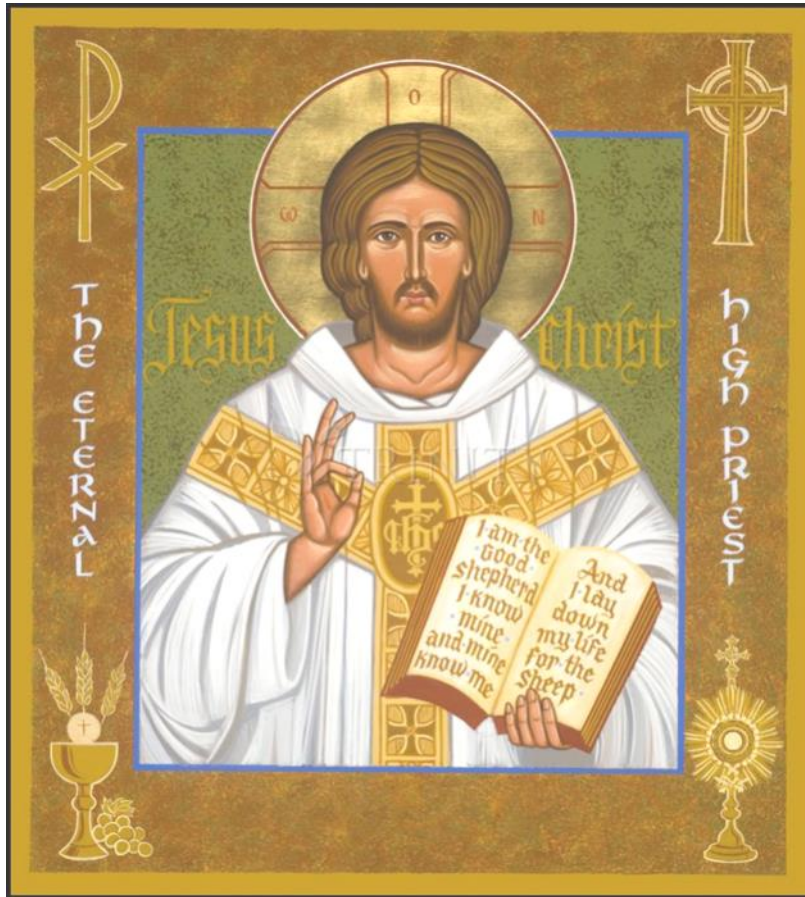


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
August 27, 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.

and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 138

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- ³ For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

⁴ When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁶ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁷ Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

⁹ The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

THE EPISTLE

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:

prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

GOSPEL HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* Hymn 488

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13-20*

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

SERMON Dcn. Gary Stoddard

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CONFESSION		BCP 79
THE LORD'S PRAYER		BCP 363
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COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT		
THE GRACE		BCP 102
RECESSIONAL	<i>I Love Thy Kingdom Lord</i>	Hymn 524

*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 —Sunday School for all ages starts September 10th at 9:15am! Please register your children using the forms on the website under the 'Education' tab.

Would you like to help in the 2023-2024 teaching ministry?

We are looking for...

- teaching assistants
- snack makers
- pageant helpers
- hosts for movie nights and parties
- prayer warriors and mentors

Our mission is to reach forth our hands in love and bring those who do not know Him to the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ (BCP p. 101).

Please get in touch with Sarah if you are interested in being involved in the teaching ministry at sadie_tafoya@yahoo.com or 303-910-2638. We'll have a training on September 3rd at 9am.