

# Church of the Epiphany

First Sunday in Lent, Year A

February 26, 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 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. Additional Hymns are from the Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal and are noted by the letters LEVAS.*

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: St. Flavian – C.S. Lang

### THE GREAT LITANY

*The people stand.*

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*Celebrant* O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* O holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,  
*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* Remember not, Lord Christ, our offences, nor the

offences of our ancestors; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, who you have redeemed with your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us forever.

*People* **Spare us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

*People* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Celebrant* From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

*People* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Celebrant* From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*People* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Celebrant* From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word and commandment,

*People* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Celebrant* From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

*People* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Celebrant* From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

*People* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Celebrant* By the mystery of your holy Incarnation; by your holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by your Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

*People* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Celebrant* By your Agony and Bloody Sweat; by your Cross and

Passion; by your precious Death and Burial; by your glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Spirit,

*People* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Celebrant* In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

*People* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Celebrant* We sinners do beseech you to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please you to rule and govern your holy Church Universal in the right way,

*People* **Good Lord, deliver us.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to illumine Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop, Mark, our Bishop, and all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may show it accordingly,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to bless and keep all your people,  
*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to send forth laborers into your harvest, and to draw all mankind into your kingdom,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to give to all people grace to hear and receive your Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to bring into the way of truth all who have erred, and are deceived,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to give us a heart to love and fear

you, and diligently to live your commandments,  
*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you so to rule the hearts of your servants, the President of this nation, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to make wars cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to show your pity on all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which you have given us to do with singleness of heart as your servants, and for the common good,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to visit the lonely; to strengthen

all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort  
with your presence those who are failing and infirm,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to support, help, and comfort all  
who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to have mercy on all mankind,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to give us true repentance; to  
forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and  
to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend  
our lives according to your holy Word,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to forgive our enemies,  
persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to strengthen those who stand; to  
comfort and help the faint-hearted; to raise up those  
who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to grant to all the faithful  
departed eternal life and peace,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* That it may please you to grant that, in the fellowship of  
The Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we may attain  
your heavenly kingdom,

*People* **Hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant* Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

*People* **Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.**

Kyrie: Lord, Have Mercy

Hymnal S 86

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

**Kyrie eleison** (repeat 3 times)  
**Christe eleison** (repeat 3 times)  
**Kyrie eleison** (repeat 3 times)

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Priest-Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

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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.

*People* **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 [2:15-17; 3:1-7]

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You

shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”“ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Silence*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

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

*Reader* The Psalm for today is Psalm 32.

We will read responsively by whole verse.

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

**2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

**6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in  
time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach  
them.

- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should  
go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no  
understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

*Reader* A Reading from Romans [5:12-19]

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.



Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*Silence*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand.*

Sequence Hymn 143 The glory of those forty days

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to Matthew [4:1-11].

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth  
of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*Silence*

*After the Gospel, the Priest-Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILETIC READING

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*The people sit. The Priest-Celebrant says*

Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never-ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ, who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

But if we are to share rightly in the celebration of those holy Mysteries, and be nourished by that spiritual Food, we must remember the dignity of that holy Sacrament. I therefore call upon you to consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons to prepare themselves carefully before eating of that Bread and drinking of that Cup.

For, as the benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the holy Sacrament, so is the danger great, if we receive it improperly, not recognizing the Lord's Body. Judge yourselves, therefore, lest you be judged by the Lord.

Examine your lives and conduct by the rule of God's commandments, that you may perceive wherein you have offended in what you have done or left undone, whether in thought, word, or deed. And acknowledge your sins before Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life, being ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done by you to others; and also being ready to forgive those who have offended you, in order that you yourselves may be forgiven. And then, being reconciled with one another, come to the banquet of that most heavenly Food.

And if, in your preparation, you need help and counsel, then go and open your grief to a discreet and understanding priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive the benefit of absolution, and spiritual counsel and advice; to the removal of scruple and doubt, the assurance of pardon, and the strengthening of your faith.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore. Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace.

*Silence*

*The people stand. The Priest-Celebrant and people say*

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,

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

*Then Priest-Celebrant says to the people*

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Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*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.*

Offertory Anthem: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days  
– arr. R. Shephard

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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-130

*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 kneel.*

*Then the Priest-Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*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.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Priest-Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Priest-Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 LORD'S PRAYER

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*People and Priest-Celebrant*

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

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

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

THE AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S-161

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

**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.**

*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*

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*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

Hymnal: 150 Forty days and forty nights

LEVAS: 188 It is well with my soul

*After Communion, the Priest-Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Priest-Celebrant and People*

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**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.**

*In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, the following is used:*

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Book of Occasional Services

*Celebrant* Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel.*

*Celebrant* Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Hymn 448 O love, how deep, how broad

THE DISMISSAL

*The Priest-Celebrant dismisses the people.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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## An Outline of the Faith commonly called the Catechism

### The Holy Spirit

Q. What is the Holy Spirit?

A. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, God at work in the world and in the Church even now.

Q. How is the Holy Spirit revealed in the Old Covenant?

A. The Holy Spirit is revealed in the Old Covenant as the giver of life, the One who spoke through the prophets.

Q. How is the Holy Spirit revealed in the New Covenant?

- A. The Holy Spirit is revealed as the Lord who leads us into all truth and enables us to grow in the likeness of Christ.
- Q. How do we recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
- A. We recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit when we confess Jesus Christ as Lord and are brought into love and harmony with God, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation.
- Q. How do we recognize the truths taught by the Holy Spirit?
- A. We recognize truths to be taught by the Holy Spirit when they are in accord with the Scriptures.
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### **The Church of the Epiphany**

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**COMMUNICATION CARD**  
February 26, 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:** Phyllis Lowell—Nancy Sonne sister, Tom Devol—friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Jean Stone— John Stone's mother

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

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

**Family & Friends:** Lynn Selfe—friend of Gray & Frosine Corbett, David Thabet, Elizabeth Mickel,—relatives of Denise Russell and Sandy Ruder, Kelly & Steve Schaaf, Emily, 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, Jean McDonough—Kim Ludwig & Karen Tucker's aunt, John, Marchelle Clarke —April Craver's mother, Donna Ludwig—Dwight Ludwig's mom, David Muse, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother

**Prayers for the departed:**

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**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**

*Today's Ministers*  
**10:30 PM—Worship Service**

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

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**Acolytes:** Avery Craver, Kim Ludwig, Sam Tucker  
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**Prayers of the People:** Jennifer Jefcoats  
**Chalice:** Randy Holden  
**Sun. School Helper:** Rejoice Pita  
**Altar Guild:** Lucy Whitlock, Ann Poates  
**Coffee Hour:** Karen & Randy Holden  
**Counters:** Gray Corbett, Kim Ludwig

**The Church of the Epiphany**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 26, 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*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

From the Hebrew Bible we hear the story of the creation of the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden and their disobedience and consequent loss of innocence. Tempted by the serpent, first the woman and then the man eat from the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The story expresses the understanding that human beings are the crown of God's creation, and yet there is something tragically wrong with them. From later Christian perspective, however, this transgression is seen as part of God's greater plan for the maturity and salvation of humanity. The free choice of disobedience and the learning of good and evil will, through redemption, make possible a more profound relationship with God.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5:12-19

In this lesson Paul tells how the history of human sinfulness and death has been transformed by the free gift of Jesus Christ. The act of disobedience of the one person, Adam, began the reign of sin and death. This was later compounded by the role of law which, by instructing people not to sin, actually caused trespassing to abound. But now the righteousness and obedience of the one man Jesus Christ means acquittal and new life for all.

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Our gospel is the story of the temptations of Jesus by the devil. After his baptism Jesus is led into the wilderness and confronted with temptations which are inescapable in his ministry. He might seek to show that he is the Son of God by satisfying material needs or wielding miraculous power. Or he could seek to control allegiance through the pomp and might of a worldly kingship. But Jesus' obedience is God's way for him.

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sun. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Christian Formation, Walk in Love  
10:30am— Holy Eucharist

7:30 pm—AA Meeting in parish hall

**Tue. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 pm—JRRingers

**Wed. March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
12:00 noon —Holy Eucharist  
6:00 pm—Bible Study

**Thur. March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
6:15 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm— Handbell Rehearsal

**Fri. March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
7:30 pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

**Sat. March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 am—Outreach Bag Lunches — The Red Team

**Sun. March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Christian Formation, Walk in Love  
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist

7:30pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

**News from the kitchen:**

We will not have a Second Sunday lunch during the Lenten Season. Our next Second Sunday lunch will be the third Sunday of April, the week after Easter. We will be having a Brunch Lunch this day. 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.

The Woman's Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 7th. Mother's Day is the 14th and will have our Congregational meeting on the 21st.

June 11<sup>th</sup> will be our church picnic. Weather permitting, we will have tables and chairs set up outside. We will have hamburgers and hotdogs with sides.

Our Second Sunday lunches will then resume on Sept. 10th.

Please take a moment and sign up for a coffee hour.

April 16 -- Brunch lunch  
May 7 -- Women's breakfast  
May 14 -- Mother's Day, no coffee hour  
May 21 -- Congregational meeting  
June 11 -- Church picnic

Lamb's Basket is in need of Jelly & Jams!

Attendance: February 19, 2023  
8:15 am 3  
10:30 am 63

**Outreach Opportunities**



The diaper ministry continues to hold diaper distribution on the third Saturday of each month from 10 am to 12:00 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 on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The next diaper distribution day is on March 18<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 & 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 and a BIG thank you to the Green team for volunteering to take on the last month of 2023 for the homeless lunches. 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 Red Team on March 4<sup>th</sup>.** Thanks and gratitude goes out to Chapters 4 & 5 for preparing and delivering lunches on February 4<sup>th</sup>. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support this ministry that is currently in the 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)).



There are currently some needs within our elementary schools. They are requesting these items for their clinics for those students who may come in and find a special need during the day, which oftentimes does occur. These items include **boys and girl's pants with elastic waists, sizes 5 through 14 (sweat pant type) and children underwear sizes 5 through 14.** If anyone would like to donate any of these items, I will have a box in the parish hallway for them. These can be donated up through February 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much!



Additionally, if anyone has found more coats since our coat drive that they would like to give away, please bring them in to church to donate. There are many children in need of warm coats within our county schools who would greatly appreciate them. Thank you so much!

*The love and kindness that our parish share is beyond amazing!  
Love live here!*



**COMMUNICATION CARD**

February 26, 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**

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