

# Church of the Epiphany

Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year A

March 19, 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: I want to Walk as a Child of the Light – J. Behnke

Welcome and Announcements

### THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

BCP 355

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, all standing.*

Kyrie: Lord, Have Mercy

Hymnal S 86

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd

**Kyrie eleison** (*repeat three times*)

**Christe eleison** (*repeat three times*)

**Kyrie eleison** (*repeat three times*)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Priest-Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

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

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 1 Samuel [16:1-13]

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him

trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

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

*Silence follows*

*Reader* The Psalm for today is Psalm 23 [*Dominus regit me*]  
We will read responsively by whole verse.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's  
sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for  
ever.**

*Reader* A Reading from Ephesians [5:8-14]

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence follows*

*The people stand and sing the Canticle*

Canticle 14

Wonder, Love, and Praise 888

*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 [9:1-41].

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.”

Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do

nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*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* As a sign of our obedience, let us bend the knee of our hearts, and make an offering of prayer and thanksgiving to God, as we respond, “Kyrie eleison.

For those preparing for baptism and other rites of initiation, and those who will renew their baptismal vows at the Great Vigil of Easter, that they may find in the Church a place of spiritual integrity, renewal and hope, forgiveness and restoration; let us pray

*People* ***Kyrie eleison.***

*Intercessor* That Christians throughout the world who are being

persecuted for being followers of Christ may be protected by the strong armor of faith, and sustained by the fervent prayers of all the baptized; let us pray.

*People* ***Kyrie eleison.***

*Intercessor* That the work of God may be made visible through our weaknesses and shortcomings, bearing witness to others of the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome the heartache and despair that visits every human heart; let us pray.

*People* ***Kyrie eleison.***

*Intercessor* That we who celebrate this Eucharistic Feast may receive the mercy of the Lamb, who shares our burdens, removes our sin, and restores us to the company of the faithful; let us pray.

*People* ***Kyrie eleison.***

*Intercessor* For all who are preparing for Holy Week and the Great Paschal Feast of Easter, especially choirs, altar guilds, church staff, and priests, that their efforts may inspire our participation; let us pray.

*People* ***Kyrie eleison.***

*Intercessor* That those who have died may rest in peace, and we who hear of war and famine remain restless until the day of peace has come; let us pray.

*People* ***Kyrie eleison.***

*Intercessor* Knowing that Jesus opens the eyes of the blind, gives voice to the voiceless, and frees those who are imprisoned by fear, let us with confidence continue our prayers.

*Silence follows*

*The Priest-Celebrant concludes with the Collects.*

ST. JOSEPH (March 19)

BCP 239

O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands. *Amen*

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.*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

*Then Priest-Celebrant says to the people*

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: Brother James's Air - G. Jacob

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.**

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*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 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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S-130

*Priest-Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel.*

*Then the Priest-Celebrant continues*

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

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

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Priest-Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Priest-Celebrant continues*

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

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

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*     **AMEN.**

*The Priest-Celebrant continues*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

*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

*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 during Communion.*

Hymn 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness



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*

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

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 down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 533    How wondrous and great

THE DISMISSAL

*The Priest-Celebrant dismisses the people.*

Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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## An Outline of the Faith commonly called the Catechism

### **Prayer and Worship**

- Q. What is prayer?
- A. Prayer is responding to God, by thought and by deeds, with or without words.
- Q. What is Christian Prayer?
- A. Christian prayer is response to God the Father, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Q. What prayer did Christ teach us?
- A. Our Lord gave us the example of prayer known as the Lord's Prayer.
- Q. What are the principal kinds of prayer?
- A. The principal kinds of prayer are adoration, praise, thanksgiving, penitence, oblation, intercession, and petition.
- Q. What is adoration?
- A. Adoration is the lifting up of the heart and mind to God, asking nothing but to enjoy God's presence.
- Q. Why do we praise God?
- A. We praise God, not to obtain anything, but because God's Being draws praise from us.
- Q. For what do we offer thanksgiving?
- A. Thanksgiving is offered to God for all the blessings of this life, for our redemption, and for whatever draws us closer to God.
- Q. What is penitence?
- A. In penitence, we confess our sins and make restitution where possible, with the intention to amend our lives.
- Q. What is prayer of oblation?
- A. Oblation is an offering of ourselves, our lives and labors, in union with Christ, for the purposes of God.
- Q. What are intercession and petition?

- A. Intercession brings before God the needs of others; in petition, we present our own needs, that God's will may be done.
- Q. What is corporate worship?
- A. In corporate worship, we unite ourselves with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, to hear God's Word, to offer prayer, and to celebrate the sacraments.

**The Church of the Epiphany**

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**On the Calendar and Coming up**

**Sun. March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Christian Formation, Walk in Love  
10:30am— Holy Eucharist

7:30 pm—AA Meeting in parish hall

**Tue. March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
6:00 pm—Vestry Mtg.  
7:00 pm—JRRingers

**Wed. March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
12:00 noon—Holy Eucharist  
6:00 pm—Bible Study

**Thur. March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
6:15 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm— Handbell Rehearsal

**Fri. March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

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

7:30pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

**Shout out to all women of Epiphany:** The women's breakfast is coming up on May 7<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> will be our church picnic. Weather permitting, we will have tables and chairs set up outside. We will have hamburgers and hotdogs with sides.

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

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

April 16 -- Brunch lunch  
May 7 -- Women's breakfast  
May 14 -- Mother's Day, no coffee hour  
May 21 -- Congregational meeting—followed by Sloppy Joes & fries  
June 11 -- Church picnic

Attendance: March 12, 2023  
8:15 am 4  
10:30 am 60

**Outreach Opportunities**



The diaper ministry continues to hold diaper distribution on the third Saturday of each month from 10 am to 12:00 noon. This inspirational ministry has been touching families lives in our community since 2018 and continues to welcome new families each month. This ministry offers the parish an outreach opportunity to share God's love and develop relationships within our community. The most recent diaper distribution was held on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The next diaper distribution day is on March 18<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is on the outreach board in the parish hallway for anyone interested in volunteering. Donations of diapers (sizes 5 & 6) and wipes are also appreciated. Thank you again to everyone for your continued support of this ministry!



A copy of the **2023 homeless lunch schedule** is available on the bulletin board in the parish hallway if anyone would like a copy and a BIG thank you to the Green team for volunteering to take on the last month of 2023 for the homeless lunches. If anyone is interested in taking part in this ministry, ALL are welcome! Contact Mary Sam Abernathy (msabernathy88@gmail.com) or the team lead, for the team you are interested in helping. **The next lunches are scheduled to be prepared and delivered by the Vestry Team on April 1<sup>st</sup>.** Thank you to the Red team for preparing and delivering lunches on March 4<sup>th</sup>. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support this ministry that is currently in the 24<sup>th</sup> year! **Donations of paper lunch bags, sandwich bags and napkins** are always welcome as well and can be dropped at the church office. Additionally, if you have further questions or concerns, I am always available to answer any questions. Crystal Sarvary, Outreach Coordinator ([crystalsarvary@gmail.com](mailto: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 19, 2023

Our Communication Card is for **all people at The Church of the Epiphany** so that you can share your thoughts and prayers, and request information.

If you are new, please complete the opposite side so we also have your contact information.

I'd like more information about an upcoming event or program

I am RSVPing or signing up for:

I am interested in learning more about how to be part of the following ministries or programs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Music          | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office help    | <input type="checkbox"/> Readers       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Ed   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Team   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalice Bearer | <input type="checkbox"/> _____         |

**Prayer Requests / Comments**

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