Church of the Epiphany



THE NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
August 10, 2025—10:30 am

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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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.

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August 10, 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 I Sing the Almighty Power of God Hymn 398

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 to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O LORD GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalm 33:12-22

Exultate, justi

THE PSALM

- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- ¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.
- ¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵ He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.
- ¹⁶ There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- ¹⁷ The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,
- ¹⁹ To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.
- ²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; * he is our help and our shield.
- ²¹ Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- ²² Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

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 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Hymn 343

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

Lector

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Lector **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 of Sin BCP 360

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

Firmly I Believe and Truly

- ¹ Firmly I believe and truly God is three and God is one; and I next acknowledge duly manhood taken by the Son.
- ² And I trust and hope must fully in that manhood crucified; and each thought and deed unruly do to death, for He has died
- ³ Simply to His grace and wholly light and life and strength belong, and I love supremely solely Christ the holy Christ the strong.

- ⁴ And I make this affirmation for the love of Christ alone, Holy church is His creation and His teachings are her own.
- ⁵ Honor, glory, power and merit to the God of earth and Heaven, Father Son and holy Spirit, praise for evermore be given.

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Doxology

Hymn 380 v3

GREAT THANK	BCP 361					
SANCTUS		Holy, Holy, Holy Lord	Hymn S-125			
All						
GREAT AMEN			Hymn S-146			
Lord's Praye	BCP 364					
FRACTION ANTHEM			Belmont			
All	Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast; Blood of Christ, shed for us, take in remembrance of Him, in remembrance of Him.					
Communion I	Music	Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace	Hymn 593			
		Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God	Hymn 711			
Post Commun	NION PRAYER		BCP 365			

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

RECESSIONAL

Hymn 618

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)

Youth group BBQ at the rectory, August 20th at 5pm.

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 or Grace-Ann.

VOLUNTEERS	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES	LUNCH
	8/10	Genters	John	Genters	
	8/17		Shirley	Outshine, Excel	Barb R, Roberta, Phil
	8/24	Jeff	Don	Rennies	
	8/31		Don		