

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

*The Episcopal Church of Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village
5450 Churchwood Drive, Oak Park, CA 91377*

The Rev Jamie Barnett, Vicar

Welcome to The Church of The Epiphany

For our Visitors: We are delighted you have come to worship with us today. There is coffee and fellowship in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service. Please join us!

Worshiping with us: This booklet contains the full order of service. If you are unfamiliar with our rituals and customs, just be present with us in this ancient liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The bold type indicates where the people are invited to respond or pray.

During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. Additional information about communion is in that section of this booklet. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to an usher or other congregants.

Additional assistance: To locate the restrooms proceed through the office door to the right of the church and go straight down the hall and to the left. Both restrooms have baby changing tables.

Assisted listening devices are available from the ushers in the back of the church.

Children in the church: We welcome children at all our worship services. The sounds of children are a gift from God. Please do not feel you have to subdue them! In the chapel to the left of the altar, we have our *pray ground*. This space is for parents and younger children to use quiet activities such as books, coloring, soft blocks etc., while still participating in worship. We offer activity bags for older children. Children aged 3-11 are welcome to join us in the atrium for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday school program.

Making Epiphany your spiritual home: If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the purple information card found in the slot in front of your seat and place it on the collection plate. We are excited to meet you and would love to get to know you. Start by joining us for coffee after the service!

When we are open: The church is open Monday-Thursday for private prayer and meditation from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Our office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Our phone number is (818) 991-4797. The Rev. Jamie Barnett has office hours Tuesday through Thursday by appointment.

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Aus tiefer Not schrei' ich zu dir

GEORG BÖHM (1661-1733)

(Out of deep anguish I call to you: paraphrase of Psalm 130)

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, all stand, as able.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 567

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

ST. MATTHEW

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the priest says

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Priest says

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.**

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 102 Holy God (Archangelsky)

The following is sung three times, all standing

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

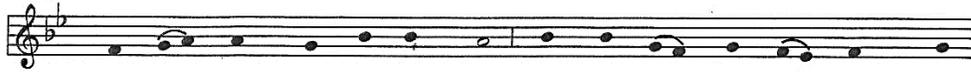
Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 130

Remain seated.

The choir sings the Antiphon, which is repeated by the congregation. After the choir sings the psalm, all join with the choir in repeating the antiphon.

Antiphon



With the LORD there is mer - cy, and with him there is plen - teous



re - demp - tion.

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O LORD, who could stand?
- 3 But there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. *Antiphon*

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 455

O love of God, how strong and true

DUNEDIN

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Karen James

THE CREED

All stand.

**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

All remain standing.

Brothers and sisters, the Spirit of God dwells in you. Let us appeal to our God, saying, “We call to you, O Lord; Lord, hear our voice.”

Breathe new life into your Church, O Lord. Where our bones are dried up, where our hope is lost, cause your life-giving breath to enter. Give us confidence in the truth that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us.

We call to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear our voice.

Many are they who wait for you, O Lord. Speak into the souls of those suffering throughout the world, a word of hope.

Silence

We call to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear our voice.

Creating God, it is the wind of your Spirit that sweeps across this planet. Renew and refresh your creation; bring forth newness in dead places.

We call to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear our voice.

With you, O Lord, there is plenteous redemption. Restore the hope of the world. Renew our trust that you have a life-giving future in mind for us.

We call to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear our voice.

With you, O Lord, there is mercy. Consider well the voice of those who call out from their depths. As they wait for you in their pain and sorrow, give life to their mortal bodies by your healing Spirit. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Kim, Mario, Dave, Gale, Kathy, and Jan. We pray also for those who have asked for our prayers, but who prefer to remain anonymous, as well as those on our long-term prayer list.

We call to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear our voice.

God, we trust your Son Jesus to be for us resurrection and life. Give to the dead eternal life. Assure the living with the promise of resurrection.

We call to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear our voice.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Priest and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,**

Facing the Holy Table, the Priest proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 129 Holy, holy, holy (Powell)

Priest and People

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

The Priest continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Priest and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Priest continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

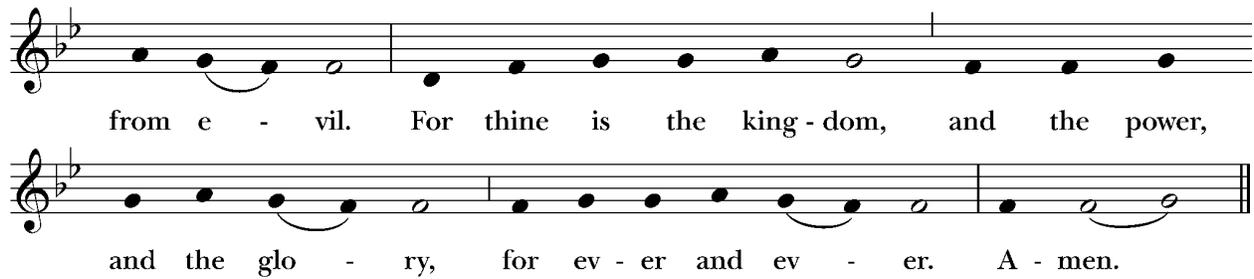
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say in the language of our hearts,

THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas)*

People and Priest

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us

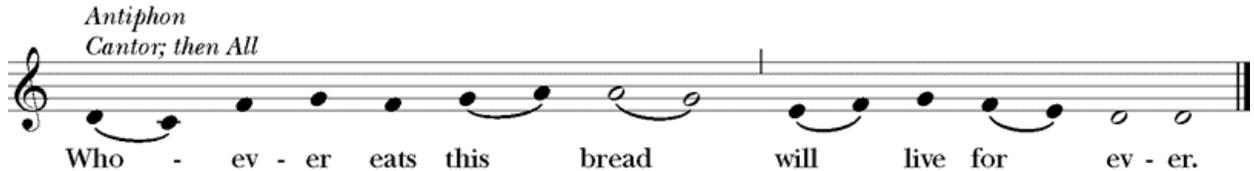


from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Antiphon
Cantor; then All



Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor

1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven

Cantor

and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er

believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread

which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

INVITATION

The Priest says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Priest

This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

During Communion, all are welcome – even encouraged! – to come forward to receive the holy food of new and everlasting life in Jesus Christ. Simply put your hands out (one on top of the other), and the bread will be placed in your hand. (If needed, gluten-free wafers are available.)

You may then consume the wafer (if you do not wish to have it intincted in the wine) or leave the wafer on your palm and the chalice bearer will dip it into the wine for you and place it in your hand. If you aren't sure, or if you'd rather not receive the actual Sacrament, come up and cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. You may also cross your arms over your chest or touch the bottom of the chalice if you wish not to receive wine. Finally, if you'd like to receive Communion but mobility is an issue, alert an usher and Communion will be brought to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Taizé Song:

God is forgiveness

(All are invited to sing)

God is for - give - ness. Dare to for - give and
God will be with you. God is for - give - ness.
Love, and do not fear.

After Communion, the Priest says

Let us pray.

Priest and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, O God, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Priest blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 411

O bless the Lord, my soul

ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fuga in f minor

JOHANN LUDWIG KREBS (1713-1780)

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EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS



THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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| 3/26 | 10:00 a.m. | Children in church |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at www.tcote.org) |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Epiphany Youth Group meeting |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Ministry Leadership meeting |
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| 3/28 | 11:00 a.m. | a grief shared |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Lenten Book Study |
| 3/29 | 7:00 p.m. | Lectio Divina |
| 3/30 | 6:30 p.m. | Schola Rehearsal |
| | 7:45 p.m. | Parish Choir Rehearsal |
| 3/25 | 4:00 p.m. | RDV Renewal Event |
| 4/2 | 9:45 a.m. | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children's formation in Atrium |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Palm Sunday (In-person and live-streaming at www.tcote.org) |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Epiphany Youth Group meeting |

PARISH DIRECTORY



EPIPHANY DIRECTORY

Are you in our Parish Directory? Would you like to be? Please send your information to info@tcote.org so we can enter it. If you are already in it, please make sure everything is correct and if not, send us any changes. You can access the directory at www.tcote.org. **Make sure you never miss an important communication!**

PRAY THE LABYRINTH



Take some time for meditation, contemplation, and prayer by visiting our labyrinth. The church will be open Mondays through Thursdays 9.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. throughout the Lenten season.

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HOLY WEEK AT TCOTE



Journey through Holy Week with us. Learn more about our services at www.tcote.org

Palm Sunday

April 2, 10:00 a.m.

Come with us as we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday

April 6, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday begins the Great Three Days before Easter. This day receives its name from the Latin "mandatum", or the "new commandment" given by Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and commanded them to love and serve one another as he had done. The washing of feet is a central part of the Maundy Thursday liturgy.

Good Friday

April 7, 12:00 noon

A service of prayer, reflection, art, and sacred music.

Vigil of the Light and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 4:00 p.m.

This is an age-appropriate version of the Great Vigil, for children and families. The celebration continues with an Easter Egg Hunt. Come join us. All are welcome!

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 8, 8:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter is the most significant liturgy of the Christian year and is the culmination of the Triduum - the Sacred Three Days. The service begins in total darkness. The Cathedral is slowly illuminated by the candles of the faithful as we observe the Paschal Mystery - the passage from darkness into light, from death into life - told through ancient You're invited to bring bells to ring during the Gloria.

Easter Sunday

April 9, 10:00 a.m.

Come and rejoice in Christ's resurrection through word and song in a festive service marking the beginning of the Easter season. Scripture, prayers, rich musical offerings, and the celebration of Holy Communion, all combine to boldly proclaim the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead.

HOLY WEEK WITH JESUS



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LAUNDRY LOVE



Next **Tuesday, March 28**, we will meet at the Coin Op Laundry, 1008 E. Avenida de Los Arboles (near the 99 Cents Only Store) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. You don't need to stay

the entire time. You will need to wrap up warm but know that your heart will be warmed by doing gospel work!!

To volunteer or for more information, contact Karen James at kjames@tcote.org. To learn more about Laundry Love, go to www.tcote.org/laundry-love/

EASTER FLOWER GIFTS



To donate to provide Easter flowers in thanksgiving for something or someone in your life or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form in the back of the pews and put it in the collection plate or drop it off at the

church office with your check. You can also donate online at www.tcote.org All donations received by **noon, Tuesday, April 4**, will be acknowledged in the special Easter bulletin.

A GRIEF SHARED



While we are capable of experiencing joy and meaning in our lifetime, we are not always prepared to face the trauma of profound loss. We discover - all too quickly -

that we cannot bear the pain of our grief alone. The process of sharing our grief fosters hope and healing and connects those whose experiences are profoundly shared with others. Wherever and however you are experiencing grief - the death of a loved one, the loss of hope, the fear of the unknown - we invite you to come and share your story in a safe and supportive space. A new group, entitled "a grief shared," will begin meeting **on the fourth Tuesday of every month beginning Tuesday, March 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Ascension Chapel**. Please contact Laurie Burns at lburns@tcote.org if you need further information.

THE GARDEN OF EPIPHANY



It started with an idea from a parishioner on the Flower Guild. Why not grow plants at TCOTE that can be used in flower arrangements on Sundays? Noticing some failing or missing plants at ends of drip lines and in the Biblical Garden, the Bishop's Committee agreed to bring on the buds!

Keep on the lookout for more information on how you can become a Garden Guardian!

EASTER VIGIL BAPTISM



The celebration of the Holy Baptism is a celebration of, by, and for the Christian community. As we renew together our baptismal vows and gather before the font and altar, we both recognize and remember that we are bound together by our common faith in Jesus Christ. The Church of the Epiphany will be celebrating the joyful sacrament of Holy Baptism at the Easter Vigil on **Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in being baptized or have a young child or infant you would like to be baptized on April 8, please contact **The Rev. Jamie Barnett** at jbarnett@tcote.org or (818) 991-4797. A session of preparation and rehearsal for the parents is normally held in the week prior.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer

List: Jan, Mario, Dave, Gale, Kathy

Please pray for those on our Long-Term

Parish Prayer list: Kay, Boyd, Kristi, Neil and Sarah, Donna, Byron and Olivia, Susan, Arturo, Caroline, Dave, Matt, David, Tommy, Judith, Vicki, Matthew, Kim

To add yourself, family, or friends to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card or submit your prayer request online at www.tcote.org/prayer-request/.

After two weeks on the Parish Prayer List, the names of those for whom we have prayed are moved to the Long-Term Prayer List for two more months, unless told otherwise.