

# Church of the Epiphany

Trinity Sunday, Year A

June 4, 2023

10:30 a.m.

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*This service leaflet is excerpted from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the red book located in the pew rack in front of you. If you prefer to use the BCP itself to aid your worship, all BCP page numbers are noted. Hymns are from The Hymnal 1982, the blue book located in the pew rack in front of you, and Wonder, Love, and Praise, the green book. Service music is noted by an S in front of the number and can be found in the front of The Hymnal 1982, before the hymns.*

*(The worship service is live-streamed. Streaming and recording conclude at The Great Thanksgiving. Holy Communion is not recorded.)*

*Please silence your cell phones and electronic devices.*

Prelude: Thou, Whose Almighty Word – F. Peeters

Welcome and Announcements

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people stand.*

Hymn 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

*The people standing, the Priest-Celebrant joins the people in facing the Altar and says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP 355

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*The Priest-Celebrant says the Collect for Purity*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may

perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Gloria in Excelsis is sung by all, standing.*

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The Priest-Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Priest-Celebrant faces the Altar and says the Collect of the Day.*

BCP 228

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us  
your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to  
acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the  
power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep

us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

BCP 357

*The people sit.*

*The Lessons, as appointed, are read. A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.*

*Reader* A Reading from Genesis [1:1-2:4a]

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence follows.*

*Reader* The Psalm for today is Psalm 8 [*Domine, Dominus noster*]  
We will read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 **Out of the mouths of infants and children \***  
**your majesty is praised above the heavens.**
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \***

**the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?

**6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \***

**you adorn him with glory and honor;**

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:

**8 All sheep and oxen, \***

**even the wild beasts of the field,**

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**10 O LORD our Governor, \***

**how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

*Reader* A Reading from 2 Corinthians [13:11-13]

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence follows. The people stand.*

*The people and choir sing the Gospel Acclamation.*

Gospel Acclamation

*Taizé Chant*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to Matthew [28:16-20].

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Silence follows*

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Kristin Wickersham

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:**

by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessions for Year A

*The people stand. The Deacon and people pray responsively*

*Deacon* Let us offer our prayers in the Name of God: Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit, responding to each petition, “Hear  
us, blessed Trinity.”

Creator of the universe, and all that dwells in the seas,  
and skies, and all creatures who inhabit the earth, help us  
to guard your holy treasures and to delight in all that you  
have made; let us pray

*People* ***Hear us, blessed Trinity.***

*Deacon* Word of truth, open our hearts to receive your message  
as it is revealed through holy scripture, the witness of  
your Church, and in the minds and hearts of your  
faithful; let us pray.

*People* ***Hear us, blessed Trinity.***

*Deacon* Spirit of life, strengthen us to reveal the fruits of the



kingdom through the actions of our daily lives; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, blessed Trinity.**

*Deacon* Architect of all that is, seen and unseen, may we rebuild the world in peace, and give to each other the good gifts which you formed in creation; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, blessed Trinity.**

*Deacon* Incarnate One, help us to offer your grace throughout the world, bringing people of every language, nation, and tribe into the baptismal waters of your saving love; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, blessed Trinity.**

*Deacon* Wisdom from on high, descend upon your faithful people, that our voices and actions may echo your hope for humanity; let us pray.

*People* **Hear us, blessed Trinity.**

*Deacon* Gathered on this holy Sabbath, day of rest and praise, joy and worship; we continue our prayers.

*The Priest-Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.*

THE COLLECT AT THE PRAYERS

BCP 394

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Priest-Celebrant reads one of the sentences from the Penitential Order*

BCP 352

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

*The Priest Celebrant then says*

BCP 359

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*The Clergy and People say*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and pronounces the Absolution*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

*All stand. The Priest-Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

*Then the clergy and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

RECOGNITION OF ACOLYTES

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Then Priest-Celebrant says to the people*

BCP 376

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only art holy. *Revelation 15:4*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*The people sit.*

*The people place their offerings and commitment / pledge cards into offering plates, which are brought to the altar as an offering to God, and blessed by the Priest-Celebrant.*

Anthem: Hymn to the Trinity – M. Burkhardt

Hymn 424 For the fruit of all creation

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer D*

BCP 372

*The people stand.*

*The Priest-Celebrant faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Altar, the Priest-Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to

every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S-125

*Priest-Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Priest-Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Priest-Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Priest-Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Mark, Gayle, Dabney, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember me, your unworthy servant.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*People*     **AMEN.**

*The Priest-Celebrant continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

*Said by all*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. *Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Priest-Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S-161

*Sung by all*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*Facing the people, the Priest-Celebrant says the following Invitation*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Priest-Celebrant and ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

### *How to Receive Communion and An Invitation to Baptism*

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. If you would like to be Baptized and thereby enter into membership in the mystical Body of Christ, the Church, please contact Mother Kristin. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward for a blessing, indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*At the altar rail, to receive the bread, lay your right hand in your left hand, palm open. To receive the wine, as the priest brings the chalice to your lips, gently touch the base of the chalice and help guide it.*

*We do not allow the practice of intinction, or dipping the bread into the consecrated wine. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Although we encourage reception in both kinds, the grace of God present in the holy sacrament is fully available in the bread or the wine alone.*

*If you would like communion brought to you in your pew, please tell an usher and the priest will come to you.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

BCP 365

*Celebrant*           The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.  
*Communicant*       **Amen.**

*Celebrant*           The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.  
*Communicant*       **Amen.**

*The people join the choir in singing the hymns during Communion.*

Hymn 408 Sing praise to God who reigns above

*Taizé Chant: Eat This Bread*  
**Eat this bread, Drink this cup**  
**Come to Him and never be hungry.**  
**Eat this bread, Drink this cup,**  
**Trust in Him and you will not thirst.**

*After Communion, the Priest-Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Priest-Celebrant and People*

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Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out



to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Priest-Celebrant blesses the people.*

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God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every  
name, strengthen you to proclaim Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

*People*    **Amen.**

God the Son, our great high priest, who has passed into the  
heavens, clothe you with power from on high.

*People*    **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out abundant gifts upon the  
Church, make you faithful followers of the risen Christ.

*People*    **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the people.*

Let us go forth into the world,  
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: All Glory Be to God on High- J. Walther

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by the  
Ludwig, Tucker & Schilken families in loving memory of Mark Schilken.*

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An Outline of the Faith  
commonly called the Catechism

## **The Ten Commandments**

Q. What are the Ten Commandments?

A. The Ten Commandments are the laws given to Moses and the people of Israel.

Q. What do we learn from these commandments?

A. We learn two things: our duty to God, and our duty to our neighbors.

Q. What is our duty to God?

A. Our duty is to believe and trust in God;

I To love and obey God and to bring others to know him;

II To put nothing in the place of God;

III To show God respect in thought, word, and deed;

IV And to set aside regular times for worship, prayer, and the study of God's ways.

Q. What is our duty to our neighbors?

A. Our duty to our neighbors is to love them as ourselves, and to do to other people as we wish them to do to us;

V To love, honor, and help our parents and family; to honor those in authority, and to meet their just demands;

VI To show respect for the life God has given us; to work and pray for peace; to bear no malice, prejudice, or hatred in our hearts; and to be kind to all the creatures of God;

VII To use our bodily desires as God intended;

VIII To be honest and fair in our dealings; to seek justice, freedom, and the necessities of life for all people; and to use our talents and possessions as ones who must answer for them to God;

IX To speak the truth, and not to mislead others by our silence;

X To resist temptations to envy, greed, and jealousy; to rejoice in other people's gifts and

graces; and to do our duty for the love of God,  
who has called us into fellowship with him.

Q. What is the purpose of the Ten Commandments?

A. The Ten Commandments were given to define our  
relationship with God and our neighbors.

Q. Since we do not fully obey them, are they useful at all?

A. Since we do not fully obey them, we see more clearly our  
sin and our need for redemption.

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### **The Church of the Epiphany**

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**COMMUNICATION CARD**  
June 4, 2023

Welcome! You have blessed us with your presence. Please tell us how we can best serve you by completing the Communication Card.

Please place in the offering basket, hand it to an usher, or place on the table in the vestibule.

I'm looking for a church home  
 I'd like to speak with a clergy member  
 I'm ready to become a member  
 I'm just visiting today

**Name & Address**  Please update

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**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Children's names and ages**

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**Please give me more information about:**

Children's / Youth Programs  
 Social events  
 Outreach opportunities  
 Classes and Small Group Studies  
 Baptism or Confirmation  
 How I can get involved

**How did you hear about Epiphany?**

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**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**New to the Prayer List:** Virginia Barrett—Conny Barrett's daughter-in-law, Buddy Dunn

**Parishioners:** Mike Young, Bob Jimerson, Fran LaVigne, Milton Jenkins, Herb Williams, Marion Magruder, Martha Jenkins

**Homebound:** Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Joyce Melton, Ina Stickel, and Irene Morris

**Family & Friends:** Jean Stone— John Stone's mother, Dave Nichols — friend of Karen Holden, Christian Devol—Cheryl Lineberry's friend, David Thabet and Elizabeth Mickel—relatives of Sandy Ruder & Denise Russell, Maratha Kadi—Timon's mother, Bill McCarty—Ann Poates' brother, Kim Prince—friend of Lim Ludwig, Alex Kieber—Benjamin Holden's brother in-law, John Henry Rice—son of Fr. John & Mackie Rice, the family of Brian Taggart—nephew of Ellie Tuck, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother, Jennie Gundersen—friend of Irene Temple, Judy Watson—Martha Jenkins niece & Mary Shephard & Sandy Tignor's cousin, William Higgins—Harrison Higgins' grandson, Bev Kilgalen —friend of Gina Richardson

**Prayers for the departed:**

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CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

**Today's Ministers**

**Weekly Worship**


**Sundays at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.**

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**Prayers of the People:** Stacy Mitchell  
**Chalice:** Stacy Mitchell  
**Sun. School Helper:** Augustine Kiplagat  
**Altar Guild:** Karen & Randy Holden  
**Coffee Hour:** Acolyte parents  
**Counters:** Kim Ludwig, Becky Card



**The Church of the Epiphany**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**June 4, 2023**

Welcome—we are glad you are here! Know that whoever you are, and where ever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place here. If you are new, or haven't yet given us your contact information, please complete the attached communication card and place it in the plate so that you can learn more about Epiphany's community.

**Introducing the Lesson**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Our first lesson is the story of creation. As this ancient narrative opens, the Spirit of the Lord hovers like a great mother bird over the shapeless world. God then forms the heaven and the earth and all its creatures in six days. The seventh day is set aside as a day of rest. God's ultimate creative act is human life, made in his image, to whom rulership and responsibility over all other life are given.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

In this passage Paul closes his painful letter to the Corinthians with final admonitions and words of peace and love. There have been disagreements between Paul and his new converts. They have shown tendencies to set themselves up as a superior in faith and practice to others. But Paul ends on a hopeful note, and his last words have become part of our liturgies—a way of stating the three forms of presence of the divine graciousness.

**The Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

In our gospel reading Jesus makes his last appearance to his disciples and gives them their mission to baptize and teach through all the world. These words end Matthew's gospel. His mention of doubt on the part of some of the disciples reminds us that faith has never been an easy matter. But the closing charge is an authoritative commission to bring others to faith in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sun. June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Trinity Sunday**  
8:15 am—Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist

Acolyte Appreciation Sunday

7:30 pm—AA Meeting in parish hall

**Wed. June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Noon Holy Eucharist  
6:00 pm—Bible Study

**Thur. June 8<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm—Handbell polishing & supper party.

**Fri. June 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

**Sun. June 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 am—Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist

Parish Picnic

7:30pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

**Today, June 4th** — Acolyte Appreciation Day!

**Next Sunday Church Picnic**—Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Bring a dish to share! The men's group will provide hamburgers & hot dogs and the kitchen will provide the buns and fixings. Everyone is invited to come for fun, good food & fellowship!

Attendance: May 28, 2023  
8:15 am 1  
10:30 am 41

**Outreach Opportunities**



The diaper ministry continues to hold diaper distribution on the third Saturday of every month from 10 am to 12 noon. This inspirational ministry has been touching families lives in our community since 2018 and continues to welcome new families each month. This ministry offers the parish an outreach opportunity to share God's love and develop relationships within our community. The most recent diaper distribution was held Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and **the next diaper distribution day is on June 17<sup>th</sup>**. A sign-up sheet is on the outreach board in the parish hallway for anyone interested in volunteering. Donations of diapers (sizes 5 and 6) and wipes are also appreciated. Thank you again to everyone for your continued support of this ministry!



A copy of the **2023 homeless lunch schedule** is available on the bulletin board in the parish hallway if anyone would like a copy. If anyone is interested in taking part in this ministry, ALL are welcome! Contact Mary Sam Abernathy (msabernathy88@gmail.com) or the team lead, for the team you are interested in helping. **The next lunches are scheduled to be prepared and delivered by the Yellow Team on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to chapter 11 who prepared and delivered lunches on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.** This ministry is currently in its 24<sup>th</sup> year! **Donations of paper lunch bags, sandwich bags and napkins** are always welcome as well and can be dropped at the church office. Additionally, if you have further questions or concerns, I am always available to answer any questions. Crystal Sarvay, Outreach Coordinator ([crystalsarvay@gmail.com](mailto:crystalsarvay@gmail.com)).



**Lambs Basket** continues to need donations of food items, particularly cereals, peanut butter, jams, jellies, and canned foods. Please, bring in your donations and leave them in the parish hallway in the red wagon. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

**If anyone has any outreach projects or needs, they are aware of in the community, please share them! See Crystal Sarvay, Outreach Coordinator, or email at [epiphanyrvaparishnurse@gmail.com](mailto:epiphanyrvaparishnurse@gmail.com).**

*The love and kindness that our parish shares is beyond amazing!  
Love lives here!*



**COMMUNICATION CARD**

June 4, 2023

Our Communication Card is for **all people at The Church of the Epiphany** so that you can share your thoughts and prayers, and request information.

If you are new, please complete the opposite side so we also have your contact information.

I'd like more information about an upcoming event or program

I am RSVPing or signing up for:

I am interested in learning more about how to be part of the following ministries or programs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Music          | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office help    | <input type="checkbox"/> Readers       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Ed   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Team   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalice Bearer | <input type="checkbox"/> _____         |

**Prayer Requests / Comments**