



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 23, 2022

Welcome to the Church of the Epiphany! We are delighted you have come to worship with us today. We are part of the Episcopal Church; if you are unfamiliar with our rituals and customs, just be present with this ancient liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. Thanks for joining us today!

If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the information card and place it in 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!

In case you need one, Assisted Listening Devices are available from the ushers in the back of the Church.

The Holy Eucharist

PRELUDE

Hail to the Lord's anointed

JAY WILCOX (B. 1954)

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, all stand and sing

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 616

Hail to the Lord's anointed

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT OF PURITY

The Celebrant 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Hymn 421

All glory be to God on high

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

All sit for the readings.

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Nehemiah.

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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

All remain seated and say together

PSALM: Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, *
 and the firmament shows his handiwork.
²One day tells its tale to another, *
 and one night imparts knowledge to another.
³Although they have no words or language, *
 and their voices are not heard,
⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
 and their message to the ends of the world.
⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
 and runs about to the end of it again; *
 nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
⁷The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
 the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
 the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
 the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
 sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *
 and in keeping them there is great reward.
¹²Who can tell how often he offends? *
 cleanse me from my secret faults.
¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great offense.
¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The people sit.

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

¹²Just 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. ¹³For 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.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

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

All stand and sing
SEQUENCE HYMN
Hymn 632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

MUNICH

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

All stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹⁴Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

All sit for the Homily

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Jamie Barnett

All stand and 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 THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

Enrich the Church by the gift of the Spirit, to prophesy and interpret the abiding words of the holy Scriptures...Bless her ministers and all who preach the faith; grant them wisdom and power in their work.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace to all who are in positions of authority to lead public opinion...Grant that those who hear shall discern between the true and the false, for the peace of the nations and goodwill among all people.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Help us to hear and to follow the word of God and to share it with all whose lives touch our own...Bless and direct the teachers and all who give instruction in our community.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Grant release to those who are help captive by human tyranny or by the tyranny of sin...Restore sight to the blind and freedom to the oppressed, and make the good news known to the poor.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the souls who have received the freedom and the perfect sight of the faithful departed...Help us so to follow in the way of revelation that we at the last may enter into eternal life.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers through Christ, in whom the Scriptures are fulfilled.

The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prayer of Teresa of Avila

(sung by the Parish Choir)

Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
no hands but yours;
no feet but yours;
yours are the eyes with which his compassion will look upon the world;
yours are the feet with which he will go about doing good;
yours are the hands with which he will bless others now.

Text: St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Music: Kenneth Lowenberg (b. 1939)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 409

The spacious firmament on high

CREATION

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S-125

RICHARD PROULX (1937-2010)

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people remain standing or may kneel, as the Celebrant continues the prayer

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be your 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymn 324, v. 3 only

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

PICARDY

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

This is Christ's banquet. It is made ready for those who love God and 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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome and encouraged to come forward to receive the holy food of new and everlasting life in Jesus Christ. As you come forward, the bread will be placed in your hand for you to consume. Those who prefer not to receive the Sacrament may receive a blessing or prayer (please cross your arms across your chest). If you would like to receive the Sacrament and mobility is an issue, please let an usher know so that Communion may be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN



With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness, 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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 539

O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling

TIDINGS

DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

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Week of Sunday, January 23, 2022

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

1/23	9:45 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (In-person and livestreaming@tcote.org)
	11:30 a.m.	Epiphany Youth Group (EYG)
1/26	7:00 p.m.	Education for Ministry (EfM)
1/26	7:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina (Zoom)
1/27	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. Surgical, N95 or KN95 mask are strongly recommended.

COLLECTING FOOD FOR MANNA

This month we will collect food for the Manna Conejo Food Bank in the church parking lot on **Thursday, January 27th** between **10:30 am** and **noon**. Items may be dropped off in the church office in advance.

Manna does not need canned goods at this time. Please see the list of items they are requesting below. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity!

Cookies/Crackers, Hamburger Helper, Coffee/Tea, Drinks- Almond/ Soft Drinks/Water and Personal Care Items

SAVE THE DATE

The Church of the Epiphany Annual Meeting will be held Sunday January 30, 2022, following the 10am service.

Bishop's Committee Nominations are now being accepted. Like many other significant ministries to which we feel God has called us, the ministry of a member of the Bishop's Committee is an invitation into a deeper relationship with God, the Church, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Bishop's Committee members share with the clergy and other leaders in being spiritual leaders, seeking God's will for the parish through prayer, study, discussion, and communicating a vision for the parish's ministry.

Candidates for Bishop's Committee should be:

- Active members of our parish life, regular worshippers, and contributors to the support of Epiphany.
- 18 years of age or older
- A model of bold faith
- Willing to roll up sleeves and get involved on committees and projects

If you are interested in serving or want to nominate someone, please contact Rev. Jamie Barnett, jbarnett@tcote.org or call 818-355-6462.

PRAYERS



Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: The people of Tonga, Sharon Schneider and family, Zella, The Wilson family, Michelle, Mark, Dave, Steve, Donna, Jacky and Harris

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

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

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/.

Please note: 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 stated otherwise.

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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