

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 24, 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.

**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 Tuesday-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

O Master, let me walk with thee

DALE WOOD (1934-2003)

## The Word of God

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

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 410

Praise my soul, the King of heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Presider says*

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

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

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

*The following is sung, all standi*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Presider says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: Jonah 3:10--4:11

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Jonah.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to

relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”  
<sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8** (*sung by all*)  
*Remain seated.*



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- 1 I will exalt you, O God my | King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and | ever.
- 2 Every day will I | bless you \*  
and praise your name for ever and | ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be | praised; \*  
there is no end to his | greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to an|other \*  
and shall declare your | power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your | majesty \*  
and all your marvelous | works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous | acts, \*  
and I will tell of your | greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great | goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous | deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of com|passion, \*  
slow to anger and of great | kindness.

## SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

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

<sup>21</sup>To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*All stand as able.*

Hymn 660

O Master, let me walk with thee

MARYTON

## GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*Presider*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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, turn for help to the Lord your strength and constantly seek God's presence. Let us pray to our generous God, saying, "Lead us with gladness, O God; *cover us with shouts of joy!*"

Generous God, you have chosen us to do the work of your kingdom; you have called us to labor in your vineyard. With grateful hearts, we offer to you the best of what we have.

Lead us with gladness, O God;

*Cover us with shouts of joy!*

Generous God, you hear the cry of the hungry. Give bread to all those who face starvation. Use us, as you will, to relieve suffering in our world.

Lead us with gladness, O God;  
*Cover us with shouts of joy!*

Generous God, you make rivers run in dry places. You have blessed this earth with bountiful resources. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Lead us with gladness, O God;  
*Cover us with shouts of joy!*

Generous God, there is enough kingdom work for everyone. Give us eyes to see the opportunities in our own neighborhood. Guide us that we may live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Lead us with gladness, O God;  
*Cover us with shouts of joy!*

Generous God, you hear the cries of the desperate. Marvelous are your works, O God. May the sick and suffering rejoice in you. May the sorrowful call upon your name. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Tom, the Barsoum family, and Kay. 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.

Lead us with gladness, O God;  
*Cover us with shouts of joy!*

Generous God, living is Christ and dying is gain. May those who now rest from their labors find their comfort in you. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lead us with gladness, O God;  
*Cover us with shouts of joy! 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 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 ANTHEM

God be in my head

*(sung by the Parish Choir)*

God be in my head and in my understanding,  
God be in mine eyes and in my looking,  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking,  
God be in my heart and in my thinking,  
God be at mine end and at my departing

TEXT: SARUM BOOK OF HOURS, 1514

MUSIC: ANDREW CARTER (B. 1939)

### PRESENTATION HYMN

*All stand as able and sing.*

Hymn 341

For the bread which you have broken

OMNI DIE

## 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 S 130** *Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx)*

*Presider and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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 us 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.

**All: Blessed are you 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 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

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line.

*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.*

## COMMUNION HYMN



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, he leads me in - to life.



Sing prais-es, all you peoples, sing prais-es to the Lord; sing



prais - es, all you peo-ples, sing prais - es to the Lord!

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*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 527

Singing songs of expectation

TON-Y-BOTEL

### **DISMISSAL**

*Presider*

Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*

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

### **POSTLUDE**

Singing songs of expectation

ROBERT A. HOBBY (B. 1962)

*The flowers this morning are  
given by Mary Grey in loving  
memory of her sister, Margaret  
Bean, and in thanksgiving for the  
98th birthday of her father, James  
Helms.*

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For the Week of Sunday, September 24, 2023

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## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 9/24 10:00 a.m. Children in church
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist; in-person and live-streaming: [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org)
- 11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group
- 11:30 a.m. Ministry leadership meeting
- 4:00 p.m. EMG Member Appreciation Concert/Event
- 9/26 11:00 a.m. a grief shared
- 9/27 12:00 p.m. Feeding the Spirit Bible Stud
- 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina
- 9/28 6:30 p.m. Schola rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Parish Choir rehearsal
- 10/1 9:45 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist; in-person and live-streaming: [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org)
- 11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group
- 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals



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## FLOWER GIFTS FOR SUNDAYS

Sponsoring altar flowers on Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion, honor loved ones, or give thanks. If you would like to give, please fill out the card found in the church pews or visit [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org).



## NEWCOMERS GROUP AND EPISCOPAL 101



On 3 consecutive **Sundays, October 8, 15 and 22, at noon** we will have a series of sessions for newcomers to Epiphany and ANYONE who would like to learn more about our church and being an Episcopalian. Details to follow!

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Bring your creatures great and small for our

### Blessing of the Animals.

Next Sunday, October 1 at 4:00 p.m.

## SEASON OF CREATION 2023



To quote Sister of St. Joseph Catherine Nerne, “ God’s relentless care for those who are poor and suffering is the visible expression of our

compassionate God, which moved the prophets from the praying stance of the psalms to courageous action on behalf of God’s children in need... God’s very life imprints in us that same dynamic rhythm from **prayer to action**, from contemplation to lives of compassion, reveals the God in whose image we are made.”

**Libya Flood** The climate crisis is not a scientific or technical problem, it is an issue of justice. Our faith is called into action on behalf of others The World Bank predicts more than 200 million people are likely to migrate over the next three decades because of extreme weather events or the disappearance of their homelands. In 2020, 30.7 million people were displaced by disasters, over three times more than conflict and violence (9.8 million people). That displacement – like other climate impacts – is hitting communities in the global south first, and will disproportionately affect poor and working-class people all over the world.

## EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL  
DISASTER FUND

Thousands are already dead following a catastrophic 6.8 magnitude earthquake in Morocco and dam collapse in Libya. Please help. Make a tax-deductible donation to Episcopal Relief & Development. Your gift helps Episcopal Relief and Development provide critical relief to those impacted by the devastating earthquake in



Morocco. We're working with our partner International Blue Crescent to respond immediately with core relief items like food, water and shelter; establishing community safety points; and aiding the emergency response of local authorities and national services. Our team has also contacted partners to offer assistance after the devastating dam collapse in Libya.

## FIESTA WRAP UP



Another successful party/fundraiser is in the books. This year was amongst the most successful ones ever.

We raised over \$20,000; approximately \$2,000 will go to support Harbor House of Thousand Oaks.

The rain held off just enough and certainly did not put a damper on the attendees' enthusiasm.

There are so many parishioners we need to thank. From planning, to setting up, to food prep and cleanup. Our parish members once again answered the call. (We really need to give kudos to **Jamie's son Cooper**, who donated the lighting for the event.)

Special thanks to **Jim Wilson** who graciously underwrote the food. Thank you so much Jim. Also, a big thank you to **Michelle Ponticelli** for her tireless efforts to make the evening such a success. We must recognize the effort of **Stacey Stephens** who helped in so many ways to keep the Fiesta on track. Thank you to the **RDV** who provided the wine and beverages. Thank you to the **Mendenhalls** for providing the evening's entertainment and to the Macarena Dancers.

After some well-deserved rest, plans will be underway to make our 2024 event extra special.

Thank you,  
**Claudia Dempster** and **Bob Thomson**

## MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

For more information on these and other ministries, please visit [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org).



Meeting weekly for one-hour at noon on Wednesdays in Bishop's Hall, **Feeding the Spirit Bible Study** is focused on upcoming lessons for the week and the themes found within. Bring a

lunch! We're feeding the Spirit and the Body! Upcoming readings will be found in our weekly *Connections* newsletter (subscribe at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org) or on The Lectionary Page at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)



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

The Church of the Epiphany offers a variety of opportunities for participation and welcomes all. You may join the choir at any time. Contact: Jay Wilcox [jwilcox@tcote.org](mailto: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](mailto:reddoorvineyard@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. Contact: Leigh Wallace [mizeinla@gmail.com](mailto:mizeinla@gmail.com)

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](mailto:info@tcote.org)



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](mailto:info@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](mailto: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](mailto:lburns@tcote.org)



**The Women's Interfaith Network (WIN)** has many opportunities to serve those in need in our community. Please check their page on our website [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org). Contact: Aggie Winston (805) 807-5001.



**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](mailto:info@tcote.org)



**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 [kjames@tcote.org](mailto:kjames@tcote.org)



**The Lunch Bunch** prepares and delivers 70-80 brown bag lunches to Harbor House once a month for low income and homeless families and individuals. Join us!

Contact: Yvonne Lux [yvonnlux@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnlux@gmail.com)

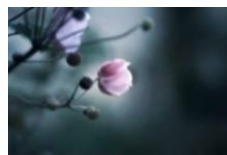


**Lectio Divina** is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer opening to a deeper communion with God. We meet via Zoom *every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.*

Link at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org) or contact: Barry Burns [burnscreative@gmail.com](mailto:burnscreative@gmail.com).

**A grief shared** meets on the *fourth Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

*Ascension Chapel.* Wherever however you are experiencing grief, we invite you to come and share your story in a safe and supportive space. Contact: Laurie Burns [lburns@tcote.org](mailto:lburns@tcote.org)



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**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 [mmidsn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmidsn@sbcglobal.net)



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](mailto:sschneider@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:



[mponicelli@tcote.org](mailto:mponicelli@tcote.org)



The **Epiphany Music Guild** furthers the church's outreach mission to the community by providing a regular series of musical and other artistic events; thereby enriching people's lives and giving them opportunities to encounter beauty in a sacred space.

## PRAYERS

**Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:** Bishop Michael Curry, Tom, the Barsoum family, and Kay

**Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list:** Boyd, Neil and Sarah, Donna, Arturo, Tommy, Judith, Matthew, Kathy, the Rowe family and baby Noah, Curt, Jana, Dave C, Steve, Joe, Rhonda, Catherine, Lynn, Dan, Amanda, Laura, Tabitha, Debbi, Judie, Viola Cleo, and Cordelia,

*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/](http://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.*

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

