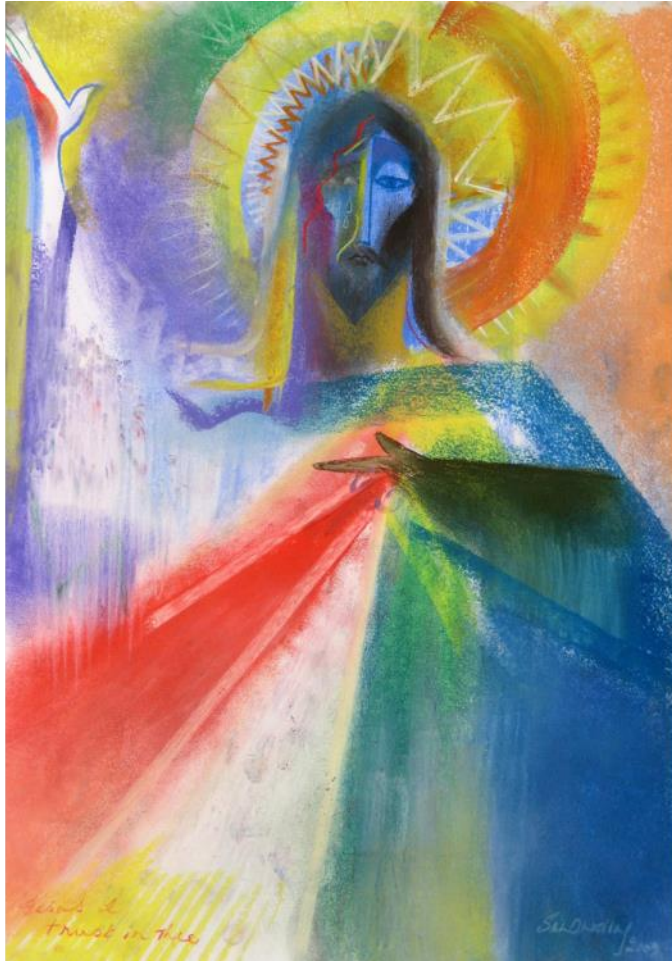


# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
October 1, 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*

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## 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**

*Not Here for High and Holy Things*

Hymn 9

**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 declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32*

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the LORD GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the

iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the LORD GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the LORD GOD. Turn, then, and live.

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

**THE PSALM**

*Psalm 25:4-9*

**All**      **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

*Cantor*      O LORD, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation.

**All**      **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

*Cantor*      Remember your compassion, O LORD, and your merciful love,  
for they are from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.  
In your merciful love remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

**All**      **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

*Cantor*      Good and upright is the LORD; he shows the way to sinners.  
He guides the humble in right judgment; to the humble he teaches his way.

**All**      **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

THE EPISTLE

*Philippians 2:1-13*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 21:23-32*

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

## SERMON

Fr. Stace Tafoya

## NICENE CREED

BCP 358

## HEALING PRAYER

BCP 0

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be</i>	Hymn 623
<b>DOXOLOGY</b>		
<b>GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>		BCP 362
<b>SANCTUS</b>		Hymn S-125
<b>GREAT AMEN</b>		Hymn S-146
<b>FRACTION ANTHEM</b>		Belmont
	<b>Alleluia</b>	
	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast; Blood of Christ, shed for us, take in remembrance of Him.	
<b>COMMUNION MUSIC</b>	<i>O Food to Pilgrims Given</i>	Hymn 309
	<i>God Be in My Head</i>	Hymn 694
<b>POST COMMUNION PRAYER</b>		BCP 365
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	<i>Faith of Our Fathers! Living Still</i>	Hymn 558

*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**—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).

**Stewardship Season Coming Soon**—Watch for new pledge cards coming soon for 2024. Every contribution helps Epiphany achieve our mission.

DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES
10/1	Don	Shirley	Luke, Jacob, Pascal
10/8		John	Martin, Amalia, Maddie
10/15		Shirley	Outshine, Excel
10/22		Don	Megan, Francis