

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 4, 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 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 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and Voices* Hymn 191

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 9:1-20*

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

Lector
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 30

Exaltabo te, Domine

- ¹ I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- ³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- ⁴ Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- ⁵ For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- ⁶ Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- ⁷ While I felt secure, I said,
“I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”

⁸ Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.

⁹ I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

¹⁰ “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹¹ Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper.”

¹² You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

¹³ Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

**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 NEW TESTAMENT

Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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People

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

SERMON	Fr. Stace Tafoya	
NICENE CREED		BCP 358
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		BCP 383
CONFESSION		BCP 360
THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY	<i>Now the Green Blade Riseth</i>	Hymn 204
	<i>Doxology</i>	Hymn 380 v3
GREAT THANKSGIVING		BCP 361
SANCTUS		Hymn S-125
GREAT AMEN		Hymn S-146
LORD’S PRAYER		BCP 364
FRACTION ANTHEM		Belmont
COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to Be Our Guest</i>	Hymn 306
	<i>Come Away to the Skies</i>	Hymn 213
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP 365
RECESSIONAL	<i>The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done</i>	Hymn 208

*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

Adult Sunday School—For the next few weeks Fr. Stace and Dcn. Gary will explore the various appearances of Christ after the resurrection.

Fellowship Lunch—Our next fellowship lunch will be on May 18th. If you are interested in joining a meal team or can only help out occasionally—please contact Ann McKissick at: a_mckissick@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEERS	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES	LUNCH
	5/4	Sam	Shirley	Luke, Jacob, Pascal	
	5/11	Genters	John	Genters, Elijah	
	5/18		Shirley	Outshine, Excel	Fellowship Lunch
	5/25	Jeff	Don	Megan, Francis	