



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

JANUARY 28, 2024 7:45 A.M.



Arise, shine, for your light has come!

Having passed the winter solstice, the days gradually grow longer in the months of January and February. The Epiphany season builds on the impression of "light coming into the world" as the Sunday gospel proclaims the calling of the apostles, the early teaching and healing ministry of Jesus, or the Sermon on the Mount. The manifestation of Jesus presses forward; the kingdom of God is breaking in. That light now must penetrate and illumine our minds, hearts, and actions. A seasonal blessing sums up the grace of Epiphany:

"May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world." (The Book of Occasional Services, 24).

The Epiphany season ends with the climactic epiphany of the Transfiguration. The Baptism of our Lord and his Transfiguration thus frames the Epiphany season.

Julia Gatta

from Life in Christ

Welcome

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. We are delighted you chose to attend our service this morning.

Our priests are Fr. Bailey Norman and Fr. Ashton Sims.

Our service this morning is Holy Eucharist Rite I. It is found in your bulletin and in the Book of Common Prayer (red book). Hymns are found in the blue hymnal or *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (green book).

Hearing devices are available. Please see an usher for assistance.

Restrooms are located out the side door of the nave and down at the end of the hall by the elevator or ask an usher for directions.

Children are very welcome in the service.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

KYRIE

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day, Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings can be found in the insert.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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OLD TESTAMENT

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

PSALM 111 (SPOKEN)

INSERT OR BCP 754

EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL

MARK 1:21-28

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

FR. ASHTON SIMS

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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Intercessor

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: 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.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our presiding bishop, Brian, our bishop, Bailey, Ashton, and Steve, our clergy, and Adam, our seminarian, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

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

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And 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, especially Elizabeth Pack.

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for St. John the Baptist, Battle Creek. In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish; and St. Julia Station, Porcupine, South Dakota. We pray for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

We pray for those in assisted living: JoAnn Baker, Dianne Davis, Roger Derby and Mary Rhoades.

We pray for our parish members: Mike and Bonnie Bautz; Tom Beehan and Kay Brookshire; Matt and Samantha Berven, Jacob, Anna, Asher, Landon, Brennon Rosario.

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Thomas Bautz, Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Robert Graf, Jr., Reid Hartman, Alex Mol, Thomas Stickle, and Kyle Zirkel.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Presider 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.*

The Priest, stands and says

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 Priest will then say one or more of the following sentences

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

ADMISSION OF WARDENS AND VESTRY MEMBERS

THE PEACE

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All stand. The Presider says to the people

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you

People And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP 340

The people remain standing. The priest, faces them and says

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

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, and everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast casued 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,

SANCTUS

**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.**

The people kneel or stand. Then the Presider continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or 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

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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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.*

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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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.

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Presider: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **Though we are many, we are one, because we share one bread and one cup.**

THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.
The Ambry Candle is given to the glory of God.*

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY — JANUARY 28, 2024

	7:45 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Tyler Walker
ACOLYTES	Jamey Kennedy	Chi Kirk, Tate Cavender
LECTORS	Jack Lee	Barbara Steele
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jamey Kennedy	Goldie Kenndey, Ruth Prince
USHERS	Jack and Mary Nell Campbell	Tom Clary, Lew Felton
GREETERS	Mary Shepard	Mary Cooper, Ashley Hillis
COUNTERS	Roger Johnson, Carol Gardner	
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE — JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 3

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, January 29	9:00 a.m.	Staff meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Wardens' meeting
Tuesday, January 30	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist + Healing Service
Wednesday, January 31	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	9:00 a.m.	WOW lunch
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 1	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, February 2	Office Closed	
Saturday, February 3	5:30 p.m.	Mardi Gras Fete

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JUNIOR WARDEN - LEAH BAILEY (2025)

SECRETARY - BETSY ELLIS

TREASURER - ALAN LIBY (2026)

ADAM CAVENDER, TOM CLARY, EMILY DOANE, BETH REED (2024)

CLEON HARTMAN, ASHLEY HILLIS (2025)

CRAIG BRENT, BEN SHASSERE, TYLER WALKER (2026)

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