

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



GOOD FRIDAY
April 7, 2023
7:00pm

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A Note To Our Guests:

Welcome to Epiphany, we are glad to have you join us during these Holy days of Passion week.

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

Sunday 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
Sunday 10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Morning Prayer via Zoom
Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.

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

OPENING

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People For ever and ever. Amen

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—

so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;

for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;

and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,

and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,

although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 22

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- ² O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- ³ Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵ They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- ⁶ But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.

- ⁷ All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- ⁸ “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- ⁹ Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- ¹⁰ I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- ¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
- ¹² Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- ¹³ They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- ¹⁵ My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- ¹⁶ Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
- ¹⁷ They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- ¹⁸ Be not far away, O Lord;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- ¹⁹ Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
- ²⁰ Save me from the lion’s mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- ²¹ I will declare your Name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

- ²² Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- ²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- ²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- ²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"
- ²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- ²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.
- ²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- ²⁹ My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- ³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

**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

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

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

THE GOSPEL

John 19:7-49

Lector The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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

SERMON

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THE SOLEMN COLLECTS

BCP 277

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

- ¹ Stricken smitten and afflicted
See him dying on the tree
'Tis the Christ by man rejected
Yes my soul 'tis he 'tis he
'Tis the long-expected Prophet
David's Son yet David's Lord
By his Son God now has spoken
'Tis the true and faithful Word
- ² Tell me ye who hear him groaning
Was there ever grief like his
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning
Foes insulting his distress
Many hands were raised to wound him
None would interpose to save
But the deepest stroke that pierced him
Was the stroke that Justice gave
- ³ Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly
Here its guilt may estimate
Mark the sacrifice appointed
See who bears the awful load
'Tis the Word the Lord's Anointed
Son of Man and Son of God
- ⁴ Here we have a firm foundation
Here the refuge of the lost
Christ's the Rock of our salvation
His the name of which we boast
Lamb of God for sinners wounded
Sacrifice to cancel guilt
None shall ever be confounded
Who on him their hope have built

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ANTHEM

Celebrant We glory in your cross, O Lord,
People **and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.**

Celebrant May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.
People **Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

Celebrant Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
People **We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.**

CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

*Please follow the usher's directions to come forward for Communion.
All baptized Christians are welcome at the table. If you prefer not to receive, but wish to
come forward for a blessing, please do so, crossing your arms against your chest.*

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please depart in silence.

Easter Services

<i>April 8</i>	<i>Easter Vigil (bring your bells!)</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
<i>April 9</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>8:00 & 10:30</i>
	<i>Potluck brunch at 9:00</i>	

*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.*