

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
September 3, 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.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 26:1-8

- ¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- ² Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- ³ For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- ⁴ I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- ⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- ⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- ⁷ Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- ⁸ LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE EPISTLE

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be

Hymn 707

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

SERMON	Fr. Stace Tafoya	
NICENE CREED		BCP 358
HEALING PRAYER		BCP 0
OFFERTORY	<i>How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds</i>	Hymn 644
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	<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>	Hymn 664
	<i>I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord</i>	Hymn 524
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP 365
RECESSIONAL	<i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>	Hymn 561

*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!

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, page 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.

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 September 7th.

DATE	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	CHALICE
9/3	Shirley	Luke, Jacob, Pascal	Shirley
9/10		Martin, Amalia, Maddie	John
9/17		Outshine, Excel	Shirley
9/24		Megan, Francis	Don