# The Day of Pentecost May 28, 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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# Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**PRELUDE** 

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend (two settings)

GEORG PHILIPP TELEMANN (1681-1767)

"Lord Jesus Christ, turn towards us; send your Holy Spirit to us."

### **Holy Baptism**

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

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

Hymn 225 Hail thee, festival day! SALVE FESTA

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#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Priest says
Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### **SALUTATION FOR BAPTISM**

Priest There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Priest One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

### The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear,

each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

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

Silence may follow.

### PSALM: Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Remain seated.



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- O LORD, how manifold are your | works! \* in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your | creatures.
- Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to | number, \* creatures both small and | great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Le|viathan, \* which you have made for the | sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to | you \* to give them their food in due | season.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"



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- You give it to them, they | gather it; \* 29 you open your hand, and they are filled with good | things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are | terrified; \* you take away their breath, and they die and return to their | dust.
- You send forth your Spirit, and they are cre ated; \* 31 and so you renew the face of the | earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for | ever; \* may the LORD rejoice in all his | works.
- He looks at the earth and it | trembles; \* 33 he touches the mountains and they | smoke.
- I will sing to the LORD as long as I | live; \* 34 I will praise my God while I have my | being.
- May these words of mine | please him; \* 35 I will rejoice in the LORD. Halle|lujah!
- Bless the LORD, O my | soul. \* 37 Halle|lujah!

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

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

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

*Silence may follow.* 

### **SEQUENCE HYMN**

All stand, as able, and sing.

Hymn 508 Breathe on me, breath of God Nova Vita

### **GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

All remain standing.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Jamie Barnett

### PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Priest says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

Parents and Godparents

I present Amelia Joy Jafari to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Priest asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that Amelia is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Priest

Will you by your prayers and witness help Amelia to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures

of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Ouestion Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Priest addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Amelia in her life in Christ?

People We will.

The Priest then says these or similar words

Let us join with Amelia who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Priest

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose agaiN.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

### People

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

### and the life everlasting.

Priest

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People

I will, with God's help.

Priest

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People

I will, with God's help.

Priest

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Priest

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Priest

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People

I will, with God's help.

### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Priest says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Amelia who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver her O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

### The Priest says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.** 

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Priest blesses the water, first saying

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

### Priest

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Priest touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### THE BAPTISM

The Priest, or to an assisting priest or deacon, immerses, or pours water upon, Amelia, saying Amelia Joy, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Amelia the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Then the Priest places a hand on Amelia Joy's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Amelia Joy, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

### WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

The Priest says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Priest and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

#### THE PEACE

The Peace is now exchanged

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

### **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 ANTHEM** Draw us in the Spirit's tether

(sung by the Parish Choir)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy Name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

TEXT: PERCY DEARMER (1867-1936)
MUSIC: HAROLD FRIEDELL (1905-1958)

All stand, as able, and sing

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 516 Come down, O love divine

DOWN AMPNEY

### 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.

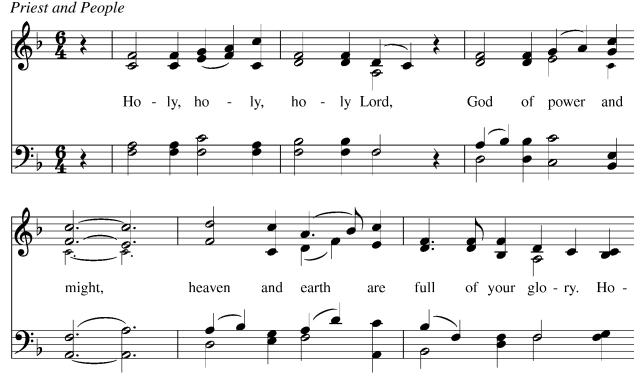
Facing the Holy Table, the Priest proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

### SANCTUS WLP 858 Holy, holy, holy (Folk/Pruner) (American folk melody)





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,

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Priest

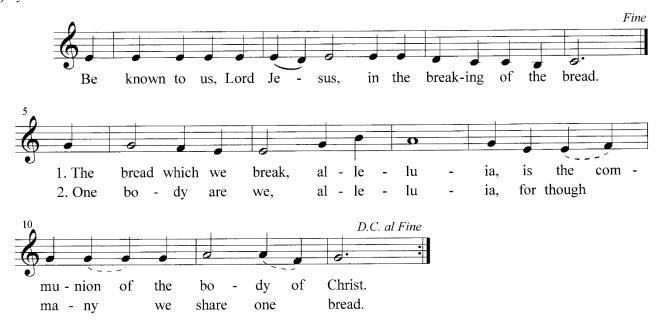
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

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### 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.

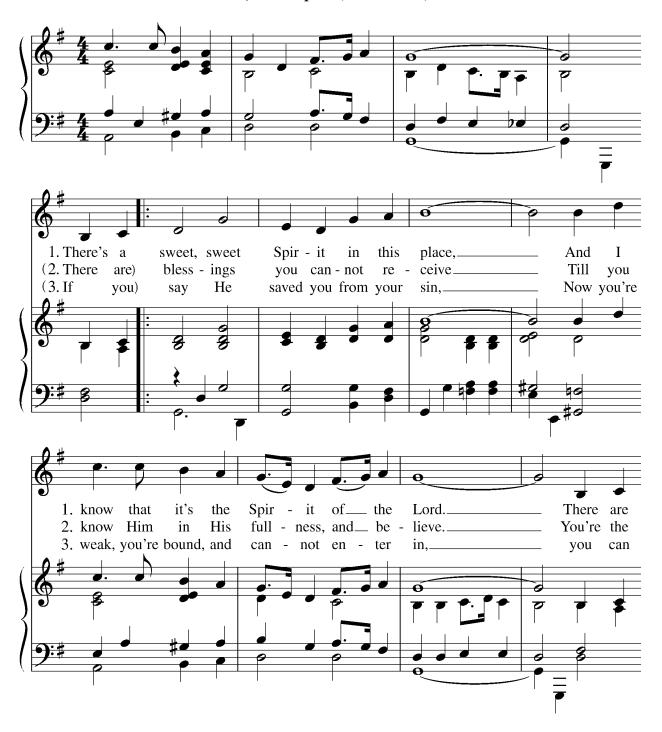
Priest

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 Sweet, Sweet Spirit (LEVAS 120)







All stand, as able.

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Priest says Let us pray.

Priest 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 Priest blesses the people.

### **POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

Hymn 506 Praise the Spirit in creation FINNIAN

#### **DISMISSAL**

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott Nikolaus Vetter (1666-1734)

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God

The flowers this Sunday are donated by Cathy Jafari in thanksgiving for the baptism of Amelia Joy Jafari.

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# **EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS**

### THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

5/28	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Children in Church Holy Eucharist with baptisms (In-person and live-streaming at www.tcote.org) Epiphany Youth Group meeting
5/31	7:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina
6/1	7:45 p.m.	Parish Choir Rehearsal
6/4	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
	11:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	www.tcote.org) Choir Appreciation Epiphany Youth Group meeting Choral Evensong

# CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY



The Epiphany choirs invite you to join us for our first service of Choral Evensong since before COVID began on **Sunday**, **June 4**, at 4:00 p.m.! This service of psalms, scripture, prayers, and beautiful music is designed to

help those present experience God in a profound way. The choral music will include a beautiful Magnificat and Nunc dimittis by Herbert Sumsion and an exciting anthem by Fred Gramann. The organ prelude and postlude will be the three large settings of the German Kyrie from Bach's Clavierübung III.

### **RDV MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP**

Who surrounds us as we worship?
Gather together to delve into a Bible verse, barrel taste RDV wine (optional) and explore the connections we have with one another at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 5.

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

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Save Saturday, September 16 for our Annual Epiphany Party!

It will be a fiesta!

# SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY – EPIPHANY FLOWER GUILD



Do you love flowers? Would you like a new way to connect with others while serving the church? Joining the Epiphany Flower Guild is a fun and creative way to do just that. Each week one of our teams meets to

arrange the flowers that beautify our sanctuary each Sunday morning. The Flower Guild also works with the clergy and pastoral care ministers by creating small vases of flowers from the arrangement after each Sunday service for distribution to those they are visiting.

A long time member of the Guild says: "It's always a joy to see the small miracle of how the bunches of flowers selected and arranged with care become something more than the sum of their parts. And on Sunday when I enter the sanctuary it is so satisfying to see the beauty of God's creation gracing our worship space, and know I had a small part in making that happen!"

New members are welcome at any time. An experienced Flower Guild member will be happy to mentor you. Come join our happy "bunch"! Contact Carrie Wilcox at carrie.wilcox08@gmail.com or 703-508-2628.

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING



Michelle and Robert Koetke want to share their joy and give thanks for the safe delivery of their nephew Jamie Mark, on May 18. Proud parents Katie and her husband Cliff YoungScoirtino are thrilled.

"Every child begins the world again anew." --Henry David Thoreau

#### **CREATION CARE**



Psalm 100:1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Creation Care at The Church of The Epiphany is about helping each other to grow in care for God's Creation. Moving from head to heart we allow for the presence of

God to inspire us while building relationships rooted in love. We recognize and participate in the kindred interconnection of all beings, elements, and places, that the ancients described as Logos.

At Creation Care Ministries our desire is to bring a joyful heart full of loving compassion to Earth stewardship, celebrating the gifts given. If we think about the Earth as just the environment around us, we experience ourselves and the Earth as separate. While some may see the planet only in terms of what it can do for us, it's important to recognize that the planet and the people on it are ultimately one and the same. Long before there were churches people experienced God in and through the natural world.

### Join Us on this Journey

We are here to share, encourage, and support one another.

All are welcome to participate, members of Epiphany or community at large.

### **Activities**

Seasonal Sacred Hikes help to create a personal bond and connection. With each step we grow closer in fellowship to each other and the other than human. More activities will be added as interest develops.

For information or to give your input, contact Mary Mendenhall <a href="mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net">mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net</a> (818) 585-5068.

### STAY CONNECTED



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### THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF DISCIPLESHIP



On Saturday, The Rev. Jamie Barnett and Karen James traveled to Santa Barbara to hear **Sister Joan Chittister** at Trinity Church in Santa Barbara. Sister Joan is considered to be "one of the

greatest prophetic voices in the church" and has authored several books including The Time is Now (which she signed for Jamie). She says that "the faith we claim we have is completely imbalanced if we aren't living it." This was the theme of our homily from Rev. Jamie last Sunday. We heard how Jesus's message of love is only half the model of Christian dispensation and about our work to do and our call to be Jesus in the world. You can hear the whole sermon at <a href="www.tcote.org">www.tcote.org</a> and learn more about Sister Joan Chittister at <a href="www.joanchittister.org">www.joanchittister.org</a>

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD?



Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year program of theological education that can

help answer that question. EfM is designed for lay people who are interested in deepening their understanding of the Christian faith and exploring their ministry. Epiphany's EfM group meets on Monday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., both in-person and online. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Elizabeth Bryant at (805) 469-8897 or <a href="mailto:e.vana.bryant@gmail.com">e.vana.bryant@gmail.com</a> or visit <a href="www.tcote.org">www.tcote.org</a> (Want a group that meets at another time? Elizabeth can help you to find an EfM group that suits your needs.)

### **PRAYERS**

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Connor, Marilyn, Danielle and Gabriel, the Rowe family and baby Noah, Shirley

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Kay, Boyd, Kristi, Neil and Sarah, Donna, Byron and Olivia, Susan, Arturo, Dave, David, Tommy, Judith, Matthew, Joann, Kathy, Ronnie, Mario, Curt, Claudia, Jana, Davis, Carol, Cynthia, Lynn, Kim, Juan Carlos

Receive in mercy the souls of the departed, especially Cenovio.

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