The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 25, 2023, 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! Please join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service.

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.

Communion: During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. If receiving a blessing, please come forward and simply cross your hands over your chest as you walk up to the presider. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider when you reach the front.

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 *pray ground* 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.

Contact: Office hours are Monday-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.

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Prière à Notre Dame, from Suite Gothique

LÉON BOËLLMANN (1862-1897)

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell. all stand, as able, and sing. **ENTRANCE HYMN** Hymn 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

ENGELBERG

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Presider People Glory to God for ever and ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends

are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 69:8-11, 18-20

Remain seated.

⁸Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, * and shame has covered my face. ⁹I have become a stranger to my own kindred, * an alien to my mother's children. ¹⁰Zeal for your house has eaten me up; * the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me. ¹¹I humbled myself with fasting, * but that was turned to my reproach. ¹²I put on sack-cloth also, * and became a byword among them. ¹³Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, * and the drunkards make songs about me. ¹⁴But as for me, this is my praver to you, * at the time you have set, O LORD: ¹⁵"In your great mercy, O God, * answer me with your unfailing help. ¹⁶Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; * let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters. ¹⁷Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; * do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

¹⁸Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; * in your great compassion, turn to me."
¹⁹Hide not your face from your servant; * be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
²⁰Draw near to me and redeem me; * because of my enemies deliver me."

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

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

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.	
Hymn 524	I love thy kingdom, Lord

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

Presider	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve apostles,] ²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)

²⁶"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,

and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

<i>Presider</i> The Gospel of the Lord.

THE SERMON

THE CREED

Karen James

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.

Children of God, praise the Lord! Our God is faithful and hears our prayers, so let us pray, "In your great mercy, O God, *answer us with your unfailing help*."

To the baptized, O God, grant newness of life. Strengthen us to follow in the footsteps of your Son. In your great mercy, O God,

Answer us with your unfailing help.

To the nations of earth, O God of hosts, grant freedom and peace. Deliver the lives of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

In your great mercy, O God,

Answer us with your unfailing help.

To your created order, O God, grant your help. May the waters, soil, and air be made clean and healthy again. In your great mercy, O God,

Answer us with your unfailing help.

To this city, O God, grant your deliverance. Set us free from violence and destruction. Make safe our streets. In your great mercy, O God,

Answer us with your unfailing help.

To those who feel the deep about to swallow them, O God, grant your salvation. In your great compassion, turn to all those in need. We pray especially for those on our prayer list: Dave, Steve, Joe Vana, Stacey, and the Fellinger family. 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.

In your great mercy, O God,

Answer us with your unfailing help.

To the dead, O God, grant life eternal with Christ. May all those who have been baptized into the death of Christ be united with him in his resurrection.

In your great mercy, O God,

Answer us with your unfailing help. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

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

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Presider stands and says.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

THE PEACE

PresiderThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Then the Presider and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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	Fugato	LÉON BOËLLMANN (1862-1897)
PRESENTATION HYMN <i>All stand, as able, and sing</i> Hymn 178	Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord	Alleluia No. 1

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

- *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.

Presider

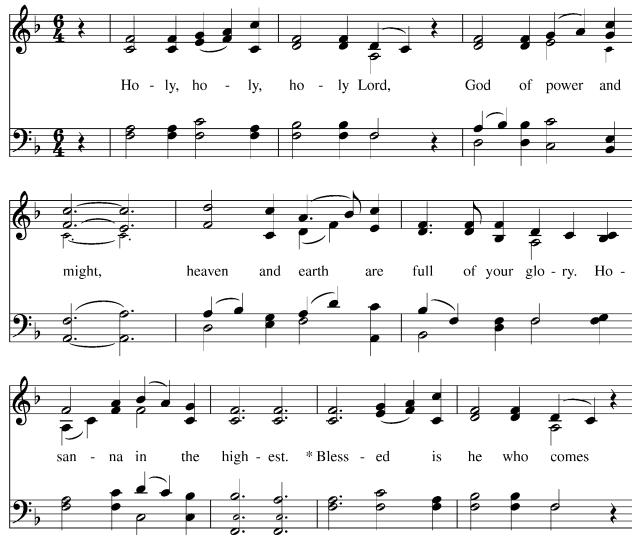
All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,

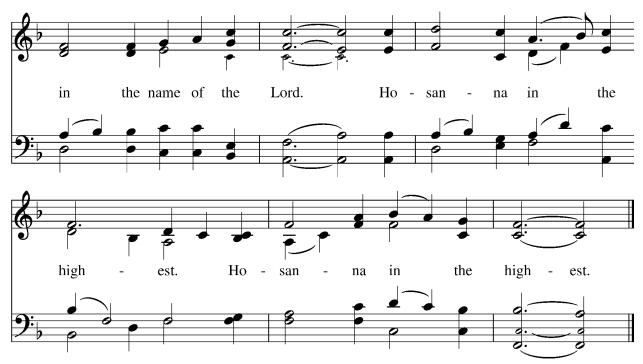
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS WLP 858 Holy, holy, holy (Folk/Pruner) (American folk melody) *Priest and People*





The Presider continues.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent;

you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,

you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread,

and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

"Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all

for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory,

and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People **Blessed are you now and for ever.** *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

PresiderAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Presider 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.

During Communion, all are welcome – even encouraged! – to come forward to receive the holy food of new and everlasting life in Jesus Christ. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider when you reach the front. Put your hands out one on top of the other, and the wafer will be placed in your hand. Leave the wafer in place and move to the chalice bearer, who will then take it, dip it in the wine, and hand it back 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 bearer will say the words of administration.

COMMUNION MUSIC Chorale

LÉON BOËLLMANN (1862-1897)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says Let us pray.

All stand as able.

Presider and People

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

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMNHymn 537Christ for the world we singMoscowDISMISSALPresiderLet us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God.POSTLUDEMenuet Gothique, from Suite GothiqueLéon BOËLLMANN (1862-1897)

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EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

6/25	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Children in church Holy Eucharist, in-person and live-streaming: www.tcote.org
	11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Epiphany Youth Group meeting Ministry Leadership Meeting
6/28	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bishop's Committee meeting Lectio Divina
7/2	9:45 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Children in the Atrium
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, in-person and live-streaming: <u>www.tcote.org</u>
	11:30 a.m.	Epiphany Youth Group meeting

BEGINNING IN JULY



To help you and your mailbox, beginning in July, our Connections Newsletter delivery will change to once a week.

STAY CONNECTED



Visit <u>www.tcote.org</u> to explore all things Epiphany, and. **subscribe to our e-mailed** *Connections Newsletter* **under Connect**. Find us on Facebook at @EpiphanyOakPark and on

Instagram at tcoteoakpark.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The Bishop's Committee meeting is **Wednesday**, **June 28 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Founders Hall and open to anyone who wishes to attend. If you wish to have an issue brought forward, please inform the Vicar, Rev. Jamie Barnett, or the Bishop's Warden, Steve Stephens, prior to the meeting.



Our Epiphany FUNdraising event is now being planned! Let's make it a great success together by asking your favorite restaurant, sport facility, hotel, salon, or store, for a gift card, certificate, or merchandise for the live or silent auction! Donor letters and forms are available at the entrance of the church or at <u>www.tcote.org</u>!

A GRIEF SHARED ANNOUNCEMENT



a grief shared will meet on Tuesday, June 27, but will resume on Tuesday, July 25.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY



Education for Ministry (EfM) is a fouryear program of theological education designed for lay people who are interested

in deepening their understanding of the Christian faith. Meetings are on every other Monday night from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Contact: Elizabeth Bryant e.vana.bryant@gmail.com. Want a group that meets at another time? Elizabeth can help you to find an EfM group that suits your needs.

To access the bulletin from either your tablet or your cell phone, please scan the QR code:



PRIDE MONTH



Voices from the Episcopal Church's LGBTQ+ Communities

The May issue of **LGBTQ+ Pride** issue [of the Episcopal

Church Foundation] connects you to four individuals who are finding sacred meaning in their lives within the context of their faith and sexual orientation and/or gender identity or expression." You'll find a link to the issue at <u>www.tcote.org</u>.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP



Who surrounds us as we worship? Gather together to delve into a Bible verse, barrel taste RDV wine (optional) and explore our

connections at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 3.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Dave, Steve, the Fellinger family, and Stacey

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Bishop Michael Curry, Kay, Boyd, Kristi, Neil and Sarah, Donna, Byron and Olivia, Susan, Arturo, Tommy, Judith, Matthew, Joann, Kathy, Ronnie, Mario, Curt, Claudia, Jana, Davis, Carol, Cynthia, Lynn, Kim, Juan Carlos, the Rowe family and baby Noah, Jasmine, and Joe

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

MINISTRIES

Giving **altar flowers** on Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion, honor loved ones or give thanks. If you would like to sponsor flowers, please fill out the card found in the church pews or go to <u>www.tcote.org</u>.

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 <u>kjames@tcote.org</u>

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

Wherever and however you are experiencing grief, we invite you to come and share your story in a safe and supportive space. A grief shared meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Ascension Chapel. Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org.

The **Music Ministry** at The Church of the Epiphany offers a variety of opportunities for participation and welcomes all. Join one of our choirs or the Epiphany Music Guild – which brings great musical events to our space year after year. Contact: Jay Wilcox jwilcox@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.

Lectio Divina is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer opening to a deeper communion with God. We meet by Zoom every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Link by going to <u>www.tcote.org</u> or contact Barry Burns: <u>burnscreative@gmail.com</u>.



OWLS (Older Wiser Laity) strives to create community and fellowship opportunities among the more senior

members of our church and the greater area, meeting monthly for lunch and a variety of enriching programs from September – October. Contact Michelle Ponticelli: <u>mponticelli@tcote.org</u>.