

# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**July 16, 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

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.

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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**

*Praise to the Living God*

Hymn 372

**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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Isaiah 55:10-13*

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.

For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

**THE PSALM**

*Psalm 65:9-14*

- <sup>9</sup> You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.
- <sup>10</sup> You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.
- <sup>11</sup> You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- <sup>12</sup> You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- <sup>13</sup> May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- <sup>14</sup> May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

**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***Romans 8:1-11*

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law— indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymn 657

**THE GOSPEL***Matthew 13:1-9,18-23*

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

**SERMON**

Fr. Charles Whitmore

**NICENE CREED**

BCP 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

BCP 383

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

BCP 362

**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**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP 365

**RECESSIONAL**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Hymn 344

*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

**Summer in the Spirit**—Look on our website for details and links!

### Upcoming

- \* Prayer Walk - Epiphany to Christ Church, Aug 5th
- \* Pulpit swap August 6th
- \* Prayer Walk - Christ Church to St. Gabriel's, Aug 26th

**Mass in the Grass Returns!**— Please contact Ann McKissick if you are interested in helping with this Epiphany summer tradition. July 30th.

**Family Fun**—Join other Epiphany families for some summer fun!

Contact Sarah for details.

July 20<sup>th</sup> (Thurs) 3-5 pm Water Fight at the rectory

August 19<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 9-11 am Hike at Bluff Lake

**Mini Church Camp**—Contact Dcn. Gary for information about this summer's camp near Fairplay on July 27th - 29th. The cost is \$50 per camper to cover food and supplies. If interested, please call Dcn. Stoddard (303) 761-7179

DATE	10:30 LECTOR	ACOLYTES	CHALICE
7/16	Grace-Ann	Excel, Outshine, Antonio	Shirley
7/23		Megan, Francis	Don
7/30		Jacob, Pascal, Luke	Don
8/6	Sherry	Megan, Francis	Don