

The Church of the Epiphany

The Sunday of the Resurrection

Easter Day, Year A

April 9, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Holy Baptism: 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 and service music are from The Hymnal 1982, the blue book located in the pew rack in front of you. 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.)

Prelude: *Easter Glory – C. Molebust*

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand.

Hymn: 207 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP 355

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit.

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;.

People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

BCP 215

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

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

Reader A Reading from Acts [10:34-43]

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence follows

Reader The Psalm for today is portions of
Psalm 118 [118:1, 2, 14-24] [*Confitemini Domino*].

We will read responsively by whole verse.

BCP 760

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
"His mercy endures for ever."

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:**
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.**
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.**
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Reader A Reading from Colossians [3:1-4]

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence follows

The people stand.

Gospel Acclamation for Eastertide

Alleluias

James Biery

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Then, all standing, the Priest-Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to John [20:1-18].

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned

around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

After the Gospel, the Priest-Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Silence follows.

THE HOMILY

The Rev'd Kristin Wickersham

Silence follows.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE BCP 301

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Priest Celebrant asks the candidate when presented

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

When the Candidate has been presented, the Priest Celebrant asks the parent

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parent I will with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parent I will with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Priest Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with this person who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Priest Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory,
now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon this your servants the forgiveness of
sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O
Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning
heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and
to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as
Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

Or this action may be done immediately after the administration of the water and before the preceding prayer. When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the
faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and
share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

WELCOMING NEW PEOPLE INTO THE CONGREGATION

BOS 146

Celebrant

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in companionship with each other
as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this
communion of the Church of the Epiphany. We welcome them
to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and

soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

The new members of the community are presented. A member of the vestry or other leader makes the presentation.

Presenter I present N. N. to be welcomed as a member of this parish.

Celebrant Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of Epiphany?

New Member I do.

Celebrant Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work pray, and give to build up our common life?

New Member I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought N. N. to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name.

Amen.

THE ASPERGES

Anthem: I saw water flowing

Christian Cosas

THE PEACE

All stand.

The Peace is then exchanged

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Priest-Celebrant and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Priest-Celebrant says to the people

BCP 376

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches,
and wisdom and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

Revelation 5:12

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 Deacon at the altar as an offering to God, and blessed by the Priest-Celebrant.*

Anthem: *Easter Carol* - R. Proulx

The people stand.

Hymn: 174 *At the Lamb's high feast we sing, vv. 1,2, and 4*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Priest-Celebrant faces the people 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.**

The Priest-Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and
earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and
death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when

he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

The Priest-Celebrant and people say

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Priest-Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, the Mother of God, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

The Priest-Celebrant continues

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

The Priest-Celebrant and people say

BCP 364

**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

Priest-Celebrant and People

**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

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 do not wish to receive, you may come forward for a blessing, indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest. If you desire to be Baptized and thereby enter into membership in the mystical Body of Christ, the Church, please contact the Priest-in-Charge.

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.

Hymns During Communion

LEVAS 69 *I come to the garden alone*

Hymn: 213 *Come away to the skies*

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

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you**

**with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Priest-Celebrant blesses the people.

Planning for Rites and Rituals

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

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: 210 *The day of resurrection!*

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest-Celebrant dismisses the people.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today and Thine is the Glory* - C. Callahan

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by
Chuck & Dottie Strabley in memory of their daughter, Kathy Strabley.*

An Outline of the Faith
commonly called the Catechism

Holy Baptism
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BCP

Q. What is Holy Baptism?

A. Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God.

Q. What is the outward and visible sign in Baptism?

A. The outward and visible sign in Baptism is water, in which the person is baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Q. What is the inward and spiritual grace in Baptism?

A. The inward and spiritual grace in Baptism is union with Christ in his death and resurrection, birth into God's family the Church, forgiveness of sins, and new life in the Holy Spirit.

Q. What is required of us at Baptism?

A. It is required that we renounce Satan, repent of our sins, and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Q. Why then are infants baptized?

A. Infants are baptized so that they can share citizenship in the Covenant, membership in Christ, and redemption by God.

Q. How are the promises for infants made and carried out?

A. Promises are made for them by their parents and sponsors, who guarantee that the infants will be brought up within the Church, to know Christ and be able to follow him.

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COMMUNICATION CARD
April 9, 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

Phone _____

Email _____

Children's names and ages

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?

(over)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

New to the Prayer List: Bill McCarty—Ann Poates' brother, Kim Prince—friend of Lim Ludwig 

Parishioners: Mike Young, Bob Jimerson, Fran LaVigne, Buddy Dunn, Milton Jenkins, Chip Dunn, Herb Williams, Marion Magruder, Martha Jenkins, John Sarvay, Cheryl Lineberry

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

Family & Friends: Karen Rood—Jeri Anne Townley's sister, Melissa Matthews—friend of Kim Ludwig, Jack Nance, friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Judy Watson—Martha Jenkins niece & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's cousin, Janie Dunnlevy—friend of Lucy & Wayne, Billy Callahan—friend of Karen Holden, Joanita Senoga—friend of Jeri Townley, Joan Church—Gail Wood's stepmother, Marchelle Clarke—April Craver's mother, Donna Ludwig—Dwight Ludwig's mom, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother, Phyllis Lowell—Nancy Sonne's sister, Tom Devol—friend of Cheryl Lineberry, 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

Prayers for the departed:

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Today's Ministers

Ushers: Scott Blackwell, Frosine Corbett

Acolytes: All Acolytes

Lessons: Cheri Blackwell

Prayers of the People: Cheri Blackwell

Chalice: Crystal Sarvay

Sun. School Helper: No Sunday School

Altar Guild: Lucy Whitlock, Ann Poates

Coffee Hour: No Coffee Hour

Counters: Gray Corbett

Weekly Worship

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

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The Church of the Epiphany
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Day
April 9, 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 Lessons

1st Reading: Acts 10:34-43

In this reading Peter realizes that the good news of the gospel is meant for all people, and he proclaims the crucified and risen Jesus. At first Peter was slow to believe that God wanted him to bring the word to a non-Jew. But God has shown this to be the divine will, and Peter gladly responds to Cornelius, a Roman centurion, together with his family and friends. The risen Jesus has appeared to chosen witnesses, and all who trust in him receive forgiveness of sins in his name.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Those who have shared in the experience of Christ's resurrection are to set their minds on the things that are above. Although disciples still live on earth in anticipation of the glory to come, in another sense they have already died to their former ways of sin. The true meaning and destiny of their lives is hidden with Christ in God.

The Gospel: John 20:1-18

Our gospel tells of the discovery of the empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene. While it is still dark, Mary comes and finds that the stone used to cover the tomb has been moved away. She runs and brings Peter and another disciple whom Jesus loved. Although no human eye catches sight of Jesus' rising from death, these first witnesses see the discarded grave wrappings and the other disciple perceives and believes. Mary remains weeping at the graveside and talks with a man she assumes to be the gardener. He speaks her name and she knows her Lord.

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sun. April 9th
Easter
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist & Baptism

7:30 pm—AA Meeting in parish hall

Mon. April 10th
Office Closed

Tue. April 11th
Office Closed
7:00 pm—JRRingers

Wed. April 12th
No Noon Service or Bible Study

Thur. April 13th
No Choir or Handbell Rehearsals

Fri. April 14th
7:30 pm—AA meeting in the parish hall

Sat. April 15th
10—noon—Diaper Ministry

Sun. April 16th
8:15 am—Holy Eucharist
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist

2nd Sunday Brunch Lunch

7:30pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

2nd Sunday Brunch lunch next Sunday, April 16th. We look forward to having you join us. We always have plenty of food, so invite your friends and family to join us that day!

Due to the lateness of getting the Easter Flowers we are asking for donations to help cover the cost this year, so the church doesn't have to pay for all of them. We appreciate any donation whether small or large. No names will be listed but they are for all your loved ones. Thank you in advance for your support!

Wayne & I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls and concern after the passing of my brother in Wisconsin. I appreciate all the love from my Epiphany family during this difficult time. I am truly blessed to have all of you in my life! God's blessing, Lucy

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4th Acolyte Appreciation Day!

Attendance: April 2, 2023
10:30 am 71

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, March 18th and the **next diaper distribution day is on April 15th**. 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 Green Team on April 29th**. Thank you to the Vestry who prepared and delivered lunches on April the 1st. This ministry is currently in its 24th 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 Sarvary, Outreach Coordinator (crystalsarvary@gmail.com).



Parish Nurse News and Outreach: Be on the lookout for an exciting opportunity coming soon where we will be partnering with the school community and 4H club in offering a nutritional event in the parish hall and kitchen for a few hours during the morning on three to four Thursday mornings this Spring. Families from our local school community are being offered the opportunity to sign up for a "crockpot cooking class," where they will be educated on simple, nutritious meal preparation for their family. They are providing the nutritionist, and crockpots and are asking if we can donate food items for the simple recipes. More information on the meals planned for these "one-pot" family style recipes to come. The maximum number of families allowed to sign up for each day is 10. Please, contact Crystal Sarvary if you have any questions.

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



COMMUNICATION CARD

April 9, 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