

# Church of the Epiphany

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 16, 2024  
Proper 6, Year B  
10:30 a.m. Family Mass

## The Holy Eucharist

according to

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 1979

### Rite II

*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).  
Numbered Hymns are in The Hymnal, 1982 (the blue book).  
Hymn numbers preceded by an S are service music and are in the frontmost portion  
of The Hymnal 1982 (the blue book). Hymns numbers preceded by WLP are in  
Wonder, Love, and Praise (the green book).*

*You may wish to set your Prayer Book, Hymnals, and Bible before worship begins.*

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

Prelude: Jerusalem, My Happy Home – W. Held

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation Rites

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Hymn 525 The Church's one foundation, *Aurelia*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*The following hymn is sung by All, standing  
Hymn S-280, Gloria in Excelsis*

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

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*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant faces the altar and says the Collect.*

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lessons

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*The people sit. The Lesson, as appointed, is read,  
the Reader first saying*

A Reading from Ezekiel [17:22-24]

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

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

*Silence.*

*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.*

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*The people remain sitting.*

*Reader* The Psalm for today is a portion of  
Psalm 92, *Exaudiate te Dominus* [1-4, 11-14]

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- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \* *(pause)*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 **To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning**  
\* *(pause)*  
**and of your faithfulness in the night season;**
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \* *(pause)*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 **For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \***  
*(pause)*  
**and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \* *(pause)*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 **Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \***  
*(pause)*  
**shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \* *(pause)*  
they shall be green and succulent;

14 **That they may show how upright the Lord is,\*** *(pause)*  
**my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said by all*

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**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The people remain sitting.*

*The Lesson, as appointed, is read,  
the Reader first saying*

A Reading from 2 Corinthians [5:6-17]

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence.*

*The people stand for the Gospel procession*

Hymn 296 We know that Christ is raised, *Engelberg*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to Mark [4:26-34]

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

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd Kristin Wickersham

*Silence.*

*On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing, said by all*

The Nicene Creed

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**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 Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*

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*The Celebrant introduces the Prayers with a sentence of invitation*

We are always confident; for we walk by faith, not by sight.

*Silence.*

*The Intercessor and people pray responsively*

*Intercessor* In confidence, we offer our prayers to the Lord, saying:  
Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* For the peace from above and for the salvation of our  
souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the peace of the whole world, for the stability of the  
holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the  
Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For this holy house and for those who enter it with faith,  
reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For pious and Anglican Christians, let us pray to the  
Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For our Bishop, Mark, for the honorable presbyterate,  
for the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For our country, the president, all those in public service,  
and for our armed forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For the Holy and Great Church of Christ, for The  
Episcopal Church, for our Diocese, for this city and parish, for  
every city and land, and for the faithful who live in them, let us  
pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor* For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of  
the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intersessor* For those who travel by land, sea, and air, for the sick, the suffering, the captives and for their salvation, especially Ray, Dot, Milton, Martha, Fran, Marion, Joyce, Mike, Shirley, Dottie, Chris, John Henry, Johnny, Caitlin, Kyle, Judy, John, Dan, Donna, Bill, Marie, Jean, Derek, Cosette, Melissa, Rayetta, Granvilleen, Suzanne, Melanie, Ed, R.J., and Karen, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intersessor* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Irene Morris, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intersessor* For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and distress, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Intersessor* Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

*Intersessor* In the communion of the Holy Spirit, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with Joseph Butler, Marina the Monk, Bernard Mizeki, Adelaide Teague Case, St. Alban the Martyr, and with all the saints, let us commend our selves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

*People* **To you, O Lord, our God.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Confession of Sin

*The people kneel.*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

**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.*

The Peace

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*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 Celebrant begins the Offertory with some sentence of Scripture.*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

*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*

Voluntary: For the Fruits of All Creation – M. Burkhardt

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the deacon or celebrant.*

*The people stand while the offerings are presented.*

Hymn 538 God of mercy, God of grace

The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

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*The people remain standing.*

*The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest,  
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 Table, 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:

*The Sanctus hymn is sung, all standing*

Hymn WLP-850, *Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus*

*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 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:

*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*

**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.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

*In addition to the preceding, a Fraction Hymn is sung responsively by Choir and People*  
Hymn WLP-875

*Choir* Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.

*All* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.**

*Choir* The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ.

*All* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.**

*Choir* One body are we, alleluia,  
for though many we share one bread.

*All* **Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.**

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

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

*While the people are coming forward to receive Communion, the Celebrant receives the Sacrament in both kinds. The bishops, priests, and deacons at the Holy Table then communicate, and after them, the people.*

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*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 Holy Communion.*

*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.*

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

*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.*

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

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

*If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.*

*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.**

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung by all.*

Hymn WLP-791 Peace before us

**Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.  
Love before us, ...  
Light before us, ...  
Christ before us, ...  
Alleluia, alleluia ...  
Peace before us ...**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the **Body of your Son,**  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, **Father,** send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of **Christ our Lord.**  
To him, to you, and to the **Holy Spirit,**  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*A hymn may be sung before or after the postcommunion prayer.  
The people stand.*

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Hymn 209 We walk by faith and not by sight, *St. Botolph*

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest may bless the people.*

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

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

Postlude: Faith, While Trees are Still in Blossom – C.S. Lang

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An Outline of the Faith  
commonly called the Catechism

Sin and Redemption

Q. What is sin?

A. Sin is the seeking of our own will instead of the will of God, thus distorting our relationship with God, with other people, and with all creation.

Q. How does sin have power over us?

A. Sin has power over us because we lose our liberty when our relationship with God is distorted.

Q. What is redemption?

A. Redemption is the act of God which sets us free from the power of evil, sin, and death.

Q. How did God prepare us for redemption?

- A. God sent the prophets to call us back to himself, to show us our need for redemption, and to announce the coming of the Messiah.
- Q. What is meant by the Messiah?
- A. The Messiah is one sent by God to free us from the power of sin, so that with the help of God we may live in harmony with God, within ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation.
- Q. Who do we believe is the Messiah?
- A. The Messiah, or Christ, is Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son of God.

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## **Church of the Epiphany**

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Summer Office Hours:  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00  
p.m.

### Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev'd E. Mark Stevenson, D. Min. *h.c.*, Bishop Diocesan  
The Rev'd Kristin P. R. Wickersham, SCP, Priest-in-Charge  
The Rev'd Canon John F. Rice, D. Min., Priest Associate  
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Mrs. Lucy Whitlock, Parish Administrator  
Mrs. Crystal Sarvay, R.N., Parish Nurse  
Mr. Timon Kenyi, Sexton  
Marty Shephard, Treasurer

Vestry

Mthr. Kristin Wickersham, Presider  
Mr. Scott Blackwell('25)  
Mr. Randy Holden, ('25)  
Ms. Jeri Townley ('25)  
Mrs. Mirendy Smith ('26)  
Mr. Billy Tucker ('26)  
Mr. Robert Steele ('27)  
Mrs. Diana Stone ('27)

Ministers

The ministers of the Church are all lay people, bishops, priests, and deacons.



**COMMUNICATION CARD**  
June 16, 2024

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:** RJ Carr & family — son-in-law of Karen Whitlock Sheppard 

**Parishioners:** Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Martha & Milton Jenkins, Fran LaVigne, Marion Magruder, Joyce Melton, Mike Young, Shirley Hughson, Dottie Strabley, Chris Tignor

**Family & Friends:** John Henry Rice—son of Fr. John & Mackie Rice, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother, Caitlin & Fr. Kyle Bomare & their family, Judy Watson—cousin of Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor, John Burkhardt — Brother-in-law of Chris & Sandy Tignor, Dan & Donna Ludwig—Dwight Ludwig's parents, Bill McCarty—brother of Ann Poates, Marie Patterson— Crystal Sarvay's mother, Jean Stone— John Stone's mother, Derek Anderson & Cosette Leonard—friends of Karen & Billy Tucker, Melissa Matthews—friend of Kim Ludwig, Rayetta Barnhardt—friend of Diana Stone, Melanie Goodpasture— Carol McElhinney's daughter, Ed Morrow —friend of Kathy Jimerson, Granvilleen — sister of Mary Goodwin, Suzanne O'Donnell—friend of Mthr. Kristin, Karen Rood— sister of Jeri Townley

**Prayers for the departed:**

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**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**

**Weekly Worship**

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

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**Today's Ministers**

**Ushers:** Bob Steele, Kim Ruder

**Acolytes:** Ginny Tucker, Kiden Kenyi

**Lessons:** Jeri Townley


**Prayers of the People:** Jeri Townley

**Chalice:** Randy Holden

**Sun. School Helper:** Kathy Jimerson

**Altar Guild:** Karen & Randy Holden

**Coffee Hour:** No one signed up



## The Church of the Epiphany

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 16, 2024**

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: Ezekiel 17:22-24

In our Hebrew Bible lesson we hear how from a mere sprig God will bring forth on the mountain height of Israel a noble cedar that will provide protection for all kinds of birds. The analogy describes how God uses the low and insignificant to high and great ends.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

In this lesson Paul speaks of his confident hope and his longing to experience the transformed body of heavenly existence. It will be like having a new house or set of clothes replace or—better—be put on over this tent of a body. In any case, we will not be left just as souls without form, but will have some manner of personal existence. God's Spirit is already our guarantee, born from the conviction that Christ has died and risen. We must live, therefore, no longer for ourselves alone, but for Christ, for we will be judged for our use of this earthly life.

The Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

In our gospel Jesus tells the parables of the seed growing secretly and of the mustard seed in order to suggest what the kingdom of God is like. God's activity is often unseen and mysterious, but it will produce its fruit and bring about the time for harvest. To human eyes the beginning of the kingdom seems insignificant, but suddenly it will break forth. The great bush which the mustard seed becomes is a symbol for the kingdom of God's protection. The evangelist closes the passage with his understanding that only faithful disciples can perceive the significance of Jesus' parables.

**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sun. June 16<sup>h</sup>**

8:15 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 1  
 9:30 am — Children's Sunday School  
 10:30 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 2  
 11:30 am—Church Picnic

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

**Wed. June 19<sup>th</sup>**

Office Closed—  
 Juneteenth Holiday

**Thur. June 20<sup>th</sup>**

No Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Fri. June 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:30 pm—AA meeting in Parlor

**Sun. June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:15 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 1  
 9:30 am — Children's Sunday School  
 10:30 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God from the funeral of Irene Morris by her family.*

**Congratulations:** Randy Holden—Senior Warden and Billy Tucker—Junior Warden

**For the next couple of weeks,** we are in the process of re-keying the locks to the church and parish hall. So, if you need to get in, please call to see that someone is here to let you in. If you have an old key you can turn it back in to the office.

**We need you to sign up for Coffee Hour:**

There is a new schedule up in the hall by the kitchen door. Stop by and check it out to see when you would like to help us out by taking a Sunday. All is needed is make the coffee & lemonade and put out some cookies! We all enjoy this time of fellowship!

*Happy Father's Day!*

Attendance: June 9, 2024  
 9:15 am 3  
 10:30 am 53

**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 next diaper distribution will be on **July 20<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 4, 5 and 6) and wipes are also appreciated. Thank you again to everyone for your continued support of this ministry! We are currently working to develop partnerships with other community churches for support in this ministry.

**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 Vestry Team on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**. The homeless lunch schedule for 2024 is up on the outreach board. We are in our 25<sup>th</sup> year of participating in this ministry. **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](mailto:crystalsarvary@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!

Our **"Little Library"** is now up. Please, see Ezra Axelle or Rosemary Arneson with questions regarding books being collected and placed for the community, or check out the list of book suggestions on the outreach board. There is a basket in the hallway for book collections.

The **"Blessing Box"** has been put together thanks to a great committee of individuals in our parish and is ready to be installed. More information will be forthcoming. This will be another great way to support our community. A list of suggested items will be placed on the outreach board. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Sarvary.



Prior to the pandemic, the **parish nurse ministry** would hold blood pressure screenings monthly in the parlor. We are happy to offer this again following the 10:30 service. Come and have your blood pressure checked. The blood pressure screenings will take place the first Sunday of every month. The next date will be July 7<sup>th</sup>. The mission of the parish nurse ministry is to promote a healthier faith community through spiritual support and healthier life choices. If there are any health professionals in the congregation who are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Crystal Sarvary.

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

*Love lives here!*



**COMMUNICATION CARD**

June 16, 2024

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**