

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST
FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY
2023**

10:00 AM



**SAINT PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Notes on the season of Epiphany

As its name implies, the season of Epiphany is about how Jesus was and is made known as God's Son, the Messiah.

Epiphany begins on January 6th with the commemoration of the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. On the Sunday following we move ahead in time and find Jesus is already an adult. He is baptized by John and a voice from heaven acclaims him as "God's beloved." This First Sunday after the Epiphany is known as the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord and is one of five preferred days for baptisms. If there are no baptisms the prayerbook suggests the Renewal of Baptismal Vows be included in the service.

The following Sundays in this year's lectionary cycle include the stories of the calling of the disciples, who recognize Jesus for who he is, and teachings by Jesus about how to live the life of the kingdom of God in the present. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany always recounts the story of Jesus' Transfiguration when he is revealed in all his glory before he makes his final trip to Jerusalem. The Transfiguration ushers us into the season of Lent.

The image of light is frequently present in the liturgical texts (scriptures, collects, hymns). Jesus is the light of the world. He gives his radiance to his followers so they may reflect his light in their lives and bear witness to him as Messiah and Savior.

**Before worship speak to God.
During worship let God speak to you.
After worship speak to each other.**
(St. Chad's, Shrewsbury)

Announcements

Prelude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

Hymn *see weekly insert*

The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

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.**

Song of Praise *The First Song of Isaiah*

1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed

fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his

help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with

va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the

liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day *see weekly insert*

The People may be seated for the Lessons.

Response after the Lessons

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia (*the People stand as they are able*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - - ia.
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Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Brent Norris

A moment of silence follows the sermon

On January 8th see BCP p. 304 for the Renewal of Baptismal vows.

The Nicene Creed *The People stand as they are able.*

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.

Prayers of the People (Form VI) *The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*
For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Russell our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.
Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
The People may add their own thanksgivings either silently or aloud.
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept for a time*

Presider and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider gives the Absolution, the People respond Amen.

If they are not already standing the People now stand as they are able.
Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The People offer one another signs of Christ's peace.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn *see weekly insert*

Presentation *The People stand as they are able as their offerings are presented at the Altar.*

Refrain
Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you, take our lives, O Fa-ther we are

verse
yours, we are yours. Yours as we stand at the ta - ble you set; yours as we eat the bread our

repeat refrain
hearts can't for-get. We are the sign of your life with us yet, we are yours, we are yours.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal 1982 #S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Paul and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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- *A period of silence is kept*

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem

1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
sent him from your side, to walk up - on this guilt - y
sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God. *Refrain*
O Lamb of
God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me
in his pre-cious blood— my Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Invitation to Communion

Presider As grain from the hillside is made to be one bread
and grapes from the vineyard are made to be one cup.

People **So may we, who are many, be made one in this communion of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Hymn at the clearing of the Table *see weekly insert*

Post Communion Prayer

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.

The Blessing *the People respond* **Amen.**

Hymn *see weekly insert*

Dismissal

Presider We have been fed with God's Word and Sacraments.

***People* We have been strengthened to do the work God has given us to do.**

Presider It is not ours to finish God's work in this world.

***People* Neither are we free not to take it up.**

Presider I send you from this place to announce, in word and deed,
God's love for us in Jesus Christ

***People* In the Spirit's power we will go. Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall following the service.



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Standing Calendar

Sunday 7:30 am and 10:00 am-Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 10:30 am -Bible Study, Noon-Holy Eucharist and Healing, 7:00 pm-Choir rehearsal
Thursday: 4:00 pm Women's Bible Study

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