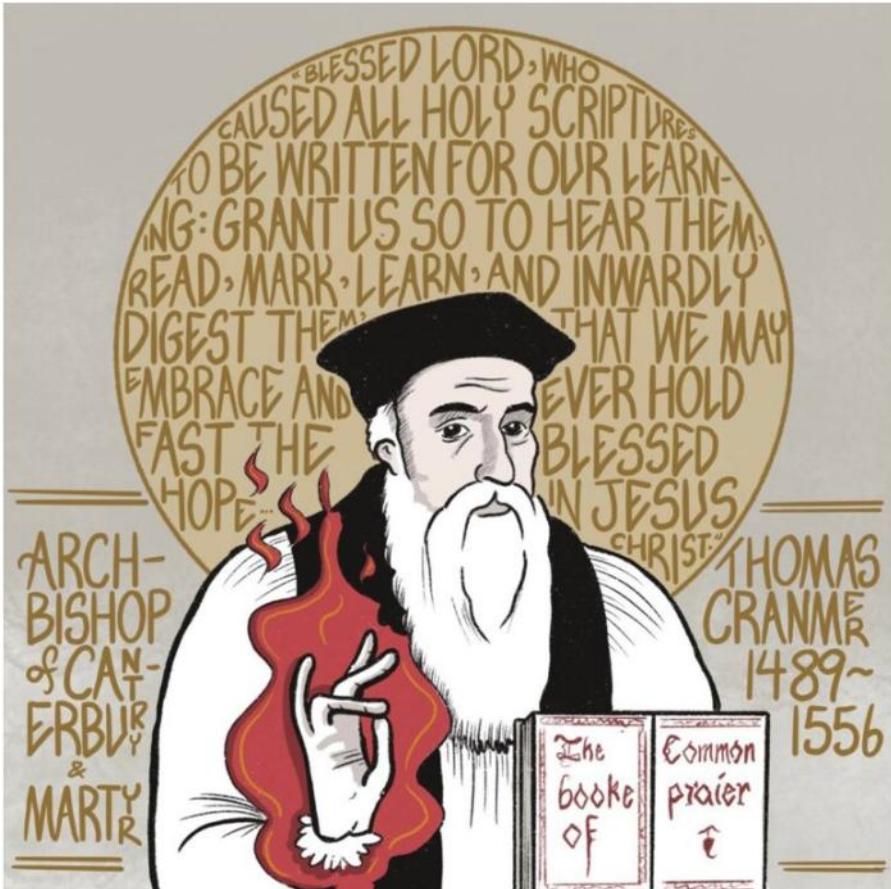


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 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. In the following order of service the “BCP” page numbers refer to the black Book of Common Prayer. The “S” numbers refer to the Service Music in the front of the blue Hymnal 1982. We invite you into worship with us! All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord’s Table. If you prefer not to receive communion, 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.

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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.

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| PROCESSIONAL | <i>Not Here For High and Holy Things</i> | Hymn 9 |
| OPENING ACCLAMATION | | BCP 355 |
| GLORIA | <i>Glory to God</i> | Hymn S-280 |

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *Malachi 3:13-4:6*

You have spoken harsh words against me, says the LORD. Yet you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the LORD of hosts? Now we count the arrogant happy; evildoers not only prosper, but when they put God to the test they escape.’

Then those who revered the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD took note and listened, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who revered the LORD and thought on his name. They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, my special possession on the day when I act, and I will spare them as

parents spare their children who serve them. Then once more you shall see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- ² With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- ³ The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- ⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁵ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- ⁶ Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

⁸ Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

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

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Before Thy Throne, O God We Kneel

Hymn 574

THE GOSPEL*Luke 21:5-19*

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

SERMON

Fr. Stace Tafoya

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BCP 358

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| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | | BCP 383 |
| CONFESSION OF SIN | | BCP 360 |
| THE PEACE | | |
| OFFERTORY | <i>Lord, Make Me An Instrument</i> | (Rutter) |
| | <i>Doxology</i> | Hymn 380 v3 |
| GREAT THANKSGIVING | | BCP 361 |
| SANCTUS | <i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i> | Hymn S-125 |
| GREAT AMEN | | Hymn S-146 |
| LORD’S PRAYER | | BCP 364 |
| FRACTION ANTHEM | | Belmont |
| COMMUNION MUSIC | <i>For the Fruits of This Creation</i> | (see insert) |
| | <i>Let All Things Now Living</i> | (see insert) |
| POST COMMUNION PRAYER | | BCP 365 |
| RECESSIONAL | <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> | (see insert) |

*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

Fellowship Lunch TODAY after the 10:30 service!

Stewardship—In this season of stewardship, please help the vestry budget for Epiphany ministries by letting us know your pledge amount for 2026. You may fill out a blue card and return it in the offering box or you may email our bookkeeper directly at accountant@epiphanydenver.org

Note: Please welcome our new bookkeeper, Audrey Ward, as she takes over from many years of faithful service from Lesley Williams!

Zelle Online Giving—The hiccup of last week has been resolved and online payments using the Zelle app are running smoothly now. Thanks for your patience! Please use give@epiphanydenver.org within the Zelle app.

The Art & Music of Advent—Epiphany will host an Advent quiet day on Saturday, December 13th from 9am-1pm. Light snacks will be provided. The class will offer a reflective pause from the hustle and bustle of the secular holiday rush to focus on the art and music of the season. **RSVP to office@epiphanydenver.org**

During the adult class time Ann R. will lead a craft time for children.

| VOLUNTEERS | DATE | LECTOR | CHALICE | ACOLYTES | LUNCH |
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| | 11/16 | Shirley | Shirley | Outshine, Excel | Jen, Ann R., Kim |
| | 11/23 | | Don | Megan, Francis | |
| | 11/30 | Don | Don | | |
| | 12/7 | | Shirley | Luke, Jacob, Pascal | |