

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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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.

my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 89

All **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Cantor The promises of the Lord I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

All **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Cantor "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations."

All **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Cantor "He shall say of me, 'You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.'
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm."

All **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

THE EPISTLE

Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

Sing of Mary

Hymn 277

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

RSV

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her,

 "The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
 and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;
 therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

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

SERMON	Fr. Stace Tafoya	
NICENE CREED		BCP 358
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		BCP 387
OFFERTORY	<i>Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Hymn 81
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	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	Hymn 79
	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	Hymn 89
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP 365
RECESSIONAL	<i>The First Nowell</i>	Hymn 109

*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

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

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

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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES
	12/24 10:30	Shirley	Don	Rennie girls
	12/24 4:00			
	12/31		Don	Excel, Outshine
	1/7	Shirley	Shirley	Luke, Jacob, Pascal
	1/14		John	Martin, Amalia, Maddie