## CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
August 24, 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.

Holy Eucharist in the Chapel Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

#### THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025 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 When Morning Guilds the Skies Hymn 427

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355

GLORIA Glory to God Hymn S-280

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

#### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

#### THE PSALM

Psalm 103:1-8 Benedic, anima mea

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, \* and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, \* and forget not all his benefits.
- <sup>3</sup> He forgives all your sins \* and heals all your infirmities;
- <sup>4</sup> He redeems your life from the grave \* and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- <sup>5</sup> He satisfies you with good things, \* and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD executes righteousness \* and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup> He made his ways known to Moses \* and his works to the children of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.

## 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

#### Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Lector **People** 

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Hymn 524

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

Lector

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead

it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

SERMON	Fr. Stace Tafoya	
NICENE CREED		BCP 358
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		BCP 383
Confession of Sin		BCP 360
THE PEACE		
Offertory	A Mighty Fortress is Our God	Hymn 688
	Doxology	Hymn 380 v3
GREAT THANKSGIVING		BCP 361
SANCTUS	Holy, Holy, Holy Lord	Hymn S-125
GREAT AMEN		Hymn S-146
Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
FRACTION ANTHEM		Belmont

#### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

#### Sprit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

<sup>1</sup> Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move. Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

<sup>2</sup> Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King? All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind. I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling: Oh, let me seek Thee, and, oh, let me find!

<sup>3</sup> Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

<sup>4</sup> Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame; The kindling of the heav'n-descended Dove, My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

#### Holy Forever

A thousand generations
falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy You are lifted high Holy Holy forever If you've been forgiven
and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom
and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

#### Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy You will always be Holy Holy forever

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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

## Mark your calendars for the start of Sunday School September 7th!

Sunday School for all ages will begin on September 7th, 9:15am.

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (ages 4-6 in the Atrium)
- St. Benedict's Scriptorium (1st-4th grade)
- Sojourners (5th-8th grade in the youth room)
- Adult/Teen Class (14+ in the St. Martha's room)

Reminder! - Safe Church certification is required for everyone who works with children or is in a leadership role within the church. Please complete your online classes by August 31th and forward the certification to the church office: office@epiphanydenver.org

If you are not sure if you need to complete the certification or which modules are required, please contact Fr. Stace, Grace-Ann, Sarah, or Aleta.

#### **Budget Update**

July Income \$24,568 July Expenses \$22,692 YTD Income \$200,262 YTD Expenses \$179,659

Women's Lunch—All church ladies are invited to a lunch on September 18th at noon (more details to come). Call or text Aleta Cass for more information at 303-257-2858

VOLUNTEERS	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES	LUNCH
	8/24	Grace-Ann	Don	Rennies	
	8/31	Genters	Don		
	9/7	Shirley	Shirley	Jacob, Pascal	
	9/14	Genters	John	Genters	