



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays in Epiphany Season

January 7-February 11, 2018



8:00 AM Service Bulletin

Please leave this booklet in the basket in the entryway as you leave;
it will be reused throughout the next weeks.

Our Mission Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, a welcoming and diverse community seeking to walk in the way of Jesus and to reveal Christ's reconciling love in our city, nation, and world.

Can I receive Communion? Yes. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy.

Are children welcome? Children are especially welcome at Holy Communion. We like to say we expect *everyone* to act their age. Acting your age as a little one can mean restlessness in worship. Wiggles and giggles are welcome too! Children learn by watching adults worship. There are coloring sheets, colored pencils and quiet books at the back of the church. Our chapel is a sound-proof place to bring a crying infant, or a boisterous toddler, with windows into the church and speakers broadcasting the sound from the service. Ask an usher if you need any assistance.

How do I find my way around? There is a map by the Welcome Table in the main entryway (on the East side of the church). Also, feel free to ask anyone around you for directions, or help navigating the service.

Where are the restrooms? There are single-user, all-gender restrooms in the Lounge, through the main (East) door, and through the next glass door. There are gendered, larger restrooms downstairs (take the elevator or stairs at the end of the long hallway in front of that entrance). Changing tables are available in the downstairs restrooms or in the nursery.

Is there wheelchair accessibility? Yes. Our entrances have auto-open buttons, and our elevator is ADA compliant. Both the downstairs restrooms and one of the upstairs restrooms are accessible. Everyone is invited to remain seated during the service as they need.

What about hearing assistance? We can help there, too. Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. Just ask.

How do I get involved? If you begin by filling out a "Connect Card" in your pew, or at the Welcome Table, we'd be glad to keep you up to date with all that goes on here. You can also use the Connect Cards to update your information, request prayers, or to ask a question.

Become a member. All are welcome to be here and to explore. If you would like to learn more and meet interesting people, consider joining in Pilgrimage, the Rector's classes for newcomers and explorers. A new class begins at the end of January. Email the rector for more information or to sign up (mangell@holychommunion.net).

Gathering

Opening Acclamation

The congregation is invited to respond using the words in bold

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.**

Canticle

A Song of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 36:24-28

**I will take you from among all nations;
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.**

**I will sprinkle clean water upon you;
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.**

**A new heart I will give you
and a new spirit put within you.**

**I will take the stone heart from your chest
and give you a heart of flesh.**

**I will help you walk in my laws
and cherish my commandments and do them.**

**You shall be my people,
and I will be your God.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect of the Day

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

*The presider prays the prayer of the day. The People respond: **Amen.***

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

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After the Lesson the Reader says:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm *We read the psalm responsively, the congregation reading the verses in bold.*

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2nd Lesson

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After the Lesson the Reader says:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *Please stand as the Gospel reader and acolyte process to the middle of the assembly.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Lesson the Gospel reader says:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.*

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as we recite a modern translation of the ancient formula for faith.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 *Please stand or kneel*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Church in El Salvador, and in the Diocese of Missouri for [*here the leader prays for a church or ministry in the cycle of prayer of Diocese of Missouri*].

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all those who celebrate birthdays this week (*especially...*)

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or Spirit (*especially...*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died (*especially...*), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

You are invited to add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant may add a concluding collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant

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 *please stand*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you by saying "Peace be with you" or simply "Peace."

Welcome and Announcements *please be seated for a few brief announcements*

Presentation of the Offering

All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

The Ministry of the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ. In response all say

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The presider concludes with prayer for the coming of God's reign.

We worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Administration of the Sacrament

All are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Gluten Free wafers are available, on request, from the minister. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Post Communion Prayer *please kneel or stand*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Epiphany Blessing *The people stand or kneel as the presider proclaims the final 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 the Triune God, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit rest upon you this day and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal: *our worship has ended, our service in the world continues*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Liturgical Changes During Epiphany

1. Green frontal color and matching vestments. The “ordinary time” color most often used during the year, green reminds us that we are in the space between great feasts and fasts, when we focus on the challenges of faith in daily life.
2. *Enriching Our Worship* is a collection of supplemental prayers approved by the General Convention of The Episcopal Church. Holy Communion has chosen to use these prayers in ordinary time as our “default mode” because they are more inclusive of diverse perspectives and work to balance feminine and masculine pronouns for God.



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