

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 23, 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 *Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel* Hymn 574

PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

DECALOGUE *The people kneel as able.* BCP 350

CONFESSION BCP 352

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.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 63:1-8 Deus, Deus meus

- ¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- ² Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- ³ For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- ⁴ So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- ⁵ My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- ⁶ When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- ⁷ For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- ⁸ My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

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 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not

indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land* Hymn 648

THE GOSPEL *Luke 13:1-9*

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

SERMON

Fr. Stace Tafoya

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BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 385

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Be Not Afraid

¹ You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

**Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.**

² If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

³ Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

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DOXOLOGY

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.**

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

He Hideth My Soul / You Are My Hiding Place

¹ A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord
A wonderful Savior to me
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
Where rivers of pleasure I see

**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
That shadows a dry thirsty land
He hideth my life in the depths of His love
And covers me there with His hand
And covers me there with His hand**

² A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord
He taketh my burden away
He holdeth me up and I shall not be moved
He giveth me strength as my day

³ With numberless blessings each moment He crowns
And filled with His fullness divine
I sing in my rapture oh glory to God
For such a Redeemer as mine

⁴ When clothed in His brightness transported I rise
To meet Him in clouds of the sky
His perfect salvation His wonderful love
I'll shout with the millions on high

Fanny Jane Crosby | William James Kirkpatrick
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Music: Public Domain

You Are My Hiding Place

You are my hiding place
You always fill my heart
With songs of deliverance
Whenever I am afraid
I will trust in You

I will trust in You
Let the weak say I am strong
In the strength of the Lord

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Lord I Need You

¹ Lord I come I confess
Bowling here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

² Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

³ So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

*Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

RECESSIONAL

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymn 690

*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
	3/23	Jeff	Don	Megan, Francis	
	3/30	Grace-Ann	Don	Elijah	
	4/6	Sam	Shirley	Jacob, Pasal	
	4/13	Genters	John	Genters	