

# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 5, 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.

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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**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Hymn 405

**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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Acts 10:44-48*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM**

*Psalm 98*

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- <sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- <sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- <sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

**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 5:1-6*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are

not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Hymn 488

**THE GOSPEL**

*John 15:9-17*

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

<b>SERMON</b>	Fr. Stace Tafoya	
<b>NICENE CREED</b>		BCP 358
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>		BCP 383
<b>THE PEACE</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>The Spacious Firmament on High</i>	Hymn 409
<b>DOXOLOGY</b>		
<b>GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>		BCP 361
<b>SANCTUS</b>	<p><b>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.</b></p>	Hymn S-125
<b>GREAT AMEN</b>		Hymn S-146
<b>FRACTION ANTHEM</b>		Belmont
	<p><b>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.</b></p>	

<b>COMMUNION</b>	<i>O Love of God, How Strong and True</i>	Hymn 455
	<i>Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love</i>	Hymn 602
<b>POST COMMUNION PRAYER</b>		BCP 365
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing</i>	Hymn 344

*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

**Feast of the Ascension**—We are joining up with St Michael and All Angels' for Ascension day on May 9th. Fr. Stace will be preaching at their 6:30pm service; 1400 S. University Blvd.

**Adult/Teen Sunday School**—The Adult/Teen class has begun a video series on the Foundation of Christian Spirituality with Chris Hall, Professor Emeritus of Theology at Eastern University. Jump in at any time and join us in the St. Martha's room at 9:30am!

**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.

**Upcoming Lunches!** —**TODAY** we will have a potluck after the 10:30 service. Please bring a dish to share. Then, on May 19th (Feast of the Pentecost) a lunch team will provide food. Please contact Ann McKissick if you would like to join a fellowship lunch team. Teams are made up of two or three households and provide lunch a couple of times a year. [a\\_mckissick@yahoo.com](mailto:a_mckissick@yahoo.com)

VOLUNTEERS	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES	LUNCH
	5/5	Shirley	Shirley	Luke, Jacob, Pascal	Potluck Lunch
	5/12	Sherry	John	Martin, Amalia, Maddie	
	5/19		Shirley	Outshine, Excel	Steve, Fran, Ann M.
	5/26	Jeff Downing	Don	Megan, Francis	