, be our Way, shatt'ring our blindness,
Gifting us with your sight!

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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 MUSIC *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Hymn 324

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

RECESSIONAL *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Hymn 490

News

Annual Meeting—TODAY 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.

2023 Pledge Cards—Everyone who returned a pledge card should have received a pledge confirmation email from our bookkeeper. If you have not received confirmation, please contact Leslie directly at: 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
2/5	Shirley	Martin, Amalia, Outshine	John, Shirley
2/12	Martin	Jacob, Pascal	John, Don
2/19	Amalia	Gillian	Gillian, Don
2/26		Outshine, Martin, Amalia	Gillian, Shirley