CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
September 10, 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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September 10, 2023 Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:30 am

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

PROCESSIONAL Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymn 376

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the LORD GOD, I have no

pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All

THE PSALM Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

All Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Cantor Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep his decrees! With all their hearts they seek him.

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Cantor You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept.

May my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

All Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Cantor Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.

Open my eyes, that I may see the wonders of your law.

All Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Cantor Lord, teach me the way of your statues, and I will keep them to the end.

Grant me insight that I may keep your law, and observe if wholeheartedly.

All Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

THE EPISTLE Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector **People**

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Hymn 411

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Lector

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Lector

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Fr. Stace Tafoya

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BCP 358

Prayers of t	HE PEOPLE		BCP 387
Offertory		Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace	Hymn 593
Doxology			
GREAT THANK	SGIVING		BCP 362
Sanctus			Hymn S-125
GREAT AMEN			Hymn S-146
FRACTION AN	ГНЕМ		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 I	Music	Praise the Spirit in Creation	Hymn 507
		O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing	Hymn 493
Post Commun	NION PRAYER		BCP 365

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

RECESSIONAL

Hymn 423



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 **TODAY** at 9:15am! Please register your kids using the QR code below or the available paper forms.



Adult/Teen Class—All teens and adults are welcome to come to class in the St. Martha's room at 9:30am. This Fall the adult/teen class will study 'By the Rivers of Babylon,' a study of the major prophets (Ezekiel, Jeremiah and Isaiah).

Archbishop Martin—We are blessed to receive another visit from retired Archbishop Martin Nyaboho from Burundi on Sept.17th.

DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES
9/10	Grace-Ann	John	Martin, Amalia
9/17	Don	Shirley	Outshine, Excel
9/24	Shirley	Don	Megan, Francis
10/1	Don	Shirley	Luke, Jacob, Pascal