

THE SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

8:15 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I



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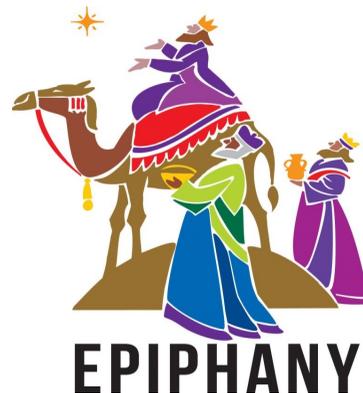
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Please join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation
in the Parish Hall, after the service.

Please preserve the sanctity of the worship area
by keeping lengthy conversations to the Parish Hall.

Maintain a quiet, contemplative space
in the worship and narthex area.

The **Epiphany season**, also known as **Epiphanytide** or the time of **Sundays After Epiphany**, is a liturgical period, celebrated by many Christian Churches, which immediately follows the Christmas season. It begins on Epiphany Day, January 6th. [Epiphany season - Wikipedia](#)



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Prelude **Organ**

Processional Hymn *(see hymn board or insert)*

Welcome

The Opening Sentence **BCP 323**

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Gloria (spoken) **BCP 324**

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day *(see reading insert)*

The Post Communion Prayer **BCP 339**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing **BCP 339**

Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *(see hymn board or insert)*

The Dismissal **BCP 339**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude **Organ**

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S-154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People: there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All Together:

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for us.
Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(All persons are welcome to come to Jesus' table for Communion or a Blessing.)

Communion Music

(see hymn board or insert)

The Old Testament Lesson

(see reading insert)

Psalm *(please remain seated)*

(see reading insert)

The New Testament Lesson

(see reading insert)

The Gospel Hymn

(see hymn board or insert)

The Gospel

(see reading insert)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ____.

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

After the Gospel is read:

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Gospel Hymn

(see hymn board or insert)

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

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

BCP 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, by saying "***Lord Have Mercy***"

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord Have Mercy

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all your ministers especially for Michael, our presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kathryn, and Hector, our Bishops; and Steve, our Priest, that they may, by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord Have Mercy

We beseech thee also to so rule the hearts of those who bear authority in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions, for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord Have Mercy

We most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Heavenly Father, grant us thy perfect peace.

Lord Have Mercy

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

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

Celebrant and People

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.*

(Please stand or kneel - as you are able)

The Celebrant continues

BCP 334

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we ask that you bless all thy servants who have departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service. Grant us the grace to so follow the good examples of St. Christopher and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord Have Mercy

Collect for a Pandemic

O Healer of all creation, strengthen us so that we may lay our fears and worries at the foot of thy throne. As we work through our days, facing the challenge of COVID, we ask that you shine your light on those who we've lost, those who are ill, those who are at risk, and those who choose to live with the risk. Share with us, Father, your endurance and ingenuity. Give us wisdom and help us to redeem that which we have lost...our time, our plans, our resources and hopes. Turn this COVID chaos into heavenly order, for our sake and for the sake of your holy Kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

For the Parish

BCP 817

Almighty and everliving God, hear our prayers for this parish family. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord Have Mercy

Prayer for those in the Armed Forces

BCP 823

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Lord Have Mercy

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 330

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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

Celebrant:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *(all stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

(Share the Lord's peace with each other by waving, peace sign, etc. from your pew)

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

(The Priest prepares the table as the offering plate is passed)

Offertory Meditation

Organ

Doxology

Hymnal 380, v.3

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer I

BCP 333

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus *(spoken)*

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.