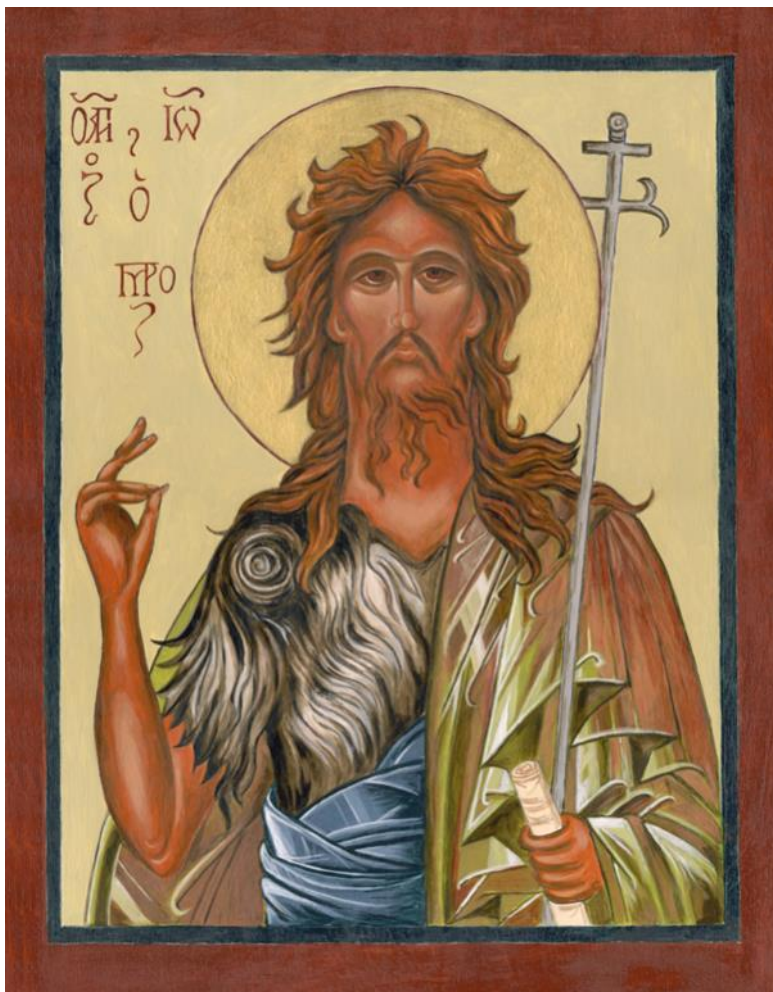


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 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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A time of quiet reflection or personal prayer is requested prior to the service.

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| PROCESSIONAL | <i>Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding</i> | Hymn 59 |
| OPENING ACCLAMATION | | BCP 355 |
| TRISAGION | | Hymn S-102 |

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 40:1-11*

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:
“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 85:9-14

All **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Cantor I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD for he proclaims peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

All **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Cantor Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

All **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Cantor The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

All **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

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THE EPISTLE

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
 “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way;
 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

SERMON

St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra

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BCP 358

HEALING PRAYER

BCP 0

OFFERTORY

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Hymn 76

DOXOLOGY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361

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

What is the Crying at Jordan?

Hymn 69

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Hymn 67

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

RECESSIONAL

Blest Be the King Whose Coming

Hymn 74

| VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE | DATE | LECTOR | CHALICE | ACOLYTES |
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| | 12/10 | Jeff | John | Genter kids |
| | 12/17 | Lessons & Carols Lectors: Jeff, Shirley, Sherry, | | |
| | 12/24 10:30 | Shirley | Don | Rennie girls |
| | 12/24 4:00 | | | |
| | 12/31 | | Don | |

*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.*

Advent & Christmas Events

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| Dec 10 th | 2 nd Sunday of Advent | St. Nicholas' Visit Greening of the Church & Lunch - Noon |
| Dec 17 th | 3 rd Sunday of Advent | 8:00am service Lessons & Carols at 10:30am |
| Dec 24 th | 4 th Sunday of Advent | (regular services) |
| Dec 24 th | Christmas Eve Service | 4:00pm Candlelight Service |
| Dec 31 st | | (regular services) |
| Jan 7 th | Epiphany Celebration | Pig Roast at Noon! |

News

Our dear friend Linda Downing passed away on November 29th. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 16th at 10am.

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

Advent Enrichment Opportunities

- Please pick up an Advent devotional book from the commons if you still need one.
- The adult/teen Sunday class is taking time to reflect on the art and music of the season. 9:30 in the St. Martha's room.

Epiphany Celebration Coming January 7th!—Check your email for details on how sign up to help with food or set-up for our annual pig roast pot luck lunch.