

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 16, 2025—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.

Wednesday Morning Eucharist in the chapel 11:00 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.
Please silence your phone*

PROCESSIONAL

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn 401

PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP 351

TRISAGION

Holy God
Holy and mighty
Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O LORD GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be

your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O LORD GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 27

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- ² When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- ³ Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- ⁴ And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- ⁵ One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- ⁶ To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

- ⁷ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- ⁸ Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- ⁹ Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;*
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- ¹⁰ Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ¹¹ You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- ¹² Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- ¹³ You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- ¹⁴ Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
- ¹⁵ Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- ¹⁶ Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- ¹⁷ What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁸ O tarry and await the LORD’s pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;*
wait patiently for the Lord.

**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

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there

that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Now Let Us All of One Accord

Hymn 147

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

SERMON

Fr. Stace Tafoya

NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Behold the Cross

¹ Behold the cross on which was hung
life's very Lord, God's darling One;
Mary's own babe, so cold and so still,
helpless before her on Calvary hill.

² Nails in his hands, nails in his feet,
a traitor kiss upon his cheek;
and his pierced heart, now broken in two,
love crucified for me and for you.

³ Eyes that won't see, ears that won't hear,
lips that deny the friend once so dear;
slowly he turns and captures your eye,
then passes on to Calvary to die.

⁴ Behold the cross of Christ in our midst:
all those who bear his wounds in their flesh.
Suffering for crimes of mercy and peace,
signs of the kingdom on Calvary street.

⁵ Behold the cross on which was hung
life's very Lord, God's darling One;
Mary's own babe, so cold and so still,
helpless before her on Calvary hill.

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DOXOLOGY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

GREAT AMEN

Hymn S-147

LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

FRACTION

Agnus Dei

Hymn S-158

All **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
 grant us thy peace.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

I Bind

I bind unto myself today
The strong Name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same
The Three in One and One in Three

I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead
His eye to watch His might to stay
His ear to hearken to my need
The wisdom of my God to teach
His hand to guide His shield to ward
The word of God to give me speech
His heavenly host to be my guard

Christ be with me Christ within me
Christ behind me Christ before me
Christ beside me Christ to win me
Christ to comfort and restore me

Christ beneath me Christ above me
Christ in quiet Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

I bind unto myself the Name
The strong Name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same
The Three in One and One in Three
By Whom all nature hath creation
Eternal Father Spirit Word
Praise to the Lord of my salvation
Salvation is of Christ the Lord

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Christ Be With Me

¹ Christ be with me Christ within me
Christ behind me and before me
Christ beside me Christ to win me
Christ to comfort and restore

² Christ beneath me Christ above me
Christ in hearts of all who know me
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger
Christ in quiet and in roar

**Love, blessed Trinity of three
Bound in unity
Who guides my journey
I will arise with strength of heaven
Trusting in Your light
To guide my journey
Shine before me
Lead me home**

³ Power to guide me might to hold me
Wisdom teach me watching o'er me
Ear to hear me hand to guard me
Love to conquer every fear

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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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*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.*

Lenten Opportunities

- A Tuesday night women’s group (6pm) is studying the writings of Catherine of Siena.
- Wednesday Night Soup Suppers (6pm): Meet for a light meal and discuss The Augustine Institute’s series “How to Lent” exploring prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We will end each evening with Compline. Sign up to bring dinner using the link in the newsletter.
- Sunday morning’s Adult Education class (9:30am) led by Mark and Amanda Genter is reflecting on the death and resurrection of Christ with videos by biblical scholar Ray Vander Laan.
- During March, Fr. Dcn. Gary will offer spiritual direction to anyone who would like it during the Sunday School hour. Sign up online or email him directly at garydstoddard@gmail.com.
- Fr. Stace will offer the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Please contact him directly at 303-229-0208 to make a confidential appointment.
- A reading plan is available in the commons examining the sermon on the mount and the sermon on the plain.
- The children’s Sunday school classes will be collecting non-perishable goods for the Sun Valley Community Center.

VOLUNTEERS	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES	LUNCH
	3/16	Shirley	Shirley	Excel, Outshine	Whites, Ann McK.
	3/23		Don	Megan, Francis	
	3/30	Grace-Ann	Don		
	4/6	Sam	Shirley	Jacob, Pasal	