

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Episcopal Church in Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar

WELCOME

Visitors: We are delighted you have come to worship with us today! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the purple information card found in the slot in front of your seat and place it on the collection plate. We are excited to meet you and would love to get to know you! Please join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service.

This booklet contains the full order of service. If you are unfamiliar with our rituals and customs, just be present with us in this ancient liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The bold type indicates where the people are invited to respond or pray.

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

Restrooms: Proceed through the office door to the right of the church and go straight down the hall and to the left. Both restrooms have baby changing tables.

Assisted listening devices: Available from the ushers in the back of the church.

Children: We welcome children in our worship. Their sounds are a gift from God – no need to subdue them! Our *pray ground* is located in the side chapel and has quiet activities for parents and younger children to use while still in worship. Children ages 3-11 are welcome to join the atrium for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday School program located in Mitchel Hall. Ask the ushers for directions.

Contact: Office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and the sanctuary is open during these hours for private prayer or meditation. To speak with The Rev. Jamie Barnett, please call the office and make an appointment. Her office hours are Tuesday through Thursday.

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Kommt her zu mir, spricht Gottes Sohn

JOHANN GOTTFRIED WALTHER (1684-1748)

*“Come to me,” says God’s Son,
“all you who are burdened [and] heavily laden”*

The Word of God

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

HYFRYDOL

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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: Zechariah 9:9-12

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-15

Remain seated.

- ⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
⁹**The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.**
¹⁰**All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.**
¹¹**They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;**
¹²**That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**
¹⁴**The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.**
¹⁵**The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

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

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 693

Just as I am, without one plea

WOODWORTH

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

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

[Jesus said,] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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.

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! With grateful hearts we pray to our Loving God, saying, “We thank you, Father; *you hear the voice of your beloved.*”

Loving God, you call your Church “my love” and “my beauty.” Look upon your Church with eyes of great compassion and love. May we generously share the love with which we have been so greatly blessed.

We thank you, Father;
You hear the voice of your beloved.

Loving God, you have blessed our nation with great freedoms. Grant us, and all the people of this land, the grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace.

We thank you, Father;
You hear the voice of your beloved.

Loving God, all that you have created tells of your love for us. May flowers and birds, but even more so our human relationships, remind us of your great care and presence.

We thank you, Father;
You hear the voice of your beloved.

Loving God, you promise to give rest to all those who carry heavy burdens. Lift up those who are weighed down by the burdens of violence, depression, and despair.

We thank you, Father;
You hear the voice of your beloved.

Loving God, your Son Jesus revealed your heart to be gentle and humble. We pray for those who have restless souls. We pray that all the sorrowful and the suffering may find their rest in you. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Betty. 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.

We thank you, Father;
You hear the voice of your beloved.

Loving God, you rescue us from death. We pray that all who have died, especially those who strived for freedom and peace, may come to know that heavenly comfort you have prepared us.

We thank you, Father;

You hear the voice of your beloved. 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

He shall feed his flock from *Messiah*
Jenna Pennywitt and Sarah Pennywitt

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: and he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto him, all ye that labor, come unto him that are heavy laden and he will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you and learn from him; for he is meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Text: Isaiah 40:11; Matthew 11:28-29

Music: Georg Friedrich Händel (1685-1759)

PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand, as able, and sing

Hymn 482

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

SLANE

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 Communion, all are welcome – even encouraged! – to come forward to receive the holy food of new and everlasting life in Jesus Christ. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider when you reach the front. Put your hands out one on top of the other, and the wafer will be placed in your hand. Leave the wafer in place and move to the chalice bearer, who will then take it, dip it in the wine, and hand it back to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the wafer and then you may place your hands on the base of the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Andante religioso

WALTER G. ALCOCK (1861-1947)

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 347

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace

FINNIAN

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D

DAVID N. JOHNSON (1922-1987)

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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 7/9 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. Outreach Committee meeting

- 7/10 7:00 p.m. PFLAG

- 7/12 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina

- 7/16 9:00 a.m. Summer Choir meets
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FIESTA UNDER THE VINEYARD



Our Epiphany FUNdraising event *Fiesta Under the Vineyard* is now being planned! Let's make it a great success together by asking your favorite restaurant, sport

facility, hotel, salon, or store, for a gift card, certificate, or merchandise for the live or silent auction! Donor letters and forms are available at the entrance of the church or at www.tcote.org!

GARDEN GUARDIANS



Be a *Garden Guardian* and take the opportunity to beautify Epiphany. Sign-ups and donations will be taken **July 30** after the 10:00 service to Adopt-a-plant(s). 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.



Subscribe to our *Connections Newsletter* at www.tcote.org.

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 to the left.

SUMMER CHOIR DATES



It's your opportunity to sing! Join in the fun on **July 16** and **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!

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



HARBOR HOUSE LUNCH BUNCH



Thanks to all the generous folks who have been providing lunches for the homeless, and low-income families and seniors. With school out and no school lunches, families are even more needy. Our July date is **Tuesday, July 18**, and this month we need 8 people who will each provide 10 lunches. For more information go to www.tcote.org. Want to help? E-mail: yvonnellux@gmail.com

EFM NOW ENROLLING



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. Meetings are on every other Monday night September - May from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Contact: Elizabeth Bryant e.vana.bryant@gmail.com Find more info at www.tcote.org.

MINISTRIES



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



Each week, talented and created 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



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



PFLAG's vision is to create a world where difference is celebrated, and all people are valued inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We meet on the *second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.* Contact: info@tcote.org



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



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



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



OWLS (Older Wiser Laity) strives to create community and fellowship opportunities among the more senior members of our church and the greater area, meeting monthly for lunch and a variety of enriching programs from *September – October*. Contact Michelle Ponticelli: mponticelli@tcote.org

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:
Betty

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