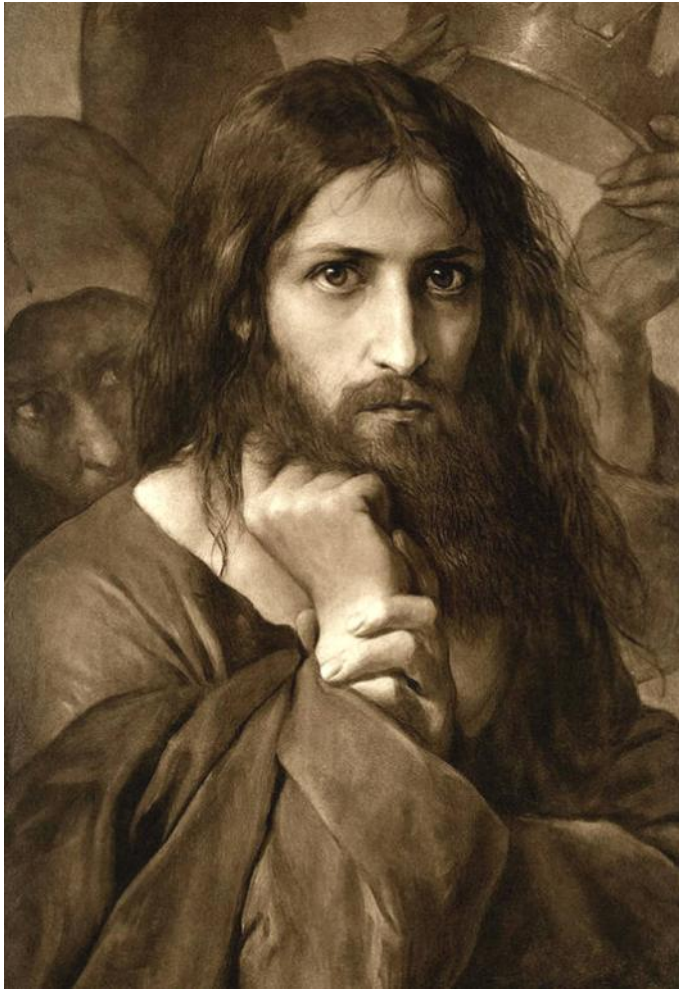


CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
March 9, 2025—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!

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.

Wednesday Morning Eucharist in the chapel 11:00 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

The Glory of These Forty Days

Hymn 143

PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP 351

TRISAGION

Holy God
Holy and mighty
Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us

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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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went

down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- ¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
 abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- ² He shall say to the LORD,
 “You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
 my God in whom I put my trust.”
- ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
 and the Most High your habitation,
- ¹⁰ There shall no evil happen to you, *
 neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- ¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
 to keep you in all your ways.
- ¹² They shall bear you in their hands, *
 lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- ¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
 you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- ¹⁴ Because he is bound to me in love,
 therefore will I deliver him; *
 I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- ¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
 I am with him in trouble;
 I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

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 10:8b-13*

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *Forty Days and Forty Nights* Hymn 150

THE GOSPEL *Luke 4:1-13*

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

SERMON Fr. Stace Tafoya

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP 385

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Led By the Spirit*

¹ Led by the Spirit of our God, we go to fast and pray
With Christ into the wilderness; we join his paschal way.
“Rend not your garments, rend your hearts. Turn back your lives to me.”
Thus says our kind and gracious God, whose reign is liberty.

² Led by the Spirit, we confront temptation face to face,
And know full well we must rely on God's redeeming grace.
On bread alone we cannot live, but nourished by the Word
We seek the will of God to do: this is our drink and food.

³ Led by the Spirit, now draw near the waters of rebirth
With hearts that long to worship God in spirit and in truth.
“Whoever drinks the drink I give shall never thirst again.”
Thus says the Lord who died for us, our Savior, kin and friend.

⁴ Led by the Spirit, now sing praise to God the Trinity:
The Source of Life, the living Word made flesh to set us free,
The Spirit blowing where it will to make us friends of God:
This myst'ry far beyond our reach, yet near in healing love.

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DOXOLOGY

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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SANCTUS

(Tafoya)

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

GREAT AMEN

Hymn S-147

LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

FRACTION

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

Behold, Before Our Wondering Eyes

¹ Behold, before our wondering eyes,
Beyond the gates of paradise
Shines out the Tree of Life adored,
The cross of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

² Behold, behold the glorious wood
Upon which hung our only good;
It bore him up in offering,
The Lamb whose praise the angels sing.

³ Behold, against the wall of night,
The doorway to eternal light
Stands open now: the narrow way
Invites us in to endless day.

⁴ All glory be to him who died,
All honor to the Crucified,
Who lives and reigns eternally,
With Father, Spirit: One in Three.

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If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Hymn 635

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

RECESSIONAL

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Hymn 142

*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.*