

Church of the Epiphany

Third Sunday in Lent, Year A

March 12, 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, and Wonder, Love, and Praise, the green book. Both are located in the pew rack in front of you. Service music is noted by an S in front of the number and can be found in the front of The Hymnal 1982, before the hymns.

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

Prelude: Wondrous Love - C. Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Hymn 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The people kneel.

THE DECALOGUE

Enriching Our Worship 1

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of
bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**

And incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord
your God.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to
your neighbor.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**

**And write all these thy laws in our hearts,
we beseech you.**

The Kyrie is sung by all, standing.

Hymnal S 86
Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

**Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Christe eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison
Kyrie eleison**

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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

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The people sit.

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

Reader A Reading from Exodus [17:1-7]

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence follows.

Reader The Psalm for today is Psalm 95 [*Venite, exultemus*]
We will read responsively by whole verse.

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

**6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep
of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.**

9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

**10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."**

11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

Reader A Reading from Romans [5:1-11]

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for

us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence follows.

The people stand and sing the Canticle

Hymn 888 in Wonder, Love, and Praise

Canticle 14

Prayer of Manasseh, 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15

Metrical rephrase

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John [4:5-42].

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater

than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest?’ But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

After the Gospel, the Priest-Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Silence follows.

THE HOMILY

The Rev’d Kristin Wickersham

Silence follows.

The people stand. The Priest-Celebrant and people say

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
Intercessions for Year A

Church Publishing

The Intercessor and people pray responsively

Intercessor Come, let us adore Christ, who refreshes us with springs
of living water and calls us to be a people of prayer and
thanksgiving, as we respond, “Kyrie eleison.

For the Church throughout the world, that all who lead the people of God during the present age may have courage to endure the disputes and sufferings of our time, and to have the vision to see the places in which God is revealing his presence in our midst; let us pray.

People ***Kyrie eleison.***

Intercessor That we may not fear those whose ways are destructive to society, or who condemn the faith we cherish, or who commit acts which grieve the heart of Christ, that instead we may extend the hand of charity to all people, and witness to the power of transforming love; let us pray.

People ***Kyrie eleison.***

Intercessor For leaders of government, that they may drink from the waters of holy peace and bring to the world's peoples the hope of a new and more prosperous life; let us pray.

People ***Kyrie eleison.***

Intercessor That we may extend the lamp of charity to all whom we have harmed and to all who have brought darkness to our souls, knowing that all have fallen short of God's glory, and that all are invited into a redeemed and grace-filled life; let us pray.

People ***Kyrie eleison.***

Intercessor For Christians throughout the world who are offering their finest gifts of bread and wine on the Sabbath day, that through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Body and Blood of Christ will be received across every distinction of race, class, and nationality; let us pray.

People ***Kyrie eleison.***

Intercessor For an ever-deepening sense of God's presence in all our lives, but most especially in those who will receive rites of initiation this Easter season; let us pray.

People ***Kyrie eleison.***

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection,
and those whose faith is known to God alone; let us
pray.

People ***Kyrie eleison.***

Intercessor Confident that we are all within reach of the saving
embrace of Jesus, let us continue our prayers.

Silence follows.

The Priest-Celebrant says

A PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a
goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop, Mark, the new
deacons of our diocese: Kyle, Stephen, Janettarose, Amanda,
Marybeth, and Sarah, and all our people. Grant that your Word
may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully
administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our
lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we
may show the power of your love to all among whom we live;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest-Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

THE COLLECT AT THE PRAYERS

BCP 394

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the
Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not
as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness,
but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

BCP 352

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the
truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful
and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

The Deacon or Priest-Celebrant says

BCP 359

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence follows.

The Priest-Celebrant and People say

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

The Priest stands and 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

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

BCP 376

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: The Tree of Life my Soul hath Seen -
Smith/Pinkham (text may be found in WLP 749)

The people stand and sing the Offertory Hymn

Hymn 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

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:

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.**

THE AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S-161

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

Priest-Celebrant and People

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

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

How to Receive Communion and An Invitation to Baptism

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

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

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

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

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

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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 and chants during Communion.

Hymn 328 Draw Nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Taizé Chant: Eat This Bread

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

After Communion, the Priest-Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Priest-Celebrant and People

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE Book of Occasional Services p. 10

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel.

Celebrant Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest-Celebrant dismisses the people.

Let us bless 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
 March 12, 2023
 Welcome! You have blessed us with your presence. Please tell us how we can best serve you by completing the Communication Card.
 Please place in the offering basket, hand it to an usher, or place on the table in the vestibule.

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

Name & Address Please update

Phone _____

Email _____

Children's names and ages


Please give me more information about:

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

How did you hear about Epiphany?

(over)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

New to the Prayer List: Larry Hanko—Lucy Whitlock's brother, Dave Nichols — friend of Karen Holden 

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, 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, Phyllis Lowell—Nancy Sonne sister, Tom Devol—friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Jean Stone—John Stone's mother

Prayers for the departed:

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Today's Ministers
10:30 PM—Worship Service

Ushers: Scott Blackwell, Kim Ruder

Acolytes: Avery Craver, Cora Whitlock, Jason Ludwig

Lessons: Cheri Blackwell

Prayers of the People: Cheri Blackwell

Chalice: Gray Corbett

Sun. School Helper: Mary Kenyi

Altar Guild: Karen & Randy Holden

Coffee Hour: Mary Sam Abernathy

Counters: Gray Corbett, Kim Ludwig

Weekly Worship
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The Church of the Epiphany
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Third Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2023



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

Introducing the Lessons

1st Reading: Esodus 17:1-7
 In our Hebrew Bible story the people are at the point of rebellion because they are without water in the wilderness. Moses decries their readiness to challenge the Lord through their lack of trust, and he asks God what is to be done. The Lord instructs Moses to strike a rock with his staff so that water will pour from it. This place he names Marsah (meaning Challenge) and Meribah (meaning Dispute).

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-11
 In this lection we hear how Paul bids disciples to rejoice in the reconciliation and hope which are theirs because of the sacrifice of Christ on behalf of sinners. Through faith we have justification; we are given a right relationship with God. Now even our sufferings can lead to endurance, and this to a perseverance which strengthens our hope. Since God was willing to show such a love while we were still God's enemies because of sin, how much more we are assured that we are to be saved.

The Gospel: John 4:5-42
 Our gospel tells the story of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman by Jacob's well. The narrative is rich with themes. Jesus is willing to break with custom in order to talk with one who is both a woman and a foreigner. True worship of God is tied to no particular place. He himself offers living water which wells up to eternal life. The woman learns that Jesus is the expected Messiah, and later others from the town come to believe that he is the world's Savior. During an interval in the story, Jesus speaks with his disciples concerning his true food and drink, and tells them that the time of harvesting for eternal life is at hand.

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sun. March 12th
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. March 14th
7:00 pm—JRRingers

Wed. March 15th
12:00 noon —Holy Eucharist
6:00 pm—Bible Study

Thur. March 16^h
6:15 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm— Handbell Rehearsal

Fri. March 17th
7:30 pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

Sat. March 18th
10 am — noon — Diaper Ministry

Sun. Fri. March 19th
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

Shout out to all women of Epiphany: The women's breakfast is coming up on May 7th following the 8:15 am service. Come and enjoy breakfast in the parish hall, served by Chapter 11, fellowship with friends and enjoy an amazing speaker from Hope for Humanity. More info coming. Mark your calendars!

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 11th 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—followed by Sloppy Joes & fries
June 11 -- Church picnic

Attendance: March 5, 2023
8:15 am 3
10:30 am 68

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 18th. The next diaper distribution day is on March 18th. 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 Vestry Team on April 1st.** Thank you to the Red team for preparing and delivering lunches on March 4th. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support this ministry that is currently in the 24th year! **Donations of paper lunch bags, sandwich bags and napkins** are always welcome as well and can be dropped at the church office. Additionally, if you have further questions or concerns, I am always available to answer any questions. Crystal Sarvary, Outreach Coordinator (crystalsarvary@gmail.com).



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 throughout the school year. Thank you so much!



Additionally, if anyone has found more **coats, light jackets, or spring sweaters** in your closets, while doing your Spring cleaning, you can always bring them to church and donate them. There are many children in our County School system who would appreciate them (children come in all sizes so do not be shy). See crystal Sarvary if you have any questions. Thank you so much!

The love and kindness that our parish share is beyond amazing!

Love live here!



COMMUNICATION CARD

March 12, 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
