CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 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. 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!

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: 950-217-2940
Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

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October 18, 2026
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	*How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*	Hymn 517
OPENING ACCLAMATION		BCP 355
GLORIA		Hymn S-236

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 45:1-7*

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

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

THE PSALM *Psalm 96:1-9* *Cantate Domino*

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *At the Name of Jesus* Hymn 435

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 22:15-22*

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are

the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON	The Rev. Dr. Stace Timothy Tafoya	
NICENE CREED		BCP 358
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		BCP 387
CONFESSION		BCP 360
THE PEACE		
OFFERTORY	*Deep Peace*	Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you
Deep peace of Christ to you

DOXOLOGY	
GREAT THANKSGIVING	BCP 361
SANCTUS	HymnS-125
GREAT AMEN	HymnS-146
LORD'S PRAYER	BCP 364
FRACTION ANTHEM	Belmont

Instructions: Sing first verse together, then as a round:
Gentlemen begin "Christ our Passover" at the final "him" of the first verse; Ladies begin when gentlemen reach "Blood of Christ."

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 1 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Hymn 490

COMMUNION 2 *Our God Will Go Before Us* Getty, Boswell, Papa

Our God will go before us
And guide us by His presence
What confidence this promise is
We will never walk alone

Through unknown paths through shadows
Our hearts fear not tomorrow
For every step His faithfulness
Is the truth that lights our way

Our God will go before us
The Lord of Hosts is with us
O praise the One who leads us on
For His grace will bring us home

Though evil forms against us
All heaven will defend us
The gates of hell shall not prevail
For the battle is the Lord's

Now send us with Your presence
And lead us on to heaven
Where songs of sorrow strain no more
And our every breath is praise

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

RECESSIONAL *God of Grace, and God of Glory* Hymn 594

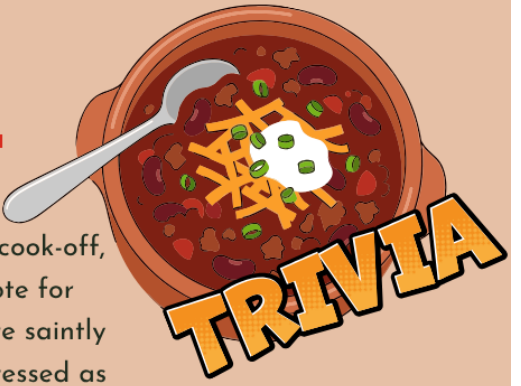
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Prelude to All Saints

Sunday, Oct. 25th | 6pm

Evensong | Chili Cook-Off | All Saints Trivia



Join us NEXT WEEK at 6 p.m. for Evensong, a chili cook-off, and All Saints Trivia! Bring a pot of chili to enter, vote for your favorite, and team up for trivia. Winners receive saintly prizes, with a little something for everyone! Come dressed as your favorite saint or Bible character.

Men's Movie Night

Friday, Oct. 30

6 pm at Epiphany

We'll watch *It's a Wonderful Life* and discuss some of the themes of manhood portrayed by the characters. Bring a snack to share and come join us!

RSVP: John Burtness
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Youth Narnia Night

Tuesday, November 10 | 6-8 p.m.

Prince Caspian Part 2

Middle and high school youth are invited to the Rectory for our second evening of Narnia: Prince Caspian!

Ladies Holiday High Tea

Thursday, November 19 | 11:30 a.m.

Join us at the Brown Palace for tea, fellowship, and holiday cheer! Space is limited. RSVP to Aleta Cass by call or text: 303-257-2858.

Today's Volunteers

Role	Volunteer(s)	Still Needed
Lector	Shirley Johnson	Full
Acolytes	---	3
Chalice Bearers	Shirley Johnson	1
Altar Guild	Shirley Johnson	1
Counters	---	2
AV/Streaming	Chris AT	Full
LUNCH TODAY	Steve & Fran White Martha Osborn Glenda Gay Condon	Full

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