

The First Sunday after Epiphany

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

January 12, 2025 10:30 A.M



Epiphany, also known as "Theophany" in Eastern Christian tradition, is a Christian feast day commemorating the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the wedding at Cana.

In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus Christ's physical manifestation to the Gentiles. It is sometimes called Three Kings' Day, and in some traditions celebrated as Little Christmas. Moreover, the feast of the Epiphany, in some denominations, also initiates the liturgical season of Epiphanytide.

Popular Epiphany customs include Epiphany hymns, chalking the door, having one's house blessed and eating Three Kings Cake. It is customary for Christians in many localities to remove their Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve (Twelfth Night).

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

HYMNAL 119

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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, 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.

GLORIA

S 279

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day and today's readings can be found in the insert

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

ISAIAH 43:1-7

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 (Chanted)

Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)



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1. Ascribe to the Lord, you ¹gods, * ascribe to the Lord glory and ¹strength.
2. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his ¹Name; * worship the Lord in the beauty of ¹holiness.
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory ¹thunders; * the Lord is upon the mighty ¹waters.
4. The voice of the Lord is a powerful ¹voice; * the voice of the Lord is a voice of ¹splendor.
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the ¹cedar trees; * the Lord breaks the cedars of ¹Lebanon;
6. He makes Lebanon skip like a ¹calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ¹ox.
7. The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the ¹wilderness; * the Lord shakes the wilderness of ¹Kadesh.
8. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees ¹writhe * and strips the forests ¹bare.
9. And in the temple of the ¹Lord * all are crying, ¹“Glory!”
10. The Lord sits enthroned above the ¹flood; * the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever ¹more.
11. The Lord shall give strength to his ¹people; * the Lord shall give his people the blessing of ¹peace.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

ACTS 8:14-17

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

During the Sequence Hymn, the children may follow the cross to Children' Chapel

SEQUENCE HYMN

THE SINLESS ONE TO JORDAN

HYMNAL 120

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

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

THE GOSPEL

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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.*

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Stephen, the Archbishop of York; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey, Steve and Laura, our clergy; Adam, our seminarian; and all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

In The Diocese of East Tennessee we pray for St. James, Greeneville.

In The Diocese of South Dakota we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish, and for St. Thomas, Sturgis, South Dakota and St. James, Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

In The Diocese of Haiti, we pray for St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa.

We pray for those in assisted living and rehab: Jo Ann Baker, Dianne Davis, Roger Derby, Tony McFarland, Allan Reiss, Mary Rhoades.

We pray for the following parish members: Rhonda Ashburn; Beth Bailey; Matt & Leah Bailey; Liz Baker, Noah Baker, Jacob Anthony, Gabe Ledford.

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Nick Corrigan, Reid Hartman, Seth Kosko, Alex Mol, Kyle Zirkel.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept. Then the Presider and People say together

**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 concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

THE PEACE

BCP 360

All stand. The Presider says to the People

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING BY J.S. BACH

PARISH CHOIR

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 C

BCP 369

The people remain standing. The priest then says

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 him thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

HYMNAL S-124

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 stand or kneel, as they are able. Then the Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**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, and maintains a moment of silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM

S-154

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized are welcome to receive communion. All are welcome to come forward to the rail to receive a blessing from the priest.

COMMUNION HYMN

YOU SHALL CROSS THE BARREN DESSERT

WLP 811

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

HYMNAL 135

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - JANUARY 12, 2025

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Cyril Meredith, IV
ACOLYTES	Jack Lee	Chi Kirk, Arwyn Welch
LECTORS	Mary Shepard	Betsy Ellis
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jack Lee	Goldie Kennedy, Cameron Ellis
USHERS	Jack and Mary Nell Campbell	Tom Clary,
GREETERS	Jim Rousey	Barbara Neill, Carol Ann Lane
COUNTERS	Carol Gardner, Roger Johnson	
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR	Katherine & Gary Grubb	
ALTAR GUILD	Judith Delaney, Jo Kelley, Ruth Prince, Julie Webber	
AV TECH	Chuck Kirk	
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ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by Wednesday, January 15. Fully edited pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s) should be sent to editor@ststephensorg.org. This email goes to both the Parish Office, and Rob Steele III, our E-News editor. Final content is at the discretion of clergy and staff.

BLESSING BOX IN ACTION!

ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Blessing Box! Please remember the Blessing Box when you shop. This week, we are requesting donations of instant oatmeal, canned soup, and Ramen noodles. -Many of those in need do not have access to a can opener. If you are purchasing **canned items**, please check to see if your item can be bought with a pop-off lid. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

TODAY

Join us for Coffee and Conversation today after both services.

FEAST OF THE THREE KINGS

TODAY

Today we will celebrate the Feast of the Three Kings in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 a.m. service. We will be serving the traditional New Orleans' style Kings Cake, a French Galette des Rois and a Mexican Rosca de Reyes. Come and join us!

CELTIC SERVICE

TODAY

Join us in the nave at 5:00 p.m. for our monthly Celtic service, hosted in collaboration with First United Methodist Church. Music will be provided by Cathy Whitten, Lisa Muci Eckhoff and Ashton Arndt.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Lectionary class at St. Stephen's is unique in that it is a discussion each Sunday about the Gospel that is in that Sunday's bulletin insert. It is also unique in that the class is led each Sunday by a member of the class. Recent leaders have been Roger Johnson, Steve Damos, Emily Doane, Gary Dreier, Mary Ellen Klots, Joseph Womble and Father Bailey. If you'd like a better understanding of the Bible (who doesn't), come to a Lectionary class on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Pollard library.

NEW ADULT ED - INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST CLASS TO BEGIN TODAY

We will continue our wonderful Lectionary Study each Sunday! As an alternative, Fr. Bailey will be offering an extended Instructed Eucharist class beginning this Sunday at 9:30 in the chapel. What is an Instructed Eucharist? In years past, St. Stephen's has offered an "extended" Eucharist during regular service in which the priest pauses to teach and explain certain parts of the service and why we do things the way we do. In this class, we will take a piece of the Eucharist service each week, carry it out together, and then talk about the origins and meaning behind each part. Toward the end of the class (closer to Lent), we will host a Eucharist one evening with a dinner following that will emphasize what we have learned.

This class is open to everyone, especially to those newer to the Episcopal tradition. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Fr. Bailey at rector@ststephensor.org.

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING**THIS MONTH**

The loose plate offering for the rest of the month of January will be designated for Brysonn's Closet. Please see the E-News and the January Evangel for more detailed information about this worthy non-profit.

ECUMENICAL STOREHOUSE**JANUARY**

It is St. Stephen's time again to volunteer at the Ecumenical Storehouse. We will return to the Storehouse to volunteer again after the reopening on January 14, 16, 18, 21, 23 and 25. We have most shifts covered but always need reserve volunteers for service when someone is ill or otherwise unable to make their sign up date. If you would like to volunteer on any of these dates, please contact Kathie Shearer at 865-660-0861.

MONTHLY PARISH POTLUCK**JANUARY 26**

Our first monthly potluck of the year will take place on Sunday, January 26 after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please bring one or two of your favorite potluck dishes to share with your parish family. Come and be a part of this wonderful monthly tradition!

HOUSE BLESSINGS FOR EPIPHANY

During the season of Epiphany, it is very appropriate for the church to offer house blessings. House blessings go back to the ancient church in which the church actually met in people's homes before special places were consecrated for worship. Fr Bailey is delighted to come out and offer this blessing, both for the blessing itself and the opportunity to have fellowship with you in your home. It is appropriate for anyone, but it is especially fun for families with kids as we can include them in part of the service. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Fr Bailey directly at rector@ststephensor.org to schedule a time for the blessing.

FLOWER AND AMBRY CANDLE CHARTS

The 2025 flower and ambry candle charts are now posted on the bulletin board outside of the parish office. You may now sign up for the new year. Flower cost for two arrangements is \$85.00. The cost for ambry candle is \$5.00. This is a lovely way to contribute to our worship services.

COMING IN FEBRUARY**FEBRUARY 8**

Please join us for a Free Parish Pool Party on Saturday, February 8th at the Civic Center Pool. We will gather in the Parish Hall at 5:00 for pizza and then head over to the pool to swim from 6:00-8:00. While only 50 can be in the water at a time, all are welcome! Lifeguards will be provided.

The Daughters of the King (DOK) will be meeting Sunday, Jan 12, from 12-1 pm in the Pollard Library. We will be focusing on the Spiritual Gifts we will strengthen for 2025 and celebrating the Feast of St. Agnes. All Daughters are encouraged wear blue and sit in one of the reserved pews in the front of the nave.

All women are invited to be involved with the Daughters and meetings are open to all. If you would like to learn more about the ministry of DOK or consider becoming a part of the order, please contact either of their co-chairs - Rebecca Cavender (rebecca.m.cavender@gmail.com) or Beth Reed (brussellreed@yahoo.com)

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATIONS**JANUARY 19 & 20**

On Sunday, January 19:

**Persisting in Unity and Respect - The Legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
4:00 pm Oak Valley Baptist Church - 194 Hampton Rd., Oak Ridge**

On Monday, January 20:

MLK celebration and awards, 9:45 a.m., Historic Grove Theater, 123 Randolph Rd.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - JANUARY 13 - JANUARY 18

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, January 12	5:00 p.m.	Celtic Service
Monday, January 13	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, January 14	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
Wednesday, January 15	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	9:00 a.m.	WOW
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 16	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, January 17	8:30 a.m.	Wardens Meeting
		Office Closed

ST. STEPHEN'S FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

AS OF JANUARY 5, 2025

These numbers reflect the change to track our actual giving vs budgeted expenses. Scan the QR code for online pledging!



Last Week's Offering

\$1,615

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