



The Church of The Epiphany

The Episcopal Church in Agoura, Oak Park and Westlake Village

**The Second Sunday after Christmas
January 2nd, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.**

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Epiphany Pageant

PRELUDE Prelude on “Divinum mysterium” (Of the Father’s Love Begotten) GERALD NEAR (B. 1942)

The Word of God

Opening Sentences

Priest: From you shall come forth a ruler.

People: Who is the Shepherd of my people, Israel.

Priest: Happy are the people who put their faith in the Lord.

People: For they will praise God now and forever.

At the sound of the bell, all stand and sing

HYMN 117 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning MORNING STAR

THE COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

All sit for the readings

First Reading: **Isaiah 60:1-6**

After the reading:

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 124 (VERSES 1-3) What star is this with beams so bright PUER NOBIS

*Congregation remain seated during the pageant
The narrative is from Matthew 2:1-12*

Matthew 2:1-12

The people remain seated

HYMN 128

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The Litany for Epiphany

Leader As the Magi of old followed the star:

People **Help us, O God, to follow the leading of your Spirit.**

Leader As they were led to the Savior:

People **Lead us, O God, to him who is the way, the truth and the life.**

Leader As they brought treasures to the King:

People **Empower us, O God, to offer our gifts of faith, hope and charity to the world.**

Leader As the shepherds fell down and worshipped the holy child:

People **Inspire us, O God, to serve him every moment of our lives.**

Leader As Mary kept all things and pondered them in her heart:

People **Enable us, O God, to remember and to love.**

Leader As your Son shines for ever as the light of the world:

People **Shine forth in us, O God, that we may be lights of the world in our own generation.**

Leader Holy Jesus, come from God:

People **Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit now and always. Amen.**

Hymn 127

Earth has many a noble city

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

We observe a time of silence after the homily.

All say together

THE NICENE CREED

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 sin. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We observe a time of silence after each petition for offering our own intercessions.

Let us pray, trusting in God who receives all who come to him for grace.

As we have been granted the knowledge of God which comes only through the revelation of his Son, we pray that the Church may be a light to the world... Confident in the truth and enabled by grace, may all her people tell with their lips and follow in their lives the new law of love.

Leader *We pray to you, O Lord.*

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all people knowledge of the power of God who made the world and all that is in it...Grant humanity to those who exercise human power and, give them right judgement in their decisions...Be merciful to those who don't know Christ or will not receive him, and let his light break through their darkness.

Leader We pray to you, O Lord.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Draw us closer to our families, our friends, our colleagues, with love that has come into the world...make us as those who are born again, not of human will but of God, the only source of life and the giver of grace.

Leader **We pray to you, O Lord.**

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on all who are in error and guide them into the true light of Christ...Bring the fullness of life to those who have made their lives narrow by rejecting love...Comfort and heal the sick and all who suffer and strengthen with grace those who care for them.

Leader **We pray to you, O Lord.**

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Hold in eternal life the faithful departed who have witnessed to the truth of Christ in this world...May the light which led them on their way shine on them as perpetual light and make them perfect by his grace.

Leader **We pray to you, O Lord.**

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray in the name of Christ in whom we have received grace upon grace. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on "As with gladness men of old"

HYMN 119

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DIX

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

The Priest continues with the prayer.

SANCTUS S-125

ARR. RICHARD PROULX (1937-2010)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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 people remain standing or may kneel quietly.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Priest Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,

People **Christ has died.**

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The priest continues with the prayer, at the end of which all respond: AMEN.

All say together

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
he will give to all the faith - ful
his own self for heaven - ly food.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

The people may be seated.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

During Communion, all are welcome – even encouraged! – to come forward to receive the holy food of new and everlasting life in Jesus Christ. Simply come up to the altar rail when the ushers indicate, 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 and take a sip of wine, or leave the wafer on your palm and the chalice bearer will dip it for you into the wine and place it on your tongue. 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 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 MUSIC

Taizé Song

With you, O Lord

JACQUES BERTHIER (1923-1994) AND THE TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and
in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is
life in all its fullness, and in your light we shall see true light.

All remain standing, or kneeling, as able.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Priest Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

All stand and sing.

HYMN 109

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THE FIRST NOWELL

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Noel: Votre Bonté Grand Dieu (Thy Goodness, Great Lord)

CLAUDE BALBASTRE (1724-1799)

When the ministers have departed, all may sit or depart.



Week of Sunday, January 2, 2022

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 1/2 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Zoom)
- 9:45 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium – Room 2 Mitchel Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave and tcote.org)
- 11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group (EYG)

- 1/5 7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry (EfM)

- 1/5 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina (Zoom)

- 1/6 6:30 p.m. Schola rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Parish Choir rehearsal

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Masks are required at church services regardless of vaccination status

DOLCE VENTO CONCERT POSTPONED

The Epiphany Music Guild will present Dolce Vento, an ensemble of flute, saxophone, and piano, on **Sunday, January 23, 2022**, at 4 p.m. instead of the originally scheduled date of January 9. Please join us then!

THE FLOWER MINISTRY

The Flower Ministry will be holding its annual meeting and training on January 8 at 10:00 am in the Hall. Anyone who is interested in attending should RSVP with Elizabeth Bryant so that we obtain sufficient supplies. Contact Elizabeth at (805) 498-4499 or e.vana.bryant@gmail.com

OWLS EVENT

Come join us on **January 13, 2022** at noon. Dr. Michela Crawford Reaves, CLU History Dept., will present Rumors, Innuendo, and the Presidency, a sometimes shocking look at the gossip and truths about the Presidents from Washington to LBJ. We ask for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of this luncheon. Please **RSVP by Mon. January 10th**, either by calling Michelle at **805-320-5003**, or emailing Michelle at mpoticelli@tcote.org

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NAVAJOLAND NEEDS YOUR HELP

It's getting cold, and the Episcopal Church in Navajoland has sounded the alarm about the need for firewood and coal nuggets to help families get through the winter. We are collecting donations for Operation Firewood on January 2, 2022. Let's work together to help families stay warm.

For more information on the happenings, people and blessings that arise weekly please visit the website for the ECN. <https://ecofnavajoland.org>.

PRAYERS



Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Donna, Jacky and Harris

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Maria and the Blackwood Family, Ken, Pam, Donna, Neil, Olivia, Jan Barnes, Bob, Meg, Stella

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died from COVID-19.