

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
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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

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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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The Flood

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13

The Lord said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it

returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, “Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”

PSALM

Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

**All The waters of the river gladden the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High.**

Cantor God is for us a refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains quake to the heart of the sea.

**All The waters of the river gladden the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High.**

Cantor The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place, the dwelling of the Most High.
god is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day

**All The waters of the river gladden the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High.**

Cantor The LORD of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come and behold the works of the LORD,
the awesome deeds he has done on the earth.

**All The waters of the river gladden the city of God,
the holy dwelling of the Most High.**

Celebrant Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac *Genesis 22:1-18*

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

PSALM

Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-11

All You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Cantor O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot.
I keep the LORD before me always:
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

All You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Cantor And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to hell,
nor let your holy one see corruption.

All You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Cantor You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss forever.

All You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Celebrant God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea *Exodus 14:10-15:1*

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

HYMN

Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18

All Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Cantor I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.
My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.
He is my God, I praise him; the God of my father, I extol him.

All Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Cantor he LORD is a warrior, LORD is his name!
Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea;
the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea.

All Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Cantor The flood waters covered them,
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power,
your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy.

All Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Cantor You brought in the people you redeemed
and planted them on the mountain of your inheritance
the place where you made your seat, O LORD,
the sanctuary, LORD, which your hands established.
The LORD shall reign forever and ever.

All **Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

Celebrant O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you
once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from
slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the
water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered
among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Salvation offered freely to all *Isaiah 55:1-11*

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

PSALM

Psalm 42:3, 5 and 43:3-4

All **Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God;
my soul longs for you, my God.**

Cantor My soul is thirsting for God, the living God;
when can I enter and appear before the face of God?

All **Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God;
my soul longs for you, my God.**

Cantor For I would go to the place of your wondrous tent, all the way to house of God,
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, the throng keeping joyful festival.

All **Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God;
my soul longs for you, my God.**

Cantor O send forth your truth; they will guide my on.
They will bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.

All **Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God;
my soul longs for you, my God.**

Cantor And I will come to the altar of God, to God, my joy and gladness,
To you will I give thanks on the harp, O God, my God.

All **Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God;
my soul longs for you, my God.**

Celebrant O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The valley of dry bones *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

PSALM

Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

All I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Cantor I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up,
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O LORD, you have lifted up my soul from the grave,
restored me to life from those who sink into the pit.

All I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Cantor Sing psalms to the LORD, you faithful ones;
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favor all through life.
At night come tears, but dawn brings joy.

All I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Cantor Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;
be my helper, O LORD.
You have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you forever.

All I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Celebrant Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into
righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your
Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY EUCHARIST

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THE EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were
baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism
into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the
Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united
with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a
resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that

the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

HYMN *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord* Hymn 178

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

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 28:1-10*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

SERMON Fr. Stace Tafoya

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Hymn 199

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 380 v. 3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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SANCTUS

Hymn S-125

All **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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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All **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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

(Belmont)

All **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, in remembrance of Him.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

Our God Reigns

¹ How lovely on the mountains
Are the feet of Him
Who brings good news good news
Announcing peace
Proclaiming news of happiness
Our God reigns our God reigns

**Our God reigns our God reigns
Our God reigns our God reigns**

² He had no stately form
He had no majesty
That we should be drawn to Him
He was despised
And we took no account of Him
Yet now He reigns with the Most High

³ It was our sin and guilt
That bruised and wounded Him
It was our sin that brought Him down
When we like sheep had gone astray
Our Shepherd came
And on His shoulders bore our shame

⁴ Meek as a lamb
That's led out to the slaughterhouse
Dumb as a sheep before its shearer
His life ran down
Upon the ground like pouring rain
That we might be born again

⁵ Out of the tomb
He came with grace and majesty
He is alive He is alive
God loves us so see here
His hands His feet His side
Yes we know He is alive

⁶ You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one
Shout for your King your King
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion
Your God reigns your God reigns

⁷ Waste places of Jerusalem
Break forth with joy
We are redeemed redeemed
The Lord has saved and comforted His people
Your God reigns your God reigns

⁸ Ends of the earth
See the salvation of your God
Jesus is Lord is Lord
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm
Your God reigns your God reigns

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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RECESSIONAL

The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done

Hymn 208

*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.*

*Thanks to everyone who helped to make this Holy Week
extra meaningful for our congregation and visitors!*

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