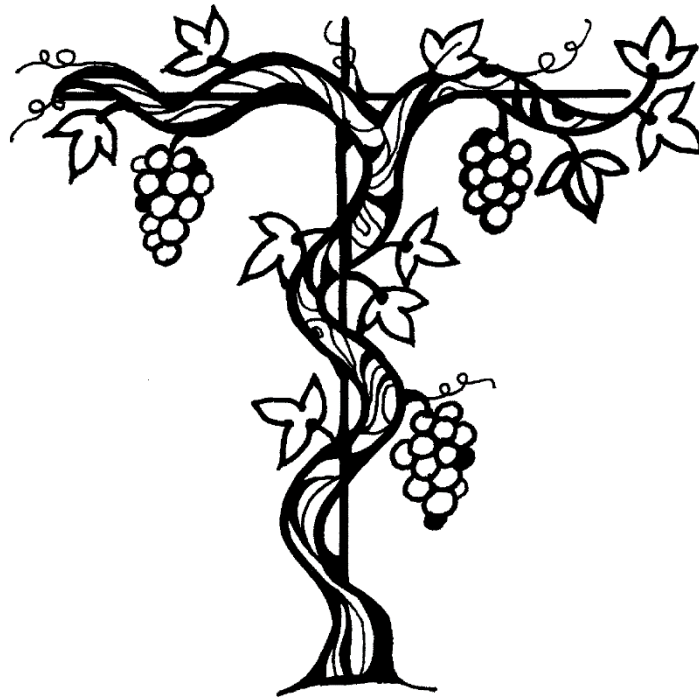


**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 28, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**



**THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**

*The Episcopal Church in Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village*

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar

# WELCOME

**Visitors:** We are delighted you have come to worship with us today! 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!

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.

**Coffee Hour:** Whether you are just visiting or have been here many times, we would love for you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service. If you are visiting and are not sure where the Bishop's Hall is, please ask anyone and they will be happy to show you!

**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:** Available from the ushers in the back of the church.

**Children:** We welcome children in our worship. Their sounds are a gift from God – no need to subdue them! Our *prayground* is located in the side chapel and has quiet activities for parents and younger children to use while still in worship. Children ages 3-11 are welcome to join the atrium for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday School program located in Mitchel Hall. Ask the ushers for directions. Children return to the service for communion.

**Contact:** Office hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and the sanctuary is open during these hours for private prayer or meditation. To speak with The Rev. Jamie Barnett, please call the office and make an appointment. Her office hours are Tuesday through Thursday.

**Communion:** By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact The Rev. Jamie Barnett to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

*Out of consideration for your fellow worshippers, please either turn off or silence your cell phones*

# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Praeludium in F major, Op. 52, Nr. 5

MORITZ BROSIG (1815-1887)

## The Word of God

*At the sound of the bell, at stand, as able, and sing*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

ENGELBERG

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Presider says*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

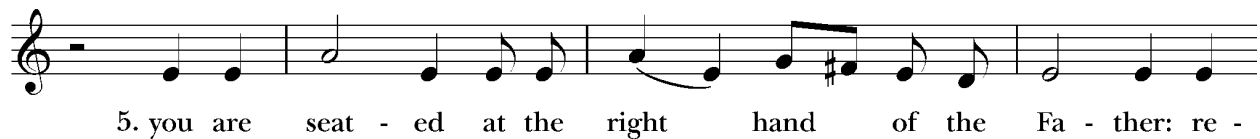
*The following is sung, all standing*

Hymnal S-278

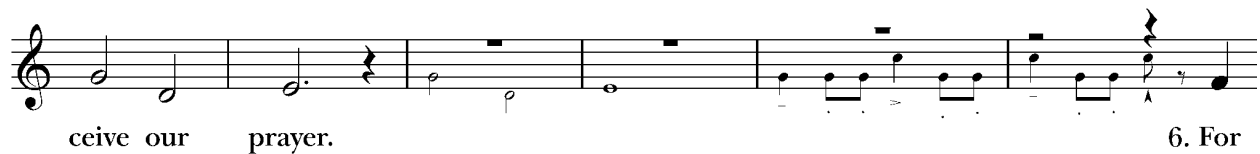
Glory to God in the highest

WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.



6. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,



7. you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30** (*sung by all*)

*Remain seated.*



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- 24 My praise is of him in the great as|sembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who | worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall | praise him: \*  
“May your heart live for | ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the | LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow be|fore him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the | LORD, \*  
he rules over the | nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in | worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall be|fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall | serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD’s for | ever.
- †30 They shall come and make known to a people yet un|born \*  
the saving deeds that he has | done.

## SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First letter of John.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*All stand.*

Hymn 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

HYFRYDOL

## GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

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

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Presider*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

## **THE NICENE 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.*

We give you thanks for those who offer their best as leaders of your people—for our bishops, priests, and deacons. Pray for those who carry out your mission under their leadership.

Pray for God's church.

*Silence.*

We offer our prayers for the leaders of our nation—for our president, our governor, Congress, and the courts of this land. Give them courage and wisdom and a heart for justice.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence.*

We pray for mercy for those who suffer from hunger, in poverty, in the wake of violent storms, after earthquakes. Sustain them in their struggles and give them hope. We are thankful for compassionate people who answer their call for help.

Pray for those who suffer around the world.

*Silence.*

We pray for those who are ill, for those who live in fear and whose spirits are restless. Give comfort for those who are dying and those who stand beside them as they find their way home. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Mona and Hannah. 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.

Pray for new and unending life in this world and the next.

*Silence.*

We pray for those who have died, especially Brian.

*Our hearts are full this day, Lord, as we embrace  
new life in you. We give you thanks for the gift of  
song and joyful spirits. Amen.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presider and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Presider stands and says*

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

*All stand, as able.*

*Presider*      The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of Lord.*

## PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

*All*              **Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever they may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life                      *(sung by the Parish Choir)*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such as light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as make his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

TEXT: GEORGE HERBERT (1593-1633)  
MUSIC: GODFREY SAMPSON (1902-1949)

*As the peoples' gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented for a blessing, all stand and sing.*  
Hymn 304                      I come with joy to meet my Lord

LAND OF REST

## 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 God thanks and praise.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Presider 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

*Presider and People*

Hymnal S-128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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 People stand or kneel.*

*The Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O God,

*Presider and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, 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,

*People and Presider*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día,  
Perdona nuestras ofensas  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en la tentación,  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
el poder, y la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

# The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM Be known to us, Lord Jesus

JAY WILCOX (B. 1954)

*Fine*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

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1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com -  
2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

10 *D.C. al Fine*

mu - nion of the bo - dy of Christ.  
ma - ny we share one bread.

## INVITATION

*The Presider 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.*

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 gotten lost. Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

*All who seek God and desire a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. When you come to the altar rail, you may either stand or kneel.*

*If you desire to receive the sacrament, please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Once you have received it, you may keep it there and the chalice bearer will take it, dip it in the wine and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the wafer and then you may place your hands on the base of the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider.*

*If you desire to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest at the altar rail.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*All are invited to sing*



Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Je - sus Christ, ri - sen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

\* \* \*



The hea - vens and the earth re - joice, Lord Je - sus,



raised from the dead, you are liv - ing. The hea - vens and the earth re -



joice, Lord Je - sus, raised from the dead, you are liv - ing.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Eternal God,**

**you have graciously accepted us as living members**

**of 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 Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*The Presider blesses the people.*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

*All stand and sing.*

Hymn 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

GELOBT SEI GOTT

## DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

Engelberg

ROBERT A. HOBBY (B. 1962)

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For the Week of Sunday, April 28, 2024

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## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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| 4/28 | 10:00 a.m. | Children in church  |
|      | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist  |
|      | 11:30 a.m. | Newcomers/Episcopal 101                                     |
| 4/30 | 5:00 p.m.  | Laundry Love (offsite)                                      |
| 5/1  | 12:00 p.m. | Feeding the Spirit Bible Study                              |
|      | 7:00 p.m.  | Lectio Divina   |
| 5/2  | 6:30 p.m.  | Schola Rehearsal  |
|      | 7:45 p.m.  | Parish Choir Rehearsal                                      |
| 5/5  | 9:45 a.m.  | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd<br>– Children in the Atrium |
|      | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist  |
|      | 11:30 a.m. | Epiphany Youth Group  |
|      | 11:30 a.m. | Newcomers/Episcopal 101                                     |

Are you new here? Please fill out the purple card in the pews, so that we may get to know each other!

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## TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING



Our Rummage Sale is **Saturday, May 25**. Proceeds will be used to support Epiphany and its ministries. **Please bring donations to the Founders Hall on Sundays up to May 19**. We will gladly accept gently-used clothing, collectables, linens, jewelry, shoes, purses, toys, children's books, small

decorative items including Christmas items, and kitchen and household items *in working condition*. **Please** make sure ALL items are clean and in good repair. We are unable to accept furniture, carpeting, drapes or blinds, electronics, bookcases, building supplies, food, or hygiene items.

For more information contact Claudia Dempster at [claudiadempster@icloud.com](mailto:claudiadempster@icloud.com).

## KAREN JAMES ORDINATION BUS



**Save the Date** for Karen James Ordination to the Diaconate on **June 8**, when after seven years of study, service, and prayer, she will become The Rev. Karen James. The ceremony will be at St. John's Cathedral (514 W. Adams Blvd, LA, CA 90007). **For joyful fellowship and ease** to you, we will have a bus going. **Please let us know if you plan on taking the bus. There is a signup sheet in the Founder's Hall or send an email to [info@tcote.com](mailto:info@tcote.com)**. We hope to see everyone at this sacred and momentous occasion. There will be a reception here at the church after the ordination. Details will follow.

## LAUNDRY LOVE



**Tuesday, April 30**, we will meet at the Coin Op Laundry, 1008 E. Avenida de Los Arboles from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** You don't need to stay the entire time. For more information, contact Karen James at [kjames@tcote.org](mailto:kjames@tcote.org).

## OWLS



We would LOVE for you to join us on May 9 as our very own **Guy Walker** completes the history of the Stuart Dynasty (1603-1704) with a focus on the reigns of William & Mary and Queen Anne and the consequences of the Treaty of Utrecht (1713) which ushered in a period of maritime, commercial, and financial supremacy for Great Britain. This will be interesting and educational! We ask for a \$15 donation to cover the cost of lunch. Please **RSVP by May 6** to Michelle Ponticelli at 805-320-5003 or [mponticelli@tcote.org](mailto:mponticelli@tcote.org). If you would like to donate to or underwrite an OWLs program, please go to [www.tcote.org/give/](http://www.tcote.org/give/)

## ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DINNER PARTY



**Save the date!** Our annual fundraiser dinner party is on June 22 this year, including a **live band** that's sure to please!



## COMMUNITY CORNER



To learn details, locations, ticket prices and more on the following, go to our *Connections Newsletter* or [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org)

**CONEJO VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY** presents the *MOZART REQUIEM* performed within the excellent acoustics of *The Church of the Epiphany!* Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m.

**KOVALEVA DUO BENEFIT CONCERT**  
Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m. featuring Anna Kovaleva, piano and Elena Kovaleva, violin

**SENIOR CONCERNS CAREGIVER RECOGNITION DAY**  
Tuesday, May 7, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## A THANK YOU



I write to you today to thank you for the donation of water to our daily meal program. Our program was running very low on water as the weather warmed. I called our contacts at the Church of the Epiphany and asked if they might make a donation. Literally, the next week a whole pallet of water was delivered to Harbor House! What a wonderful gift and we are overwhelmed with gratitude. We now have plenty of water and can be generous to our homeless community. As a church you are really living out the Gospel. Thank you!

Peace to you,  
Sheri Groenveld - Harbor House – Operations Director

Note from the Outreach Committee: We were able to respond immediately because some members donate monthly to Outreach. Thanks to all!

## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

✝ **Anne Mendenhall**, mother of **Mark Mendenhall** passed away on March 18. There will be a Celebration of Life here at church on **Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 p.m.** All are invited. Reception in Bishop's Hall immediately following.

## MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION



Want to help on Sundays during the service? If you are interested in being an **usher, reader, or LEM**, please contact the church at [info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org)



Members of the **Altar Guild** prepare all that is necessary for the celebration of all of the sacraments of the church.  
Contact: Leigh Wallace

[mizeinla@gmail.com](mailto:mizeinla@gmail.com)



Each week, talented and creative team members of the **Epiphany Flower Guild** purchase and arrange our altar flowers. No experience necessary; on-the-job training provided! Contact: Carrie Wilcox (703) 508-2628



The **Music Ministry** at The Church of the Epiphany offers a variety of opportunities for participation and welcomes all. You may join the choir at any time. Contact: Jay [jwilcox@tcote.org](mailto:jwilcox@tcote.org)



Acolytes are a part of the team of ministers who lead the worship. This ministry is open to males and females aged 12 and up. If you would like to be involved, please contact Karen:

[kjames@tcote.org](mailto:kjames@tcote.org).



**Creation Care** at Epiphany is about helping each other to grow in care for God's Creation. Seasonal Sacred Hikes help to create a personal bond and connection. Contact: Mari Mendenhall  
[mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net)



Interested in being a **Coffee Host**? Coffee hour is a tradition of hospitality and fellowship, a time to catch up with friends and acquaint yourself with new people of the congregation. Contact: [info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org)



**The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** program is highly child-centered and allows children to enter into a relationship with God in their own ways, and in their own time. All children are welcome. Contact: Laurie Burns [lburns@tcote.org](mailto:lburns@tcote.org)



Meeting at noon for one hour on **Wednesdays, Feeding the Spirit** Bible study is focused on upcoming lessons for the week and the themes found within.



**The Lunch Bunch** prepares and delivers 70-80 brown bag lunches to Harbor House once a month for low income and homeless families and individuals. Join us! Contact: Yvonne Lux [yvonnlux@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnlux@gmail.com)



The **Interfaith Ministry's** mission is to involve members of Epiphany in the sharing of traditions among people of various faiths and

cultures, to deepen and broaden mutual understanding, and to offer education and service opportunities that encourage and promote fairness and empathy through our actions, leading to a more harmonious society.

Contacts: Aggie Winston [aggiew53@gmail.com](mailto:aggiew53@gmail.com) and Kerrie Sadler [sadlerkerrie@gmail.com](mailto:sadlerkerrie@gmail.com)



The **Pastoral Care Team** cares for parishioners who may be sick, recovering from surgery, or experiencing other life changes. We

make phone calls, visit hospitals and homes, and help with their unmet needs, such as providing an occasional meal following surgery or illness. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, contact Sharon Schneider: [sschneider@tcote.org](mailto:sschneider@tcote.org)



At Epiphany, we embrace and appreciate the capacity and insight of our teen parishioners. **EYG** is a safe, encouraging space for spiritual exploration and asking important questions. We meet *every other Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

Contact: Laurie Burns [lburns@tcote.org](mailto:lburns@tcote.org)



Deepen your faith while discussing the Bible, church history, and practical theology. **Education for Ministry (EfM)** meets *Monday nights from September to*

*June*, enrollment for 2024 begins in July. Contact: Elizabeth at [E.Vana.Bryant@gmail.com](mailto:E.Vana.Bryant@gmail.com)



**Lectio Divina** is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer opening to a deeper communion with God. We meet via Zoom *every Wednesday at*

*7:00 p.m.* Link at [www.tcote.org/lectio-divina](http://www.tcote.org/lectio-divina) or contact: Barry at [burnscreative@gmail.com](mailto:burnscreative@gmail.com).



**A grief shared** meets *on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Ascension Chapel.* Wherever and however you

are experiencing grief, we invite you to come and share your story in a safe and supportive space. Contact: Laurie Burns [lburns@tcote.org](mailto:lburns@tcote.org)



**PFLAG's** vision is to create a world where difference is celebrated, and all people are valued inclusive of their sexual orientation,

gender identity, and gender expression. We meet on the *second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.* Contact:

[info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org)



**OWLS** (Older Wiser Laity) strives to create community and fellowship opportunities among the more senior members of our church and the greater area, *meeting on the second Thursday of the month at noon* for lunch and enriching programs from October - May. Contact Michelle Ponticelli:

[mponticelli@tcote.org](mailto:mponticelli@tcote.org)



**Laundry Love** is a nationwide program that assists low-income families and individuals in doing their laundry. We meet on *the last Tuesday of each month from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.*

Contact: Karen James [kjames@tcote.org](mailto:kjames@tcote.org)



**Red Door Vineyard's** vision is to be a source of congregational growth, strength, and spirituality as we share in the journey of crafting wine in God's

name. In addition to ongoing vineyard activities, we gather monthly for Monday Night Fellowship and Friday Evening Happy Hour and arrange a variety of social and cultural experiences. Contact: Stacey Stephens [reddoorvineyard@tcote.org](mailto:reddoorvineyard@tcote.org)



The **Epiphany Music Guild** furthers the church's outreach mission to the community by providing a regular series of musical and other artistic events, enriching people's lives, and

giving them opportunities to encounter beauty in a sacred space. Contact: Jay at [jwilcox@tcote.org](mailto:jwilcox@tcote.org) or [www.tcote.org/music/](http://www.tcote.org/music/)



**Epiphany Young Adults** meet on the *second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30.* Please contact Karen:

[kjames@tcote.org](mailto:kjames@tcote.org) or Laurie:

[lbtolunabase@gmail.com](mailto:lbtolunabase@gmail.com) if you are

between the ages of 18 and 30 and would like more info or to join in!



Do you like to entertain? The **Holy Hosts** are looking for people who are interested in cooking, serving, or

helping to supply food for church events. If you are interested in participating, please contact Karen Listick by texting (preferable) or calling at 818-519-1763 or via e-mail at [karen@listick.com](mailto:karen@listick.com).

*For more information on these and other ministries, please visit [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org)*



Spring has sprung, which means it's Membership season for the Red Door Vineyard Guild! Whether you are new to RDV or have been renewing since 2012, we welcome your 2024 membership. We thank you for your participation, which sustains the grand adventure on the hill that we call the Red Door Vineyard.

**RDV Membership Event ~ Wine and Appetizers  
Saturday, May 4, 2024 ~ 4pm to 6pm  
at the home of  
Stacey & Steve Stephens  
1425 Remont Circle, Oak Park**

We will have membership forms available on site. Please bring your checkbook. Those renewing or joining on-the-spot will be entered in a drawing for RDV wine and bling!

**All Are Welcome** to this event, so please feel free to bring friends.

**RSVP by April 30 via at [reddoorvineyard@tcote.org](mailto:reddoorvineyard@tcote.org) with your name and the names of those accompanying you.**

*Reminder: the shares of wine that come with your 2024 membership will be distributed at another event in the Fall of 2025.*

Hope to see you on the 4th! **\*CHEERS\***

*If you are unable to attend, we will be happy to email you a Membership form. Please email [reddoorvineyard@tcote.org](mailto:reddoorvineyard@tcote.org)*

### PRAYERS

**Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:**  
Mona, Hannah

**Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer List:** Boyd, Kay, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, Judith, Steve, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, Steve, Paul, Madden, Norma, Hailey, John, Robyn, Bishop Michael Curry, Pat, Curt, Francisco, Susan K, Winnie and the Luppert family, Egan, Angela, Julie, Jane, Patrick, Joanne, Julia, Anna, Tom, Karl, Caroline, the Mullins family, Madeline, Ellen, Judie

**Please pray for the soul of the departed:** Brian Compton

*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/](http://www.tcote.org/prayer-request/).*

## OUR MISSION AND VISION

### Mission

We seek to ensure that all who enter our doors know that they are loved, welcomed, and celebrated unconditionally, that we serve the world with gratitude, humility, and courage, and that we continue to grow in faith, recognizing reason and exploring the profound mystery that is God's creation.

### Vision

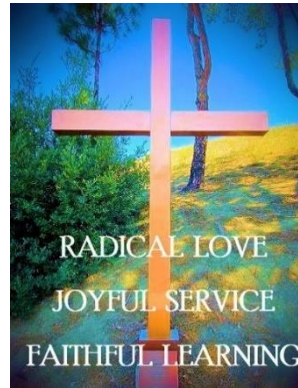
To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

### Core Values

RADICAL LOVE

JOYFUL SERVICE

FAITHFUL LEARNING



**Core Values guide us in carrying out our mission and realizing our vision.**

By their nature, core values are touchstones for prayer, discernment, ongoing conversation, and action. We seek a deep understanding and ongoing engagement with Epiphany's Core Values. Over the years, we will continue reflecting on

what they mean in their application; how they challenge and inform decisions and actions in Epiphany's ministries, and how they help our ministries be aligned with our mission and vision.

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## NEW NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

**Please note our new newsletter deadlines:**

For the Sunday *Connections* - **Wednesdays 12:00 p.m.**

For the Friday *Connections* - **Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.**

Thank you for your cooperation!