CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 21, 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.

Cover Image: Modern icon of the Ascension

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023 Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:30 am

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

PROCESSIONAL Hail Thee, Festival Day Hymn 216

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.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**.

FIRST LESSON Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

THE PSALM

All

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9

All God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Cantor All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, the great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Cantor God goes up with shouts of joy. The LORD goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God; sing praise! Sing praise to our king; sing praise!

All God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Cantor God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations. God sits upon his holy throne.

All God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief-maker. Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. For the time has come for judgement to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

'If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?'

Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Lector **People**

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Hymn 494

THE GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

Lector

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom

you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Lector **People**

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Fr. Stace Tafoya

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 387

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

- What is our hope in life and death Christ alone Christ alone What is our only confidence That our souls to Him belong What holds our days within His hand What comes apart from His command And what will keep us to the end The love of Christ in which we stand
 - O sing hallelujah Our hope springs eternal O sing hallelujah Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death

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- ² What truth can calm the troubled soul God is good God is good Where is His grace and goodness known In our great Redeemer's blood Who holds our faith when fears arise Who stands above the stormy trial Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore the rock of Christ
- ³ Unto the grave what shall we sing Christ He lives Christ He lives And what reward will heaven bring Everlasting life with Him There we will rise to meet the Lord Then sin and death will be destroyed And we will feast in endless joy When Christ is ours forevermore

Doxology

Hymn 380 v.3

GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361

SANCTUS

Hymn S-125

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

Agnus Dei

Alleluia alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns Alleluia alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns Alleluia

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Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb You are holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb Amen

Are You Lord God Almighty

(You are) Holy holy

Above All

- Above all powers above all kings Above all nature and all created things Above all wisdom and all the ways of man You were here before the world began
- ² Above all kingdoms above all thrones Above all wonders the world has ever known Above all wealth and treasures of the earth There's no way to measure What You're worth

Crucified laid behind the stone You lived to die rejected and alone Like a rose trampled on the ground You took the fall and thought of me Above all

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

RECESSIONAL

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Hymn 214

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

Sunday School—Join the adult/teen class for a study on the Holy Spirit: 9:30 in the St. Martha's room.

Volunteers!—Please contact Fr. Stace if you are interested in volunteering your time as an usher, reader, or offering counter!

Summer Partnership—This summer, Christ Church, Epiphany, and St. Gabriel's will be collaborating for a deep dive into the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit. That means all preaching and teaching will be geared toward learning and experiencing the Holy Spirit in our lives as Christians. We will have pulpit shares, which will give the three churches opportunity to become familiar with other churches. We will culminate with a joint service on August 27th. It will be a great way to focus on the empowering of the Spirit with others as we navigate these troubled times. Stay tuned for more information!

Parish Directory—It has been several years since Epiphany put out a parish directory. Please fill out a contact card (found in the pew) so that we can have an accurate record of all our regular attenders. You may return the card with the offering, or place in Grace-Ann's mailbox.

DATE	10:30 LECTOR	ACOLYTES	CHALICE
5/21		Luke, Jacob, Pascal	Shirley
5/28		Antonio, Excel, Outshine, Maddie	Don
6/4	Don	Megan, Francis	Gillian
6/11	Grace-Ann	Luke, Jacob, Pascal	John