

# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 18, 2025—10:30 am**

# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

100 Colorado Blvd.  
Denver, CO 80206  
epiphanydenver.org

Rector  
Fr. Stace Timothy Tafoya  
303-229-0208

Office  
office@epiphanydenver.org  
303-321-0813

---

## *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.

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 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**

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

Hymn 518

**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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

*Acts 11:1-18*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time

the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 148*

*Laudate Dominum*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

- <sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- <sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- <sup>10</sup> Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;
- <sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- <sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- <sup>14</sup> He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

**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 21:1-6*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Hymn 383

**THE GOSPEL**

*John 13:31-35*

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*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

<b>CONFESSION</b>		BCP 360
<b>THE PEACE</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>Doxology</i>	Hymn 380 v3
<b>GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>		BCP 361
<b>SANCTUS</b>		Hymn S-125
<b>GREAT AMEN</b>		Hymn S-146
<b>LORD’S PRAYER</b>		BCP 364
<b>FRACTION ANTHEM</b>		Belmont
<b>COMMUNION MUSIC</b>	<i>Thou Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray</i>	Hymn 315
	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	Hymn 324
<b>POST COMMUNION PRAYER</b>		BCP 365
<b>RECESSIONAL</b>	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	Hymn 490

*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

**Adult Sunday School**—For the next few weeks Fr. Stace and Dcn. Gary will explore the various appearances of Christ after the resurrection.

**Fellowship Lunch**—TODAY! after the service. If you are interested in joining a meal team or can only help out occasionally—please contact Ann McKissick at:  
a\_mckissick@yahoo.com

**Save the Date!**—Bishop Kym will be visiting us on June 1st and we will have lunch as well. Please contact the church office if you can help out with lunch on this day.

VOLUNTEERS	DATE	LECTOR	CHALICE	ACOLYTES	LUNCH
	5/18	Grace-Ann	Shirley	Outshine, Excel	Fellowship Lunch
	5/25	Jeff	Don	Megan, Francis	
	6/1	Sam	Shirley	Luke, Jacob, Pascal	Fellowship Lunch
	6/8	Genters	John	Genters	