

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE FEAST OF THE
PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**
February 4, 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

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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Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:30 am

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

PROCESSIONAL

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn 376

BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

GLORIA

Hymn S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight— indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 84

- ¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- ² The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- ³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- ⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- ⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- ⁶ They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- ⁷ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- ⁸ Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- ⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- ¹⁰ For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- ¹¹ No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- ¹² O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

**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

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery

by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

All Praise to You, O Lord

Hymn 138

The Song of Simeon

Hymn S-253

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed— and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

SERMON Fr. Stace Tafoya

NICENE CREED BCP 358

HEALING PRAYER BCP 0

CONFESSION BCP 360

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *All My Boast is in Jesus*

¹ What 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**

DOXOLOGY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361

SANCTUS

Hymn S-125

GREAT AMEN

Hymn S-146

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

Lord, Be Thy Word My Rule

Hymn 626

Out God Will Go Before Us

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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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

RECESSIONAL

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Hymn 135

*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.

Annual Meeting—If you were unable to attend the annual meeting last Sunday you may pick up the handouts in the commons. Our approved Vestry team for the coming year is:

Scott Cass (Senior Warden)	Jen Anderson-Tarver
Suni Devitt (Junior Warden)	Drew Royster
Frank Laden (Treasurer)	Ann McKissick
	Colton Mailes (new member)

Budget Update

December Income	\$59,726 *correction
December Expenses	\$24,474
2023 Year Income	\$351,371
2023 Year Expenses	\$312,791

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—February 13th at 6:00pm. Look for a sign-up in the e-mail 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
2/4	Shirley	Shirley	
2/11	Grace-Ann		
2/18	Shirley	Shirley	