

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 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

Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele

GOTTFRIED AUGUST HOMILIUS (1714-1785)

The Word of God

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

AZMON

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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The people sit.

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 23

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.



Though I walk through the val - ley of the sha - dow of death, I shall fear



no e - vil; for you are with me.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rods and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. *Antiphon*

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

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

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 664

My shepherd will supply my need

RESIGNATION

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

SERMON

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

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, live as children of the light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Light of the world, *open our eyes.*”

Lord our Shepherd, you have given your Church all that we need. Rain down on us mightily with your Spirit, that we may testify to the astonishing things you have done in our lives.

Light of the world,
Open our eyes.

God, you are present in the valley of the shadow of death. Comfort all those around the world who know danger or violence or war. By your love, cast out all evil and fear.

Light of the world,
Open our eyes.

Lord, you make us to lie down in green pastures; you lead us by still waters. You have blessed us with a beautiful planet. May we work to preserve the holy gift of nature.

Light of the world,
Open our eyes.

Lord, spread a table for those who are hungry; where there is scarcity and need in our neighborhoods, fill empty hearts, lives, and cups with your abundance. By your light expose all the unfruitful works of darkness

Light of the world,
Open our eyes.

God of life, pursue the sick and sorrowful with your goodness and mercy. Reveal your works in those who are suffering. Make yourself known as Healer. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Caroline, Matthew, 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.

Light of the world,
Open our eyes.

Reviver of Souls, give to the dying and the dead your promise of new and unending life. May we one day live with them forever in the light of Christ.

Light of the world,
Open our eyes.

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,
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 Priest 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

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer for Birthdays

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 when *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 The Lord is my shepherd

(sung by the Parish Choir)

The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,
leads me beside still waters.
The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life,
leads me in the paths of righteousness
for the sake of the Lord's name.

And even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me, your rod and staff they comfort me.

The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,
leads me beside still waters.
The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life,
leads me in the paths of righteousness
for the sake of the Lord's name.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and in the house of my God
I will live for ever.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

TEXT: PSALM 23, PARAPHRASED BY ALLEN POTE (B. 1945)

MUSIC: ALLEN POTE (B. 1945)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 339

Deck thyself, my soul with gladness

SCHMÜCKE DICH

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a plainsong style. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of a series of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics "Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed" are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics "be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done," are written below the notes.

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 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

HOUSTON

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary [a/C]

WILLIAM BYRD (c. 1540-1623)

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EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 3/19 9:45 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children’s formation in Atrium
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at www.tcote.org)
- 11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Compline
- 3/20 7:00 p.m. EfM
- 3/21 6:30 p.m. Lenten Book Study
- 3/22 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina
- 3/23 6:30 p.m. Schola Rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 3/25 4:00 p.m. RDV Renewal Event
- 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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EASTER VIGIL BAPTISMS



Holy Baptism is one of the primary sacraments of the church. As a sacrament it is an “outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace” of an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage necessary to persevere in the Christian life, the spirit to know and love God, and a profound sense of joy and wonder.

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.

COMPLINE



Please join us for a service of Choral Compline **tonight at 7:00 p.m.** With antecedents that date from the 4th Century, this liturgy is designed to calm the spirit and to bring the day to a peaceful close. This service was a particular favorite of Tudor composers, who created ethereally beautiful music for it; all the choral music for this service is from the Tudor era. The choral music, with its long, spacious, soaring lines, can transport you, comfort you, and evoke feelings of awe and wonder.

EASTER FLOWER GIFTS



As in the past, our church will be magnificently decorated for Easter with beautiful plants and flowers. 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.

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.

RED DOOR VINEYARD RENEWALS



Please join us as we celebrate our 2023 Guild membership renewals! **Saturday, March 25 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** in the Bishop's Hall. Wine and appetizers will be served, adults only.

LUNCHEES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED



Many thanks to all the folks who prepare lunches each month for our neighbors in need at Harbor House. Your outreach to them is very much appreciated. Our March date is **Tuesday, March 21**, and this month we need 7 people who will each provide 10 lunches. If you can help this month email: yvonnlux@gmail.com. For details go to www.tcote.org.

BOWLS OF HOPE



Many Mansions, the local agency that works to provide low-income housing, is holding their annual Bowls of Hope Festival on **March 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at CLU's Kingsmen Park.** For details and ticket information go to www.manymansions.org.

REFUGEE BASKETS



Women's Interfaith Network is collecting items for household baskets for new refugees. Here are some of the items that they still need: measuring cups, measuring spoons, liquid hand soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, hairbrushes, combs, tissues, toilet paper, laundry detergent, large trash bags, dish scrubbers.

There are boxes in the narthex and the Bishop's Hall where you can leave your items. Please drop them off by March 26.

MARCH 22 – WORLD WATER DAY



Water is central to our faith. Did you know that water or water related situations are mentioned 722 times throughout the Bible? That is more than faith, prayer, or worship so it is certainly worth us reflecting upon.

The concept of sufficiency and "enough" are often forgotten in our daily lives. We have been blessed with gifts of clean and running water, showers, dish washers, and access to clean water even when we leave our homes. Yet we take this for granted and despite the innumerable gifts that the Lord has provided, we take clean water for granted in almost every aspect of our lives.

There are many personal actions that we can take to keep our waters clean. We can avoid using pesticides or chemical fertilizers, use non-toxic household products, refrain from using antibacterial soaps or cleaning products and from flushing unwanted medicines or pharmaceuticals down the toilet or drains. All these things will help keep our waters clean.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:

Caroline, Jan, Mario, Dave, Gale, Kathy, Kim, Matthew

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Kay, Boyd, Kristi, Neil and Sarah, Donna, Byron and Olivia, Susan, Arturo, Caroline F., Dave, Matt, David, Tommy, Judith, Vicki

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 stated otherwise.