

# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**  
March 30, 2024 - 7:00pm

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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! You are also invited to sign a pew card.

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.

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

**THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

BCP 285

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

BCP 288

**The Story of Creation**

*Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord  
**All**            **Thanks be to God**

## HYMN

### *This Is My Father's World*

<sup>1</sup> This is my Father's world  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings and round me rings  
The music of the spheres  
This is my Father's world  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought

<sup>2</sup> This is my Father's world  
The birds their carols raise  
The morning light the lily white  
Declare their Maker's praise  
This is my Father's world  
He shines in all that's fair  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass  
He speaks to me everywhere

<sup>3</sup> This is my Father's world  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong  
God is the Ruler yet  
This is my Father's world  
The battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied  
And earth and heaven be one

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*Celebrant* Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea**     *Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21*

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will

harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

**HYMN**

*Song of Moses*

<sup>1</sup> Oh the Lord our strength and song  
Highest praise to Him belongs  
Christ the Lord the conqu'ring King  
Your name we raise Your triumphs sing

**Praise the Lord our mighty warrior  
Praise the Lord the glorious One  
By His hand we stand in vict'ry  
By His name we overcome**

<sup>2</sup> Though the storms of hell pursue  
In darkest night we worship You  
You divide the raging sea  
From death to life You safely lead

<sup>3</sup> All the saints and angels bow  
Hosts of heaven crying out  
Glory, glory to the King  
You reign for all eternity

**The Lord shall reign  
forever and ever (6X)**

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*Celebrant* O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Salvation offered freely to all**      *Isaiah 55:1-11*

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

*Lector*

The Word of the Lord

**All**

**Thanks be to God**



## HYMN

### *All Who Are Thirsty*

All who are thirsty  
All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep

**Come Lord Jesus come**  
**Come Lord Jesus come (REPEAT)**

**Holy Spirit come**  
**Holy Spirit come (REPEAT)**

*As deep cries out to deep*  
*As deep cries out to deep*  
*As deep cries out to deep we sing*

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*Celebrant* O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The valley of dry bones**     *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.



**THE EPISTLE***Romans 6:3-11*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord  
**All**            **Thanks be to God**

**PSALM***Psalm 114*

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- <sup>2</sup> Judah became God's sanctuary  
and Israel his dominion.
- <sup>3</sup> The sea beheld it and fled;  
Jordan turned and went back.
- <sup>4</sup> The mountains skipped like rams,  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- <sup>5</sup> What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- <sup>6</sup> You mountains, that you skipped like rams?  
you little hills like young sheep?
- <sup>7</sup> Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

<sup>8</sup> Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

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

**THE GOSPEL**

*Mark 16:1-8*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

**SERMON**

Fr. Stace Tafoya

**HOLY BAPTISM**

Ezra Palma

BCP 301

**THE PEACE**

**OFFERTORY**

*The Lord Almighty Reigns*

<sup>1</sup> There's an endless song  
Waiting to be sung  
With the voice of every tribe  
The sound of every tongue

<sup>2</sup> When the bride of Christ  
On that day of days  
Brings with joy unto the Lamb  
A multitude of praise  
Like the roar of mighty seas  
And rolls of thunder  
Hear His people sing

**Hallelujah hallelujah  
For the Lord Almighty reigns  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns**

<sup>3</sup> We will join the feast  
Rest from battles won  
Tell with great rejoicing  
All the wonders God has done  
And like the roar of mighty seas  
And rolls of thunder  
All the church will sing

<sup>4</sup> Certain of that day  
Christ we will proclaim  
Oh that more would share the prize  
Salvation in His name  
Then greater will the anthem ring  
The mighty chorus rising to the King

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**DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 380 v. 3

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**SANCTUS**

(Tafoya)

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

**All**            **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
                   hallowed be thy Name,  
                   thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
                   on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
                   as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
                   for ever and ever. Amen.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

(Belmont)

**All**            **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, in remembrance of Him.**

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

<sup>1</sup> What is our hope in life and death  
 Christ alone Christ alone  
 What is our only confidence  
 That our souls to Him belong  
 What holds our days within His hand  
 What comes apart from His command  
 And what will keep us to the end  
 The love of Christ in which we stand

**O sing hallelujah  
 Our hope springs eternal  
 O sing hallelujah  
 Now and ever we confess  
 Christ our hope in life and death**

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<sup>2</sup> What truth can calm the troubled soul  
 God is good God is good  
 Where is His grace and goodness known  
 In our great Redeemer's blood  
 Who holds our faith when fears arise  
 Who stands above the stormy trial  
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
 Unto the shore the rock of Christ

<sup>3</sup> Unto the grave what shall we sing  
 Christ He lives Christ He lives  
 And what reward will heaven bring  
 Everlasting life with Him  
 There we will rise to meet the Lord  
 Then sin and death will be destroyed  
 And we will feast in endless joy  
 When Christ is ours forevermore

*Our God Will Go Before Us*

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

<sup>2</sup> 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**

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

<sup>4</sup> 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**

*The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done*

Hymn 208

*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**

**Mini Church Camp**—Save the date for Dcn. Gary's Mini Church Camp: July 25-27. Cost is \$50 to cover the expense of food but please contact Dcn. Gary or Fr. Stace if you need assistance.

**Adult/Teen Sunday School**—Beginning April 14<sup>th</sup> the Adult/Teen class will begin a video series on the Foundation of Christian Spirituality with Chis Hall, Professor Emeritus of Theology at Eastern University. Join us in the St. Martha's room at 9:30am.

**Youth Night**—Save the date! Our next youth night will be April 20<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm.

**Newcomer Lunch**—If you are new to Epiphany within the last year please pick up some food in the commons and join Fr. Stace in the St. Martha's room on April 21<sup>st</sup>!

*Thanks to the musicians, altar guild, Sunday School helpers,  
and everyone who helped to make this Holy Week  
extra meaningful for our congregation and visitors!*