CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER April 27, 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.

Cover image: Doubting Thomas—Elena Cherkasova

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April 27, 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 Jesus Christ is Risen Today Hymn 207

vs.2-4

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, *
 and declare the works of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.
- Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them;
 I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is righteous may enter."
- ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
- ²² The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! * LORD, send us now success.

- ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; * we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; * form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ "You are my God, and I will thank you; * you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- ²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures 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 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn 383

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Lector

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Lector

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Fr. Jack Stapleton

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BCP 358

PRAYERS OF T	HE PEOPLE	BCP 383
THE PEACE		
Offertory	At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	Hymn 174
Doxology		
GREAT THANK	SGIVING	BCP 361
SANCTUS	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.	Hymn S-125
GREAT AMEN		Hymn S-146
Celebrant People	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.	
Communion		
	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	Hymn 324
Post Commun	BCP 365	
RECESSIONAL	He is Risen, He is Risen!	Hymn 180

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.

VOLUNTEERS	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES	LUNCH
	4/27	Jeff	Don	Megan, Francis	
	5/4	Sam	Shirley	Luke, Jacob, Pascal	
	5/11	Genters	John	Genters, Elijah	
	5/18		Shirley	Outshine, Excel	Fellowship Lunch