The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 23, 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 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

Elegy

DOUGLAS E. WAGNER (B. 1952)

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

The Word of God

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 205 (omit v. 2)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

GELOBT SEI GOTT

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the priest says

Priest All

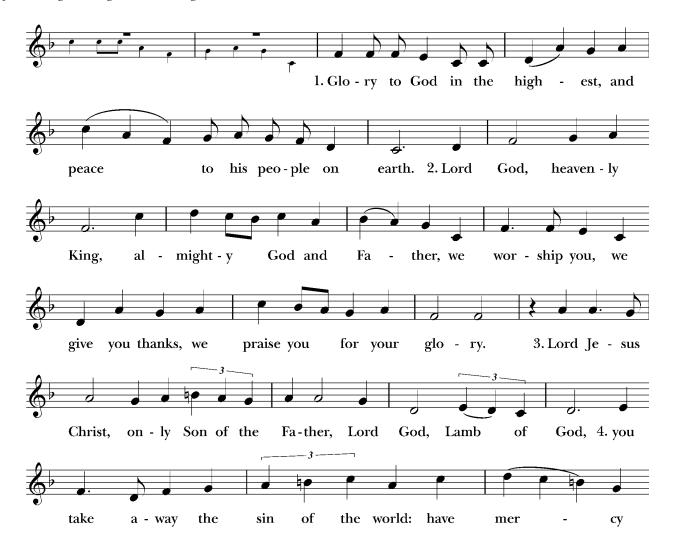
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

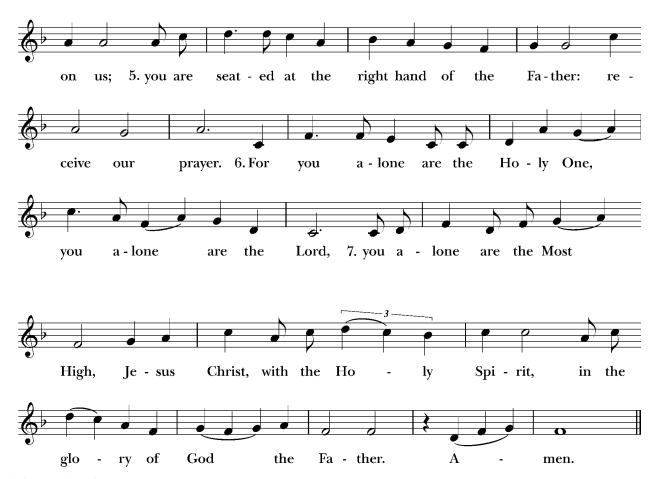
People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 280 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)

The following is sung, all standing as able.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Silence may follow.

HYMN IN PLACE OF THE PSALM

All stand

Hymn 645 The King of love my shepherd is St. Columba

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Silence may follow.

SEOUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless St. Agnes

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

THE SERMON Karen James

THE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Brothers and Sisters, Jesus bore our sins on the cross so that we, free from sins, might live in righteousness. Let us pray to our Lord, saying, "Revive our souls, and guide us along right pathways."

Guardian of our souls, call your Church to greater righteousness. Help us to live by your example and follow in your steps.

Revive our souls.

And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, spread out your table in the presence of those who are troubled. Feed their souls and bodies with your good and generous gifts.

Revive our souls.

And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you have blessed us with a beautiful planet full of places where we can find rest and peace. May we care for it, as you care deeply for all you have made.

Revive our souls,

And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you desire the goodwill of all the people. Give us generous hearts and open hands.

Revive our souls,

And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, it is your presence that comforts us. Make your presence known to the sick and the sorrowful, to the fearful and the weak. We pray today especially for those on our parish prayer list: Curt, Claudia, Carol, and Cenovio. We also pray for those who are on our long-term prayer list and for those who have asked for our prayers but who prefer to remain anonymous.

Revive our souls,

And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you came that we may have life, and have it abundantly. Bring the dying and the dead into your eternal home, especially Catalina and Angelo.

Revive our souls,

And guide us along right pathways. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 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.

Priest 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 The Lord is my shepherd

(sung by the Parish Choir)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want, he maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me, you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

TEXT: PSALM 23: 1-2, 4, 6

MUSIC: HOWARD GOODALL (B. 1958)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord LAND OF REST

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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.

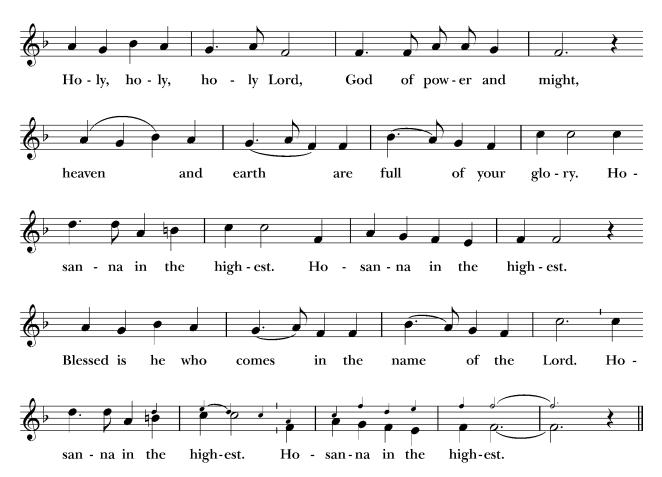
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)

Priest and People



The People stand or kneel.

The Priest 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,

Priest and People

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

The Priest 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,

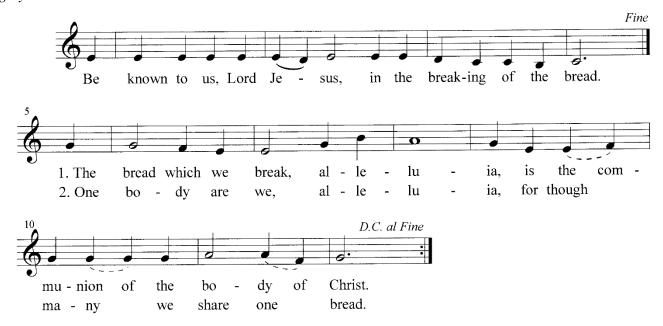
People and Priest

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

Sung by all.



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

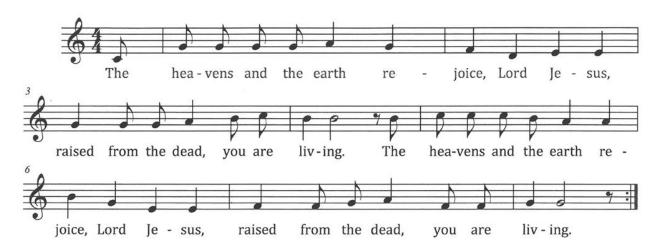
This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come,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

All are invited to sing



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Priest says Let us pray.

Priest 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 Priest blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 334 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Von Gott will ich nicht lassen DIETERICH BUXTEHUDDE (1637-1707)

"I will not depart from God, who leads me in the right way."

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EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

4/30	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Children in the Atrium Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at www.tcote.org) Blood Drive Epiphany Youth Group meeting Outreach Meeting
5/1	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	RDV Monday Night Fellowship EfM Meeting
5/3	7:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina
5/4	6:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Schola Rehearsal Parish Choir Rehearsal
5/7	9:45 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Children in the Atrium
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at www.tcote.org)
	11:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Epiphany Youth Group meeting Trio Céleste Concert

RDV & OUTREACH BLOOD DRIVE



You can make a difference--a big difference in someone's life. Did you know that with just one blood donation, you can

help up to 3 hospital patients? The next blood drive at The Church of the Epiphany is **TODAY from 11:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.** in the bloodmobile.

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



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Have you missed a Sunday or two? Do you wonder what words of wisdom you might have

missed? No need to wonder!

Go to www.tcote.org and scroll down. All sermons can be accessed with just a click - this week's, last week's - all the way back to July 2019! Take a listen!

Want to go further down memory lane? Check out our YouTube channel <u>@tcote.org</u>. You will find videos of services for two years and videos of sermons going back to 2011.

So much to explore! So much to learn!

CREATION CARE

Join us Saturday May 6, 8:30-10:00 AM for our first Sacred Nature Walk

This is a gentle flat walk of about 1.5 miles. Water and blooms abound.

We will meet at Oakbrook Regional Park at 3287 Lang Ranch Parkway. Go through the gate at the Chumash Center to gather in the parking lot.



The land we will walk on was the home of the Chumash peoples. These were people who lived in direct relationship with Earth. They understood the gifts of the natural world; its plant-life,

wildlife, rocks and minerals. They took what they needed for subsistence while offering thanks and gratitude, and giving back to nature, in return.

To RSVP and get more details contact Mary Mendenhall at mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net

TRIO CÉLESTE

THE EPIPHANY MUSIC GUILD and RED DOOR VINEYARD present

TRIO CÉLESTE

"[T]he epitome of what chamber musicians should be"

Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.



Piano Trio No. 1
Piano Trio on Irish Folk Melodies
Piano Trio in G minor, Op. 15

Pierre Jalbert Frank Martin Bedøich Smetana

Enjoy fine food and wine while listening to great music!

Suggested donations for non-members of the Epiphany Music Guild or Red Door Vineyard are \$25 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for children. To ensure that there is sufficient food and wine, we ask those who wish to attend to contact us at either music@tcote.org or (818) 991-4797, ext. 26, to make a reservation no later than Wednesday, May 3, 2023

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Claudia, Carol and Cenovio

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Kay, Boyd, Kristi, Neil and Sarah, Donna, Byron and Olivia, Susan, Arturo, Dave, Matt, David, Tommy, Judith, Vicki, Matthew, Kim, Joann, Kathy, Ronnie, Mario, Curt

Receive in mercy the souls of the departed, especially Angelo and Catalina.

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

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