

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 9, 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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Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:30 am

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

PROCESSIONAL

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Hymn 522

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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

All **I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Cantor I will extol you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.
I will bless you day after day, and praise your name forever and ever.

All **I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Cantor The LORD is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All **I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Cantor All your works shall thank you, O Lord, and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign, and declare your mighty deeds.

All **I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Cantor The LORD is faithful in all his words, and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD supports all who fall, and raises up those who are bowed down.

All **I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

THE EPISTLE

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

GOSPEL HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hymn 474

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
 ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
 we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

SERMON

Fr. Benedict Anderson, OBE

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BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 383

OFFERTORY

Into the Darkness of This World

¹ Into the darkness of this world
Into the shadows of the night
Into this loveless place You came
Lightened our burdens eased our pain
And made these hearts Your home
Into the darkness once again
O come Lord Jesus come

**Come with Your love to make us whole
Come with Your light to lead us on
Driving the darkness far from our souls
O come Lord Jesus come**

² Into the longing of our souls
Into these heavy hearts of stone
Shine on us now Your piercing light
Order our lives and souls aright
By grace and love unknown
Until in You our hearts unite
O come Lord Jesus come

³ O Holy Child Emmanuel
Hope of the ages God with us
Visit again this broken place
Till all the earth declares Your praise
And Your great mercies own
Now let Your love be born in us
O come Lord Jesus come

Come in Your glory take Your place
Jesus the name above all names
We long to see You face to face
O come Lord Jesus come

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DOXOLOGY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 362

SANCTUS

Hymn S-125

GREAT AMEN

Hymn S-146

FRACTION ANTHEM

Belmont

COMMUNION MUSIC

Is He Worthy?

¹ Do you feel the world is broken - We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen - We do
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through - We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new - We do

² Is all creation groaning - It is
Is a new creation coming - It is
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst - It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this - It is

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this? - He is**

³ Does the Father truly love us - He does
Does the Spirit move among us - He does
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves - He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us - He does

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this? - He is**

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RECESSIONAL

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

¹ Hear the call of the kingdom
 Lift your eyes to the King
 Let His song rise within you
 As a fragrant offering
 Of how God rich in mercy
 came in Christ to redeem
 All who trust in His unfailing grace

² Hear the call of the kingdom
 To be children of light
 With the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ
 Walking justly before Him
 Loving all that is right
 That the life of Christ may shine through us

**King of heaven we will answer the call
 We will follow bringing hope to the world
 Filled with passion
 filled with power to proclaim
 Salvation in Jesus' name**

³ Hear the call of the kingdom
 To reach out to the lost
 With the Father's compassion
 In the wonder of the cross
 Bringing peace and forgiveness
 And a hope yet to come
 Let the nations put their trust in Him

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News

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

- Ongoing** * Holy Spirit class via Zoom on Tuesday evenings
- * Alpha class at St. Gabriel's
- Upcoming** * Prayer Walk - Epiphany to Christ Church, August 5th
- * Pulpit swap August 6th
- * Prayer Walk - Christ Church to St. Gabriel's, August 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 20th (Thurs) 3-5 pm Water Fight at the Rectory
 August 19th (Sat) 9-11 am Hike at Bluff Lake

Mini Church Camp—Contact Dcn. Gary for information about this summer's camp near Fairplay. July 26-28th.

DATE	10:30 LECTOR	ACOLYTES	CHALICE
7/9		Excel, Outshine, Antonio	John
7/16	Sherry	Excel, Outshine, Antonio	Shirley
7/23		Megan, Francis	Don, Gillian