

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
September 17, 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 & Baptism - Rite II - 10:30 am

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

PROCESSIONAL

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn 525

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 299

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE CANTICLE

Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18

All **Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

Cantor I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.
My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.
He is my God, I praise him; the God of my father, I extol him.

All **Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

Cantor The LORD is a warrior, LORD is his name!
Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea;
the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea.

All **Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

Cantor The flood waters covered them, they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O LORD magnificent in power,
your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy.

All **Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

Cantor You brought in the people you redeemed
and planted them on the mountain of your inheritance—
the place where you made your seat, O LORD, the sanctuary, LORD, which your
hands established. The LORD shall reign forever and ever.

All **Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.**

THE EPISTLE

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymn 448

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

SERMON	The Most Rev. Martin Blaise Nyaboho	
HOLY BAPTISM	Dahlia Safi	BCP 301
THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT		BCP 304
THE BAPTISM		BCP 307
OFFERTORY		Special Music
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 *10,000 Reasons*

**Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

¹ The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

² You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

³ And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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The Goodness of God

¹ I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

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² I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

³ Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

RECESSIONAL

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Hymn 410

News

Sunday School—Sunday School for all ages began last week. All children are welcome to join us upstairs at 9:15am! Ages 3-6 meet in for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd upstairs. Ages 6-12 meet in the Scriptorium room.

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).

Special Offering—This morning we will be collecting for two groups that Bishop Martin works with in Burundi. If you wish to contribute please make checks payable directly to the charities.

The vision of **Universal Chastity Education (UCE)** is to empower a growing number of people to be free from the slavery to passions, STD's and painful memories by building and expanding sustainable networks of education to help people live healthier and longer lives. uceglobal.org

Five Talents' vision is to eradicate extreme poverty by restoring human dignity and creating strong, sustainable communities. Transforming lives through economic empowerment. fivetalents.org

The Most Rev. Martin Blaise Nyaboho

The bishop was baptized in 1965 and confirmed in July 1969. He was ordained a deacon in 1985 August and a priest four years later. He became the fourth Archbishop of the Province of Burundi in 2016 and served until his retirement in 2021.

Archbishop Martin Blaise Nyaboho, attended primary school in Rweza-Ryansoro Commune Gitega Province, before continuing his studies in Kibimba teachers' college. His religious studies started in Mweya Bible Institute and Matana Theological School for ordination before attending Kenya Highlands Bible College (Now Kenya Highlands Evangelical University) and Asbury University College, Kentucky, USA.

With a B A. Degree in Systematic Theology, Bishop Martin served as a teacher at Matana Bible School, in Scripture Union as a Christian Literature Translator and in Bible Society as a Bible Translator. He also occupied the Development Officer's function in Matana and Makamba Dioceses.

The Most. Rev Martin Nyaboho was consecrated as Bishop in 1997 and became the first Bishop of Makamba Diocese.

The Most. Rev Martin also went to Haggai Institute Leadership Training in Singapore and to Panzi Development Training Center in Zaïre (current DRC) and has participated in both local and international conferences and seminars for internship courses on Social Transformation, Leadership, Peacebuilding and Reconciliation, and on Sustainability of the Anglican Church.

From 2005 to 2009, Bishop Martin was the Delegate of the Anglican Church of Burundi to the Anglican Consultative Council. In 2008 he became a Delegate of the National Council of the Churches of Burundi to FECCLAHA (The Fellowship of Christian Councils and Churches in the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa) until 2012.

The Most. Rev Martin has contributed to the local Governance by presiding over the Provincial Electoral Independent Commission as Vice President in Makamba during the national elections in 2010 and presided over the same Commission as President in 2015 elections.

Archbishop Martin is married to Emilienne and has eight children: six girls and two boys.

DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES
9/17	Don	Shirley	Outshine, Excel
9/24	Shirley	Don	Megan, Francis
10/1	Don	Shirley	Luke, Jacob, Pascal
10/8		John	Antonio, Martin, Amalia, Maddie