CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 14, 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.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024 Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:30 am

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

PROCESSIONAL The Strife is O'er the Battle Done Hymn 208

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355

GLORIA Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord Hymn 178

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

FIRST LESSON Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 4

- ¹ Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- ² "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- ³ Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- ⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- ⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.
- ⁶ Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- ⁸ I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

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

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector **People**

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Again!

Hymn 184

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

Lector

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Lector **People**

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

SERMON

Fr. Stace Tafoya

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 383

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Three Days

¹ Three days our world was broken The Lord of life lay dead Take up your cross he told us Who followed where he led Would we now hang in torment With thieves on every side Our Passover shattered Our hope crucified Three days we hid in silence In bitter fear and grief Three days we clung together Where he had washed our feet

² Three days and on the third day
The women came at dawn
His tomb they said was empty
His broken body gone
Who could believe their story
The dead do not arise
Yet he walks among us
And with our own eyes
We've seen him at this table
We've shared his bread and wine
Hearts burning bright within us
We've seen his glory shine

³ Three days our world was broken
And in an instant healed
God's covenant of mercy
In mystery revealed
Two thousand years are one day
In God's eternal sight
And yesterday's sorrows are this day's delight
Though still Christ's body suffers
Pierced daily by the sword
Yet death has no dominion
The risen Christ is Lord

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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, in remembrance of Him.

COMMUNION

The Lord Almighty Reigns

- ¹ There's an endless song Waiting to be sung With the voice of every tribe The sound of every tongue
- ² 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

- ³ 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
- ⁴ 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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I Am Not My Own

¹ My body is a temple of the Living God I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought As I bear His image O may I not profane The holiness I hold in this earthly frame

I belong to the Lord O I am not my own I belong to the Lord I am not my own I will honor Him for this I know I belong to the Lord I am not my own

- ² And if He has redeemed me I am not my own The measure of my worth is His love alone He declares my standing and He declares my state So I will know myself by the name He gave
- ³ I am not my own and now my heart is free O Maker come and make what You will of me There is nothing broken that You can not repair So Lord I leave my life in Your loving care

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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 TODAY 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 for tweens and teens will be April 20th 6-8pm.
- Newcomer Lunch—If you are new to Epiphany within the last year join Fr. Stace in the St. Martha's room on April 21st during our fellowship lunch.

VOLUNTEERS	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES	LUNCH
	4/14	Grace-Ann	John	Martin, Amalia, Maddie	
	4/21		Shirley	Excel, Outshine	Fellowship Lunch
	4/28		Don	Megan, Francis	
	5/5		Shirley	Luke, Jacob, Pascal	Potluck Lunch