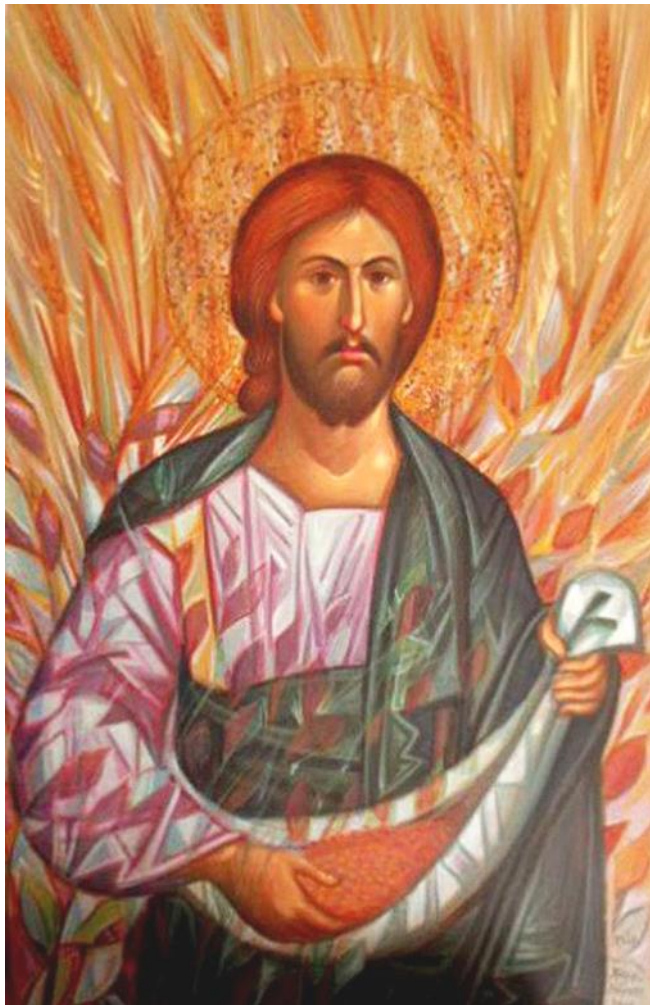


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 23, 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

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.

PROCESSIONAL

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn 423

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

All **Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

Cantor O LORD, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, and attend to my voice in supplication.

All **Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

Cantor All the nations you have made shall come;
they shall bow down before you, O Lord, and glorify your name,
for you are great and do marvelous deeds, you who alone are God.

All **Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

Cantor But you, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O Lord, abundant in mercy and fidelity;
turn and take pity on me. O give your strength to your servant.

All **Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

THE EPISTLE

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hymn 474

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned

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

Humbly I Adore Thee, Verity Unseen

Hymn 314

Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray

Hymn 315

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

RECESSIONAL

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymn 616

*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

Mass in the Grass July 30th!— Please look for the link in the newsletter to sign up to bring food or help with this Epiphany summer tradition. We'll meet at 10:30 at Cranmer Park (2nd & Bellaire) for a service, picnic lunch, and games.

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

Upcoming * Prayer Walk - Epiphany to Christ Church, Aug 5th

* Prayer Walk - Christ Church to St. Gabriel's, Aug 26th

please register for the walks with the link online!

* Pulpit swap August 6th

Family Fun—Join other Epiphany families for some summer fun! Contact Sarah for details. Next event—August 19th (Sat) 9-11am 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

Budget Update

June Income \$18,360 YTD Income \$148,164

June Expenses \$16,430 YTD Expenses \$163,393

DATE	10:30 LECTOR	ACOLYTES	CHALICE
7/23		Megan, Francis	Don
7/30		Jacob, Pascal, Luke	Don, Luke
8/6	Sherry	Megan, Francis	Gary, Don
8/13		Excel, Outshine, Antonio	Gary, John