

# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

**January 7, 2024—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 FIRST OF THE EPIPHANY

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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**                      *We Three Kings*                      Hymn 128

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**                      BCP 355

**GLORIA**                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*                      Hymn 96

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People**     **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**                      *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

**THE PSALM**

*Psalm 72:1-7,10-14*

- <sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- <sup>2</sup> That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- <sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- <sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- <sup>10</sup> The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- <sup>11</sup> All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.
- <sup>12</sup> For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- <sup>13</sup> He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup> He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

**All** **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***Ephesians 3:1-12*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN***What Child is This?*

Hymn 115

**THE GOSPEL***Matthew 2:1-12*

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”



**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**

*O Magnum Mysterium*

*O magnum mysterium  
Et admirabile sacramentum  
Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum  
Jacentem in praeseptio!  
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera  
Meruerunt portare  
Dominum Christum  
Alleluia*

O great mystery,  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the newborn Lord,  
lying in a manger!  
Blessed is the virgin whose womb  
was worthy to bear  
the Lord, Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Hymn 112

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP 365

**RECESSIONAL**

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

Hymn 119

**POSTLUDE**

*Ne Timeas Maria*

*Ne timeas Maria, invenisti enim gratiam apud Dominum:  
ecce concipies in utero et paries filium,  
et vocabitur Altissimi Filius.*

Fear not, Mary, for you have found favour with the Lord:  
behold, you shall conceive in your womb and give birth to a son,  
and he shall be called the Son of the Highest.

*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

**Musical Guests**—Thank you to the visiting choir for blessing us with their vocal talent this morning! The singers are members of various local sacred music choirs including St. Martin’s Chamber Choir and Gaudium Verum: Rick Wheeler, Lorena Perry, Ann Marie Morgan, Cody Laun, and Peter Severson.

**Thank you as always to Chris Rennie for his dedicated, overnight cooking of our yummy roast pig!**

**2024 Pledge Cards Available**—Look for the blue pledge cards in the commons to help the vestry plan Epiphany’s operating budget for next year. Please return to the collection box or the church office. You may also email our bookkeeper directly with your pledge at: [accountant@epiphanydenver.org](mailto:accountant@epiphanydenver.org)

**Year-End Giving**—Please note: According to IRS rules, contributions are effective when delivered. This means that a check deposited in the offering in January cannot be deducted in the previous year even if it is backdated. The one exception is for checks that are postmarked in 2023.

**Mark your calendars!**—We will hold our annual church business meeting during lunch after the 10:30 service on January 28th.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES
	1/7	Shirley	Shirley	Luke, Jacob, Pascal
	1/14		John	Martin, Amalia, Maddie
	1/21		Shirley	Excel, Outshine
	1/28	** Please use the link in the newsletter to sign up for volunteer dates **		