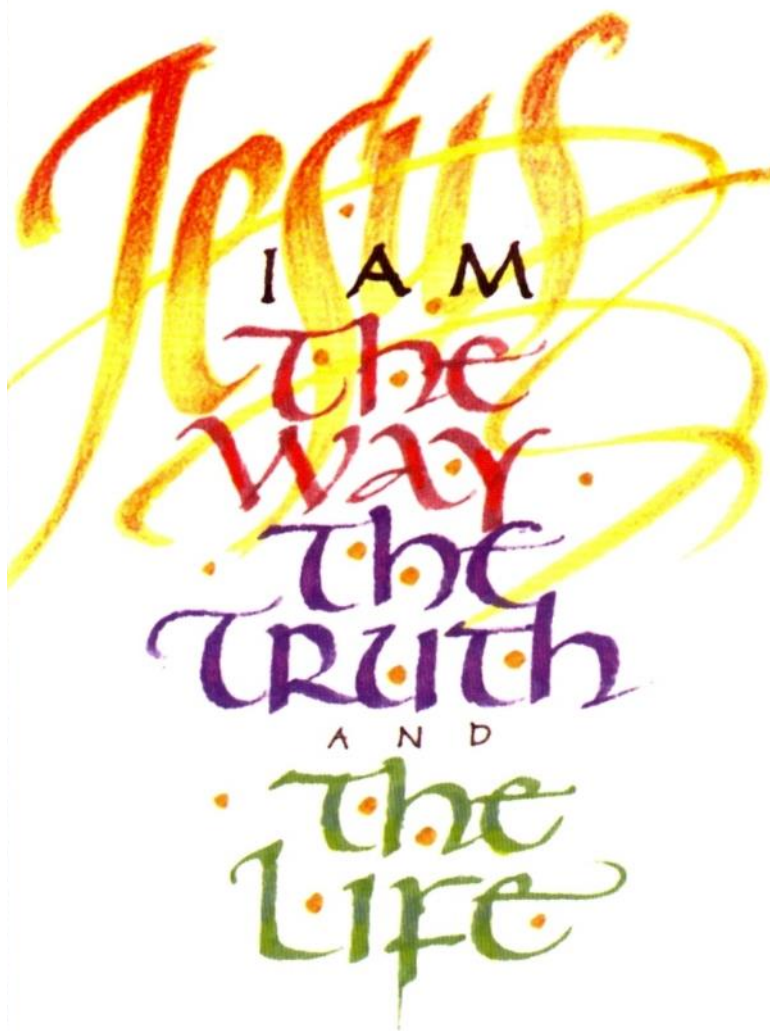


# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 7, 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*

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## 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.

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023

Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:30 am

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

**PROCESSIONAL**

*Father, We Praise Thee*

Hymn 1

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

BCP 355

**GLORIA**

*Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

Hymn 178

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Acts 7:55-60*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM**

*Psalm 31:2-4, 17, 25*

**All**        **Lord, be my rock of safety.**

*Cantor*    In you, O LORD, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice, set me free; incline your ear to me, and speedily rescue me.

**All**        **Lord, be my rock of safety.**

*Cantor*    Be a rock of refuge for me, a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name

**All**        **Lord, be my rock of safety.**

*Cantor*    “Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.”  
Be strong, let your heart take courage, all who hope in the LORD.

**All**        **Lord, be my rock of safety.**

**THE EPISTLE**

*1 Peter 2:2-10*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN**

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

Hymn 518

**THE GOSPEL**

*John 14:1-14*

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

<b>SERMON</b>	Dcn. Gary Stoddard	
<b>THE NICENE CREED</b>		BCP 358
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>		BCP 387
<b>THE PEACE</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>Praise the Spirit in Creation</i>	Hymn 507
<b>DOXOLOGY</b>		Hymn 380 v.3
<b>GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>		BCP 361
<b>SANCTUS</b>		Hymn S-125
<b>GREAT AMEN</b>		Hymn S-146
<b>FRACTION ANTHEM</b>		(Belmont)
	<b>Alleluia</b>	
	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast; Blood of Christ, shed for us, take in remembrance of Him.	
<b>COMMUNION MUSIC</b>	<i>What Wondrous Love is This?</i>	Hymn 439
	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	Hymn 474

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP 365

**RECESSIONAL**

*O Day of Radiant Gladness*

Hymn 48

*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!

### Budget Update

March Income	\$25,225	YTD Income	\$75,717
March Expense	\$38,131	YTD Expense	\$99,156

**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!

DATE	10:30 LECTOR	ACOLYTES	CHALICE
5/7	Sherry	Gillian, Megan, Francis	Gillian
5/14	Grace-Ann	Martin, Amalia, Outshine	John
5/21		Luke, Jacob, Pascal	Shirley
5/28		Antonio, Excel, Outshine, Maddie	Don