

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 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: 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.

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. Children return to the service for communion.

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

Praeludium in Bb major

NIKOLAUS VETTER (1666-1734)

The Word of God

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

SLANE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

The people sit.

A Reading from the First book of Kings.

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

Remain seated.

- ¹²⁹**Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.**
- ¹³⁰**When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.**
- ¹³¹**I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.**
- ¹³²**Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.**
- ¹³³**Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.**
- ¹³⁴**Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.**
- ¹³⁵**Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.**
- ¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

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

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand as able.

Hymn 447

The Christ who died but rose again

ST. MAGNUS

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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

³¹[Another parable Jesus put before the crowds:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as able

**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.

Sisters and brothers, give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name! Let us pray to God, saying, "Spirit, help us in our weakness. *Intercede for us.*"

God of the Church may your people be as persistent as the mustard shrub. May we spread your love and grace to all people and in all places. May we do our kingdom work with the confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.

God of the world, make known your deeds among the peoples. Bring peace in places of conflict and violence.

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.

God of creation, all of your works are marvelous. Everything in creation with which you have surrounded us speaks to your goodness. Give us eyes to see your fingerprints in our world.

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.

Present God, you did not withhold your own Son, but gave him up for all of us. May we all come to know and experience the depths of your love. By your love, transform hearts and change lives.

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.

God of wholeness, neither hardship nor distress can separate anyone from your love. Assure the suffering and sick, the hurt and sorrowful, that you care for them. May they remember that you are God who does marvelous

things. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Wanda, Catherine, Ali, Lynn, and Olivia. 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.

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.

God of our ancestors, you have always been mindful of your promises. You promise that not even death can separate us from your love. May all those who have died grow in your eternal love.

Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us. 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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And 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

Quasi lento

CÉSAR FRANCK (1822-1890)

PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand as able and sing

Hymn 711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

SEEK YE FIRST

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

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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,
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 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore 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 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.

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 and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration.

If you need communion brought to you at your seat, tell an usher who will inform the presider.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Andante, Op. 49, Nr. 3

MORITZ BROSIG (1815-1887)

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 HYMN

Hymn 615 Thy kingdom come! on bended knee

ST. FLAVIAN

DISMISSAL

Presider Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Fuga 8

GEORG PHILIPP TELEMANN (1681-1767)

The flowers today are given with prayers
for Rev. Jamie, my very special niece, in
honor of her birthday. Love, Aunt Mary

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Week of Sunday, July 30, 2023

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 7/30 9:45 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Children in the Atrium
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist; in-person and live-streaming: www.tcote.org
- 11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Adopt-a-Plant(s)
- 8/2 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina
- 8/6 9:00 a.m. Summer Choir meets
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ALTAR FLOWER GIFTS



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 www.tcote.org.

GIVE



Your ongoing financial support allows us to embrace and engage in the mission and ministry of The Church of the Epiphany. You may give at www.tcote.org/give or scan the QR code.

FIESTA UNDER THE VINEYARD



We are now collecting donated items including gift baskets filled or empty for our Epiphany

FUNdraising event! Thank

you for asking your favorite restaurant, sport event, hotel, salon, and favorite stores for a gift certificate or merchandise for a live or silent auction item.

Together we will have a successful FUN event!

Please bring donations to the Work Room. Donor letters and forms are available at the entrance of the church or at www.tcote.org.

SUMMER CHOIR NEXT WEEK



It's your opportunity to sing! Our next and last 2023 Summer Choir date is **August 6**. Meet us at 9:00 a.m. in the church to learn an easy anthem to sing at that morning's service. Questions? Contact Jay at jwilcox@tcote.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

"Just the noise you make, and the camaraderie...it is the most life-affirming experience, singing in a choir." Sir Elton John

ADOPT-A-PLANT(S) EXTENDED



Be a *Garden Guardian* and take the opportunity to beautify Epiphany and Adopt-a-Plant(s)! Sign-ups and donations will be taken **TODAY and now extended until next week, August 6** after the 10:00

service. Plant donations will start at \$11.00.

Purchase and professional installation will take place this fall. A preview of plans and plants is available to view in the church entrance. For questions contact Claudia Dempster at claudiadempster@gmail.com.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



You asked and you received! The labyrinth is back in Ascension Chapel for meditation until mid-September. Enjoy!

HARBOR HOUSE LUNCH

BUNCH



Many, many thanks for the lunches last month. They were very much appreciated by the folks Harbor House serves. Our date for August is **Tuesday,**

August 15, and they are asking for 80 lunches. Let me know if you are able to help. E-mail: yvonnellux@gmail.com. Thanks so much!

Lunches for 10 people- Include sandwich - turkey, egg salad, lunch meat, or pb&j, granola bar, chips, raisins, cookies, fruit, and a drink. Drinks and fruit should be separate. The more snacks you can add to the lunch the better. *Drop off is between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m.* at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at Avenida de las Flores and Mt.Clef.Parking lot is in the back.

GIFTS OF STOCK



We are grateful for anyone who gives to Epiphany, whether it be time, talent, or treasure. We request that **anyone who gives stock, please let Michelle**

Ponticelli know (mponticelli@tcote.org) that you have done so. Otherwise, it comes through as a mystery to be solved! Thank you so much!

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MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

For more information on these and other ministries, please visit www.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



At Epiphany, we embrace and appreciate the capacity and insight of our teen parishioners. **EYG** is a safe, encouraging space for spiritual exploration and the asking of important questions. Our youth group meets **every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



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 the unmet needs they may have, 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



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



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.



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



Members of the **Altar Guild** prepare all that is necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist and all of the other sacraments of the church. Open to all adults at Epiphany, the guild ensures that our sanctuary reflects the holiness and the joy that we all

create together in our worship. Contact: Leigh Wallace mizeinla@gmail.com



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. Interested in being a **Coffee Host**? Contact: info@tcote.org



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 or contact: Barry Burns burnscreative@gmail.com



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



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 October-May. Contact Michelle Ponticelli: mponticelli@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



Creation Care at The Church of The 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

EFM ENROLLING NOW!



Education for Ministry

(EfM) is a four-year program of theological education designed for lay people who are interested in deepening their understanding of the Christian faith.

Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EfM) program provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service.

By examining their own beliefs and their relationship to our culture and the tradition of our Christian faith, participants can learn what it means to be effective ministers in the world. In coming to terms with the notion that everything we do has

potential for manifesting the love of Christ, we discover that our ministry is at hand wherever we turn.

The EfM program is made up of 4 nine-month cycles of study. Students enroll for one cycle of study at a time. The curriculum is provided by the School of Theology at the University of the South and is guided by mentors from The Church of the Epiphany.

Participants are given weekly assignments to study with the help of resource guides. Students are responsible for setting their own learning goals. They spend between two and four hours in study and preparation each week. In the weekly seminars members have an opportunity to share their insights and discoveries as well as discuss questions which the study materials raise for them.

[If you are a graduate of EfM and some of your EfM texts are gathering dust on your shelves, help other EfM participants by donating your books!]

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supplies of detergent and coins for the machines. Or you can donate in the outreach envelope or the Laundry Love jar on the table in the church entrance.

Recently, a group of UK students who are training for law enforcement or military careers spent a day with Epiphany learning about social justice programs such as Manna, Harbor House, and Laundry Love.

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MINISTRY FOCUS



“If I had clean clothes, people would treat me like a human being.”

T-Bone (Eric), Laundry Love Co-Founder



Laundry Love is a nationwide program that assists low-income families and individuals in doing their laundry. The Church of The Epiphany and New Hope Lutheran partner to run a Laundry Love in Thousand Oaks on the last Tuesday of each month from 5.30-7.30 p.m. We always appreciate volunteers to assist our guests by handing out

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:

Wanda, Catherine, Ali, Lynn, Olivia

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Bishop Michael Curry, Kay and Boyd, Neil and Sarah, Donna, Byron, Susan, Arturo, Tommy, Judith, Matthew, Joann, Kathy, Mario, Curt, Jana, Cynthia, Lynn, Juan Carlos, the Rowe family and baby Noah, Jasmine, Dave C, Steve, 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/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.