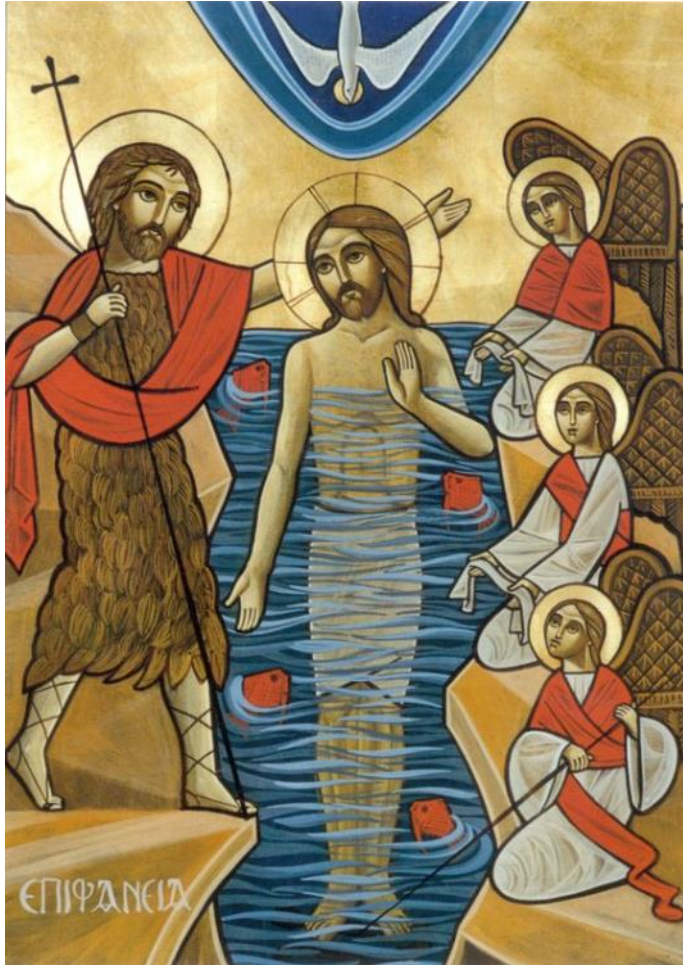


# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
November 12, 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.

# THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 12, 2023

Holy Eucharist & Baptism - Rite II - 10:30 am

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

**PROCESSIONAL**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Hymn 290

**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, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Wisdom of Solomon 6:12–16*

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,  
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,  
and is found by those who seek her.  
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.  
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,  
for she will be found sitting at the gate.  
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,  
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,  
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,  
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,  
and meets them in every thought.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM**

*Psalm 70*

- <sup>1</sup> Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O LORD, make haste to help me.
- <sup>2</sup> Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.
- <sup>3</sup> Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.
- <sup>4</sup> Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
“Great is the LORD!”
- <sup>5</sup> But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.
- <sup>6</sup> You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O LORD, do not tarry.

**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**

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 25:1-13*

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

## SERMON

Fr. Stace Tafoya

## HOLY BAPTISM

Rockford Thomas Waldrop

BCP 301

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

## THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

**OFFERTORY** *Praise to God, Immortal Praise* Hymn 288

**DOXOLOGY**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** BCP 362

**SANCTUS** Hymn S-124

**GREAT AMEN** Hymn S-143

**FRACTION ANTHEM** Hymn S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**COMMUNION MUSIC** *Once He Came in Blessing* Hymn 53

*Grace and Peace*

Grace and peace  
Grace and peace  
Grace and peace to you  
From God our Father  
And the Lord Jesus Christ

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**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** BCP 365

RECESSIONAL

*Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

<sup>1</sup> Hear the call of the kingdom  
Lift your eyes to the King  
Let His song rise within you  
As a fragrant offering  
Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem  
All who trust in His unfailing grace

<sup>2</sup> Hear the call of the kingdom  
To be children of light  
With the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ  
Walking justly before Him  
Loving all that is right  
That the life of Christ may shine through us

**King of heaven we will answer the call  
We will follow bringing hope to the world  
Filled with passion filled with power to proclaim  
Salvation in Jesus' name**

<sup>3</sup> Hear the call of the kingdom  
To reach out to the lost  
With the Father's compassion  
In the wonder of the cross  
Bringing peace and forgiveness  
And a hope yet to come  
Let the nations put their trust in Him

*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

**Stewardship Season**—New pledge cards are available for 2024! Every contribution helps Epiphany achieve our mission. Look on the back side for ways to get involved in different ministries at Epiphany. You may also email our bookkeeper directly with your pledge at [accountant@epiphanydenver.org](mailto:accountant@epiphanydenver.org)

**Sunday Lunch**—Stay after the 10:30 service on **November 19<sup>th</sup>** for lunch in the commons! Please contact Ann McKissick at: [a\\_mckissick@yahoo.com](mailto:a_mckissick@yahoo.com) if you are interested in volunteering for a lunch team. The next lunch will be December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Kathleen Hollenbeck**—A memorial service in celebration of Kathleen Hollenbeck’s life will be held on Saturday, November 25 at 10:00 am at Epiphany. A reception with hors d’oeuvres and refreshments will follow at Epiphany. The interment will be at 2:00 pm at Fairmount Cemetery in Denver. In lieu of flowers, charitable gifts may be directed to the Church of the Epiphany scholarship fund (in memory of Kathleen Hollenbeck).

### Budget Update

October Income	\$28,652	YTD Income	\$265,401
October Expenses	\$22,629	YTD Expenses	\$266,334

### Advent Opportunities

- Advent Quiet Day—Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Christ Church (register at [ChristChurchDenver.org](http://ChristChurchDenver.org))
- Advent Zoom Book Club with Fr. Joseph of Christ Church (register at [ChristChurchDenver.org](http://ChristChurchDenver.org))
- An Advent devotional by Bishop Robert Barron will be available for \$2 in the commons.
- The adult/teen Sunday class will take time to reflect on the art and music of the season beginning Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>

DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES
11/12	Grace-Ann	John	Martin, Amalia, Maddy
11/19		Shirley	Excel, Outshine
11/26		Don	Megan, Francis
12/3		Shirley	Luke, Jacob, Pascal