



# THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 30, 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**

Prelude on "Liebster Jesu"

Moritz Brosig (1815-1887)

## The Word of God

*At the sound of the bell, all stand and sing*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

Hymn 569

God the Omnipotent!

RUSSIA

**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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Jeremiah 1:4-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

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

*All remain seated and say together*

### PSALM: Psalm 71:1-6

**<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \*  
let me never be ashamed.**

**<sup>2</sup>In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

**<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  
you are my crag and my stronghold.**

**<sup>4</sup>Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

**<sup>5</sup>For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*  
my confidence since I was young.**

**<sup>6</sup>I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother’s womb you have been my strength; \*  
my praise shall be always of you.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

*All stand and sing*

### SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

LIEBSTER JESU

### GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30

*All stand.*

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

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

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus] began to [speak in the synagogue in Nazareth:] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

*Celebrant*       The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All sit for the Homily*

## **THE HOMILY**

**Karen James**

*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 light of glorious revelation, let us pray to the Lord.

Grant that the Church shall offer her worship in holiness and reverence...Give her the spirit of prophecy, to make know the message of salvation and to praise the mighty works of the Lord..

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

Come in power and love to the people who walk in darkness, and lighten the dark places of the world...Give the grace of understanding, that all may delight in the innocence of the young and listen to the wisdom of the old.

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

Bless our families, when we come to worship and when we are together in our homes...Guide those who care for the old people in our community.

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

Have mercy on widows and widowers and all who mourn the loss of those they have loved...Comfort the mothers who suffer anguish for the troubles of their children...Lighten the darkness that closes around the dying.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy,

*All:*           **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died and now rejoice in a greater light than this world can give...Grant that we in our time may depart in peace and find salvation.

*Leader:*       Lord, in your mercy,

*All:*           **Hear our prayer.**

We pray in the name of Christ, by whom our inner thoughts are known. *Amen.*

*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**

## 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

The gift of love

*(sung by the Parish Choir)*

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love; my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but be not given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control.  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed.  
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

TEXT: BASED ON I CORINTHIANS 13  
MUSIC: AMERICAN FOLK TUNE, ARR. HAL H. HOPSON (B. 1933)

### PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 577

God is love and where true love is

UBI CARITAS (MURRAY)

## 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 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,  
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 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

GOTT SEI DANK

### **DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

Praeludium in G major, Op. 3, Nr. 4

MORITZ BROSIG (1815-1887)

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Week of Sunday, January 30, 2022

# EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

1/30	9:45 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (In-person and livestreaming@tcote.org)
2/2	7:00 p.m.	Education for Ministry (EfM)
2/2	7:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina (Zoom)
2/3	6:30 p.m.	Schola rehearsal
	7:45 p.m.	Parish Choir rehearsal
2/6	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)

## COVID-19 UPDATE

*Masks are required at church services regardless of vaccination status. Surgical, N95 or KN95 mask are strongly recommended.*

## CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING TODAY!

Please join us for the TCOTE Annual Meeting **Today** immediately following the 10am service.

Your presence is valued and important for many reasons, including so that we can be assured of a quorum assembled in person to vote on our new Bishop's Committee members and Diocesan Convention delegates.

Please know that YOUR attendance and participation will make a difference in the future of our church!

## EPIPHANY YOUTH GROUP CANCELED

EYG is canceled for this week due to the annual church meeting being held directly after service. We will be back at it next Sunday. See you then!

## ATRIUM CHILDRENS MEETING IS OPEN, PLEASE COME JOIN US!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is highly child-centered, and allows children to enter into relationship with God in their own ways, and in their own time.

We meet in the atrium, a quiet, focused place-more like a children's chapel than a classroom. Everything in the atrium is designed with simplicity, beauty, and dignity and all items are child-sized.

Go to for more information  
<https://www.tcote.org/childrens-program/>.

## EPIPHANY PULSE

EPIPHANY PULSE aims to foster hope and healing, connect those whose experiences are profoundly shared by others, and reflect our human condition and vulnerability.

"EPIPHANY PULSE BEGINS THIS TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1st AT 6:00 PM VIA ZOOM." Contact Laurie Burns at [lburns@tcote.org](mailto:lburns@tcote.org)

Zoom link info:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81265754919?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81265754919?pwd=dHV3OUxhVmdISG1DNnIYRVRZb1JnQT09)  
pwd=dHV3OUxhVmdISG1DNnIYRVRZb1JnQT09  
Meeting ID: 812 6575 4919  
Passcode: 903270

## NEW DATE FOR DOLCE VENTO CONCERT

We are excited to announce that The Epiphany Music Guild's presentation of Dolce Vento, an ensemble of flute, saxophone, and piano has been scheduled for **June 5, 2022 at 4pm**. See you there!

## PRAYERS



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

**Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list:** Maria, 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/](http://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.*