Church of the Epiphany



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY February 11, 2024—10:30 am

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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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.

 PROCESSIONAL
 When Morning Guilds the Skies
 Hymn 427

 Blessing of the Candles

OPENING ACCLAMATION

GLORIA

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

BCP 355

Hymn S-280

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 50:1-6

¹ The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

³ Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

⁴ He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.

⁵ "Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶ Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

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

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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SEQUENCE HY	MN Christ, Upon the Mountain Peak	Hymn 129
THE GOSPEL	Mark 9:2-9	
Lector	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.	

LectorThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

	As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.		
Lector People	The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.		
Sermon	Fr. Dcn. Gary Stoddard		
NICENE CREE	D	BCP 358	
HEALING PRA	YER	BCP 0	
Confession		BCP 360	
THE PEACE			
Offertory	Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones	Hymn 618	
Doxology			
GREAT THAN	KSGIVING	BCP 361	
Sanctus		Hymn S-125	
Great Amen		Hymn S-146	
Fraction Am	THEM	Belmont	
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast. Blood of Christ, shed for us, take in remembrance of Him.			

COMMUNION MUSIC

¹ Our God will go before us And guide us by His presence What confidence this promise is We will never walk alone

² Through unknown paths through shadows Our hearts fear not tomorrow For every step His faithfulness Is the truth that lights our way

Our God will go before us The Lord of Hosts is with us O praise the One who leads us on For His grace will bring us home

³ Though evil forms against us All heaven will defend us The gates of hell shall not prevail For the battle is the Lord's

⁴ Now send us with Your presence And lead us on to heaven Where songs of sorrow strain no more And our every breath is praise

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All My Boast is in Jesus

¹What wonder of wonders what love is this That Christ would die for me His goodness His merit His righteousness This sinner's only plea O foolish pride be crucified The work is finished

All my boast is in Jesus All my hope is His love And I will glory forever In what the cross has done

² Now fully forgiven my life is filled With graces undeserved For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill Let praises now return Rise up my soul and bless the Lord Who else is worthy O praise the One forever blessed Him alone my heart adores And I will boast in nothing less Than the love of Christ my Lord

³ I boast not in riches in strength or might But in the grace of God I glory in weakness to live is Christ In plenty or in want That I may know that all may see His pow'r within me

Now I stand in His freedom Ransomed clean in His sight And I cannot be ashamed for My boast is Jesus Christ My boast is Jesus Christ Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

RECESSIONAL

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Hymn 522

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

- Adult/Teen Sunday School—Join us at 9:30 in the St. Martha's room for a class on reading and interpreting the Bible. During Lent, the class will focus on Ignatian Spirituality with Dcn. Gary.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**—February 13th at 6:00pm. Look for a sign-up in the newsletter.
- Ash Wednesday—There will two services with the imposition of ashes on Wednesday, February 14th: Noon and 7:00pm
- **Lenten Wednesday Night Study**—Beginning February 21st, Fr. Benedict will lead a class on reading the Psalms with the Church Fathers. We will meet at 6:00pm for a light soup supper beforehand. All are welcome!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE					
DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES		
2/11	Grace-Ann	Gary			
2/18	Shirley	Shirley			
2/25		Gary			