

# The Church of the Epiphany

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 14, Year A  
August 13, 2023  
10:30 a.m.

## The Holy Eucharist

according to

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 1979

**Rite II**

and The Hymnal, 1982

*Welcome to the Church of the Epiphany. The Anglican tradition values common prayer. Praying together shapes our faith, binds us together, and helps us grow closer to God. We invite you to pray with us today. Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, 1979 (the red book). Hymns noted with an S are in the frontmost section of The Hymnal, 1982 (the blue book).*

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 1 Colossians 3:16.

*The half-hour before mass is a time of quiet prayer and preparation.  
Please observe silence and turn off your electronic devices.*

Prelude: Intermezzo – J. Brahms

Welcome and Announcements

PREPARATION RITES

BCP 355

*All stand for the entrance procession*

Hymn 388 O worship the King, all glorious above

*The people standing, the Celebrant joins the people in facing the altar and says*

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

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

*The 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

BCP 231

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always  
those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without

you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

BCP 357

*The people sit. The Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from 1 Kings [19:9-18]

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat

of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazeel, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

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

*Silence is kept*

*Directions for Reciting the Psalter*

*The Psalm is read Responsively, the minister alternating with the congregation, verse by verse. An asterisk divides each verse into two parts. In reading, a distinct pause should be made at the asterisk. The pause is long enough to take a breath as one silently says the Name of Jesus. Commas in Psalms are not observed with a pause; a pause is observed at semi-colons. The Psalms are best able to be said when the readers both lower the pitch and volume of their voice.*

BCP 583

*Reader* The Psalm for today is a portion of  
Psalm 85, *Benedixisti, Domine* [85:8-13]  
We will read responsively by whole verse,  
pausing at the asterisks.

BCP 709

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear  
him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from  
heaven.**

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

*Reader* A Reading from Romans [10:5-15]

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

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

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

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence is kept*

*The people stand for the Gospel procession*

Laudate Dominum

Songs from Taizé

*The people and choir sing.*

*Sung through three, six, or nine times*

**Laudate Dominum,  
Laudate Dominum  
Omnes gentes, alleluia!  
Laudate Dominum,  
Laudate Dominum  
Omnes gentes, alleluia!**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to Matthew [14:22-33].

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

*After the Gospel, the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Kristin Wickersham

*Silence is kept*

*The people stand. The Celebrant and people say*

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

*The Intercessor and people pray responsively*

*Intercessor* We glory in God's Name through the offering of our prayers and petitions, responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

*Silence is kept*

For the will to discover God's Word dwelling in our hearts, finding expression through our lips, and revealing hope through our generosity; let us pray.

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

*Intercessor* For a renewed commitment to righteousness and peace, that we may join with the leaders of the nations in seeking ways to promote harmony in warring lands, and mutual respect across cultures, races, and languages; let us pray.

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

*Intercessor* For creative ways to express the faith, drawing upon the jewels of our tradition, and using our hearts and minds to proclaim Christ's message to those of little faith or who have no faith at all; let us pray.

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

*Intercessor* That the summer months may provide opportunities for rest and refreshment so that we may be rejuvenated for the challenges ahead; let us pray.

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

*Intercessor* For medical personnel who volunteer their services in



foreign lands and amongst the most needy of the world,  
that we may lift our voices in praise for the good news  
they bring to others; let us pray.

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

*Intercessor* For those who have died and reside in the tomb of  
death, that Christ, who broke the chains of death, will  
bring them to eternal life; let us pray.

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

*Intercessor* Ever increasing in faith, we continue our prayers.

*Silence is kept*

*The people may add their own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.*

*The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.*

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 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 people kneel and the Priest then says*

BCP 359

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept*

*The Priest 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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto  
me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.  
*Matthew 11:28*

THE PEACE

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

BCP 376

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to  
give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we  
have given you only what comes from your hand. *1 Chronicles 29:14*

*At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the Bread and Wine and in the money we give. An offering is received to support Epiphany's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a thank offering as the plate is passed. The offerings are then brought to the altar to be blessed by the priest.*

*The people sit*

Offertory Voluntary: Just As I Am – arr. C. Berry

Hymn 424 For the fruit of all creation v.3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

BCP 361

*The people stand.*

*The 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 altar, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S-125

**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 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 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The 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. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*

*Silence is kept*

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

*Celebrant and People*

Hymnal S-161

**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 INVITATION

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

*The Sacrament is celebrated using wheat bread and fermented grape wine.*

*All baptized Christians who come seeking the Body and Blood of Christ, who earnestly repent of their sins, are in love and charity with their neighbors, and intend to lead a new life following the commandments of God are welcome to receive.*

*You may stand or kneel to receive Communion. The consecrated Bread is received in the hand, the right hand laid flat and placed on top of the left. To receive the consecrated Wine, grasp only the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips.*

*All are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing from the priest. Indicate this at the rail by crossing both arms over your chest.*

*We do not permit the practice of intincting the Holy Sacrament, or dipping the bread into the consecrated wine. If, for any reason, you do not wish to receive the bread or the wine, please cross your arms as the minister approaches. Although we encourage reception in both kinds, the grace of God present in the Holy Sacrament is fully available in the Body or Blood alone.*

*If you would like Communion brought to you in your pew, please inform an usher.*

*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.**

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung.*

Hymn 652 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Taizé Chant. Come and fill

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!**

CONCLUDING RITES

*After Communion, the people kneel and Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

BCP 366

**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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing.*

Hymn 680 O God, our help in ages past

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words*

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

An Outline of the Faith  
commonly called the Catechism

The Church

Q. What is the Church?

A. The Church is the community of the New Covenant.

Q. How is the Church described in the Bible?

A. The Church is described as the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members. It is called the People of God, the New Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and the pillar and ground of truth.

Q. How is the Church described in the creeds?

A. The Church is described as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Q. Why is the Church described as one?

A. The Church is one, because it is one Body, under one Head, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Q. Why is the Church described as holy?

A. The Church is holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, consecrates its members, and guides them to do God's work.

Q. Why is the Church described as catholic?

A. The Church is catholic, because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time.

Q. Why is the Church described as apostolic?



- A. The Church is apostolic, because it continues in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles and is sent to carry out Christ's mission to all people.
- Q. What is the mission of the Church?
- A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.
- Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?
- A. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.
- Q. Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?
- A. The church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.

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**COMMUNICATION CARD**  
August 13, 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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**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:** Ed Morrow —friend of Bob & Kathy Jimerson, Dave & Melanie Erwin — friends of Dwight & Kim Ludwig, Karen Rood — sister of Jeri Townley, Karen Tatti—friend of Jennifer Tucker 

**Parishioners:** Mike Young, Bob Jimerson, Milton Jenkins, Herb Williams, Martha Jenkins, Buddy Dunn, Timon Kenyi, Shirley Hughson, Chris Tignor, Jeannie Riddick

**Homebound:** Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Fran LaVigne, Marion Magruder, Joyce Melton, Ina Stickel, and Irene Morris

**Family & Friends:** Helen Adams — friend of Gina Richardson, Virginia Barrett—Conny Barrett's daughter-in-law, Jean Stone— John Stone's mother, Donna Nuttal & family—niece of Gina Richardson, the family of Renee Stone—friends of Jennifer & Billy Tucker, Sebastian Strong—Jennifer Whitlock's grandson, Tom Devol—friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Steve—friend of Gray & Frosine Corbett, Clay—friend of Gray & Frosine, Kim McMullin & Keri Roberts—friends of Becky Card, John Henry Rice—son of Fr. John & Mackie Rice, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother, Judy Watson—Martha Jenkins niece & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's cousin

**Prayers for the departed:**

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**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**

**Today's Ministers**

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**Coffee Hour:** Conny Barrett, Becky Card  
**Counters:** Carol Cullinan, Becky Card



**The Church of the Epiphany**  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 13, 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: 1 Kings 19:9-18

The reading from the Hebrew Bible tells how God is made known to Elijah—not in wind, earthquake, or fire—but in a still small voice. In a mood of depression the prophet retreats to Mount Horeb. But the Lord gives him a new mission and a promise that there will be a remnant in Israel who will not worship the false god Baal. Although God is known in a word of revelation rather than in the awesome events of nature, these happenings can also be seen as harbingers of God's presence.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 10:5-15

In this lesson Paul teaches that the word of faith is a gift, by it we make our saving confession that Jesus is Lord and that God raised him from the dead. Without God's grace the way of righteousness would be impossibly distant. But the faith that leads to righteousness is in our hearts and the confession of salvation is on our lips. This is true for all people, no matter what their background, and so it is essential that the Good News be carried far and wide, that all may call upon the name of the Lord.

The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

The gospel is the story of Jesus' walking on the water and his rescue of Peter after his faith fails him. The narrative has several levels of meaning. In legendary terms Jesus is like the Creator God who strides over the watery chaos monster. Matthew's gospel stresses this revelation of Jesus' close relationship with God, as God's Son and the importance of faith on the part of the disciples. A church beset by its own problems and lack of faith would be glad to perceive in this story the saving presence of its risen Lord.

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sun. Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

**Tue. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm Vestry Meeting

**Wed. Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Noon Eucharist Service

**Thur. Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>**

6:15 pm — Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Fri. Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm — AA meeting in the parish hall

**Sat. Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>**

10—noon — Diaper Ministry

**Sun. Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

7:30pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

***The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Carol & John Cullinan in memory of her parents, Jimmie and Lucille Harris.***

***We appreciate Jacob Giancaterino who is at the piano bench this morning while Anita is away. Please give him a warm welcome!***

**Congratulations to Eric Ludwig** for receiving an Episcopal Church Women Scholarship. He will attend James Madison in the fall.

**Please check out the sign up board**, by the kitchen door, for a Sunday to do coffee hour! We have many open Sundays coming up!"

**Stewardship:** The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord. (James L. Kraft)

Attendance: August 6, 2023  
8:15 am 4  
10:30 am 60

**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, July 15<sup>th</sup> and the next diaper distribution day is on August 19<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 Vestry Team on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to the Red Team who prepared and delivered lunches on August 5<sup>th</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**

August 13, 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