

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

(OBSERVED)

February 1, 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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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.

BLESSING OF THE CANDLES *Begin in the chapel.*

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the Incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

Let us pray.

O eternal God, who has created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon: We humbly ask you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use. Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

People **A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Celebrant Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised.

People **A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Celebrant For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

People **A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION TO THE NAVE

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, you have made this day holy by the presentation of your Son in the Temple, and by the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that we, who delight in her humble readiness to be the birth-giver of the Only-begotten, may rejoice for ever in our adoption as his sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Hymn 423

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355

GLORIA *All Glory Be to God on High* Hymn 421

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *Malachi 3:1-4*

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight— indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 84 Quam dilecta!

- ¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- ² The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- ³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- ⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- ⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- ⁶ They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- ⁷ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- ⁸ Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- ⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- ¹⁰ For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- ¹¹ No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- ¹² O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their 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 2:14-18*

Since God’s children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN*How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*

Hymn 517

THE GOSPEL*Luke 2:22-40*

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
 according to your word;
 for my eyes have seen your salvation,
 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
 a light for revelation to the Gentiles
 and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

SERMON	Dcn. Gary Stoddard	
NICENE CREED		BCP 358
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		BCP 383
CONFESSION OF SIN		BCP 360
THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY	<i>Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly</i>	Hymn 277
	<i>Doxology</i>	Hymn 380 v3
GREAT THANKSGIVING		BCP 361
SANCTUS	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	Hymn S-128

GREAT AMEN		Hymn S-146
LORD’S PRAYER		BCP 364
FRACTION ANTHEM		Belmont
COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>Therefore We, Before Him Bending</i>	Hymn 330
	<i>Of the Father’s Love Begotten</i>	Hymn 82
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		BCP 365
RECESSIONAL	<i>Ye Holy Angels Bright</i>	Hymn 625

NEWS

Adult Sunday School—For the next few weeks, Fr. Stace and Colton Mailes will be teaching a series on the symbolism of the Bible. Join us in the St. Martha’s room at 9:30!

Annual Meeting—If you were unable to attend the annual meeting, please pick up the ministry overview handout and budget sheets that are available in the commons.

Budget Update—Thank you for your faithfulness!

December Income	\$68,011	2025 Total Income	\$377,421
December Expenses	\$24,653	2025 Total Expenses	\$327,279

Save the Date!—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 17th at 6pm

Prayer Chain—Thank you to Anna Chase for her many years of service in prayer for Epiphany! Going forward, if you have a specific prayer need please contact Glenda Gay Condon at 303-906-4762 or ggcondon@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES	LUNCH
	2/1	Shirley	Shirley	Jacob, Pascal	
	2/9	Genters	John	Genters	
	2/15		Shirley	Outshine, Excel	Whites, Ruby, Glenda Gay
	2/22		Don	Megan, Francis	