

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
February 22, 2026—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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*A time of quiet reflection or personal prayer is requested prior to the service.
Please silence your phone.*

PROCESSIONAL	<i>The Glory of These Forty Days</i>	Hymn 143
PENITENTIAL ORDER		BCP 351
KYRIE	Kyrie Eleison (<i>Lord Have Mercy</i>)	Hymn S-84

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7*

The LORD GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD GOD commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD GOD had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she

took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 32 Beati quorum

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- ² Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- ⁶ I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- ⁸ You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- ¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- ¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- ¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**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*Romans 5:12-19*

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Hymn 150

THE GOSPEL*Matthew 4:1-11*

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

Doxology

Hymn 380 v3

GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 361

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymn S-117

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

GREAT AMEN

Hymn S-146

LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM

Agnus Dei

Hymn S-158

All **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

All Flesh is Like the Grass

All flesh is like the grass
The grass withers and fades away
All flesh is like the grass
The grass withers and fades away

The glory of man like a flower
That shrivels in the sun and falls
The glory of man like a flower
That shrivels in the sun and falls

But the Word of the Lord endures forever
The Word of the Lord endures forever

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I Will Praise Him Still

¹ When the morning falls on the farthest hill
I will sing His name,
I will praise Him, still.

² When dark trials come and my heart is filled
with the weight of doubt,
I will praise Him, still.

**For the Lord, our God,
He is strong to save
from the arms of death,
from the deepest grave.**

³ And He gave us life in His perfect will,
and by His good grace
I will praise Him, still.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

RECESSIONAL

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Hymn 688

VOLUNTEERS	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES	LUNCH
	2/22		Don	Megan, Francis	
	3/1	Shirley	Shirley	Jacob, Pascal	
	3/8	Genters	John	Genters	
	3/15		Shirley	Outshine, Excel	Whites, Ruby, Glenda Gay