



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20, 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

Land of Rest

KARL OSTERLAND (B. 1956)

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, all stand and sing

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

HYFRYDOL

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

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

People

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

COLLECT FOR 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.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

All sit for the readings.

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him

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

All remain seated and say together

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

¹**Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**
²**For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.**
³**Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.**
⁴**Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**
⁵**Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.**

- ⁶He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- ⁷Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- ⁸Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- ⁹Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- ¹⁰For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- ¹¹In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- ¹²But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- ⁴¹But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- ⁴²The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

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

³⁵Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

All stand and sing

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

DICKINSON COLLEGE

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

All stand.

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

[Jesus said,] ²⁷“I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸“bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹“If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰“Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹“Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³“If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴“If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵“But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸“give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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 love and fellowship with all, let us pray to the Lord.

Fill the Church with the spirit of mutual love which seeks no advantage but only the glory of God... Help her ministers to speak the truth in love, patiently to bear opposition and to admonish without condemnation.

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

We pray for peace in the world, for reconciliation between nations and races that are hostile to one another. Turn curses to blessings and anger to loving acceptances. Guide those who have much of this world's good to share more freely with those who have little.

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

Give grace to us, to our families, friends and neighbours, to live in love and peace, to resolve all disputes, and to forgive all injuries... Bless with a generous spirit all who live and work in this community.

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

Have mercy on all who are oppressed, who suffer violence and contempt... Strengthen them in their trouble and turn the hearts of their persecutors.

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

We pray for those who have passed out of this world, and are at rest from its wraths and sorrows... Grant them forgiveness of sins and the reward of eternal life.

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

We pray in the name of Christ, ever loving and merciful to all who call on him. **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

Bread of heaven, on you we feed
Olivia Compton and Kate Listick

Bread of heav'n, on you we feed, for your flesh is food indeed;
may our souls be always fed with your true and living bread;
day by day, with strength supplied, through the life of Christ who died.

Wine of heav'n, we drink of you, now our love for all renew.
May Christ's grace our hearts now fill, guide our lives to do God's will.
Jesus, may our souls be true, as we walk each day with you.

Text: verse 1, Josiah Condor (1789-1855), alt.
verse 2, Jay Wilcox (b. 1954)

Music: Jay Wilcox (b. 1954)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

LAND OF REST

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:

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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, verse 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 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.

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 446

Praise to the holiest in the height

NEWMAN

DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Finale on Hyfrydol

HENRY COLEMAN (1888-1965)

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The altar flowers this morning are given
in loving memory of Betty Wilson.



Week of Sunday, February 20, 2022

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

2/20	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)
	7:00 p.m.	A Service of Contemplation and Prayer in the Style of Taizé
2/23	7:00 p.m.	Education for Ministry (EfM)
2/23	7:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina (Zoom)
2/24	6:30 p.m.	Schola rehearsal
	7:45 p.m.	Parish Choir rehearsal
2/27	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.

A SERVICE OF CONTEMPLATION AND PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

Please join us this evening at 7 p.m., for this special service. The ecumenical community in Taizé, France, has developed a style of contemplative worship that allows those present to enter into a prayerful experience of God. It is quiet, meditative, reflective, and characterized by simple yet meaningful music. This service offers a time to calm our souls and experience peace in the presence of God.

MARDI GRAS/ SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION

Join us for Mardi Gras/ Shrove Tuesday Celebration and Holy Family Services Fundraiser on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. We are celebrating in

the Founders Room, outside, on the patio, and under the lights. Dress for warmth and be prepared to have a lot of fun. Please email membership@reddoorvineyard.org to RSVP.

Suggested donation \$10.

****This is an adults only event.****

FOOD IN-GATHERING

This month Epiphany is collecting food for Food Share Ventura County in the church parking lot on **Thursday, February 24th** between **10:30 am and 12 noon**. Items may be dropped off in the church office in advance.

The most needed items are: canned soup, peanut butter, cereal, canned beans, canned pasta sauce (no glass containers, please), and pasta.

LENTEN STUDY GROUP BEGINS

Wednesday, March 9th at 6:00. Our text will be *Lent and Easter Wisdom from Henri J. M. Nouwen*, by Judy Bauer.

You can order your book from Amazon.

If you need assistance, please email Rev. Jamie.

Please RSVP to RSVP@tcote.org.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

We were glad to have so many young folk in the Atrium last Sunday, when Mrs. Wilcox presented the Parable of the Growing Grain (Mark 4:26-28). We are working to have greater participation of the children in the main service and this week they shared the sign of the Peace from the front of the church with Reverend Jamie. Our children and catechists are a blessing to our community.

For more information <https://www.tcote.org/childrens-program/>.

JOIN THE WOMEN'S INTERFAITH NETWORK (WIN) IN SUPPORTING JAMES' STOREHOUSE

We are officially announcing Beautiful YOU 2022! Beautiful YOU is a free prom and professional preparation event for girls ages 15-22 years old. All participants will receive a prom gown and shoes, full makeovers, and more! We need prom gowns and shoes, spring dresses, and business casual attire for teen girls and young women. We believe each of every one of these girls are so worthy and loved!

The collection will take place from March 1st until March 16th, and the young women will "shop" in April. Please contact Aggie Winston at (805) 807-5001 if you would like to participate. More information at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e48a5af22ab9-beautiful>

CROP WALK 2022, SUNDAY, MARCH 6

The Crop Hunger Walk, sponsored by Church World Service, has a goal of ending hunger and poverty here and abroad. It will be held at California Lutheran University on Sunday, March 6th. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to recruit friends and neighbors to support their walk. Anyone can make a contribution. Jim Wilson will be at a table outside of church for the weeks leading up to it to accept donations and registration.

THANK YOU FROM HARBOR HOUSE

Dear Friends of Harbor House,

January is always a reflective time for me personally, and for the staff at Harbor House. During these recent holidays, we were able to provide Christmas to more than 1183 children. That is entirely because of you. Already in 2022, we have been able to have a tremendous impact on the community – all thanks to you.

In 2021 we received a record number of donations, and with that support have been able to help more children, families, and unhoused community members than ever before.

While this pandemic continues to ravage so many communities across the globe, I am ever grateful for you and your generosity that allows us to provide dignity and comfort for so many who have nowhere else to turn.

I am confident that with your continued support, 2022 will again be a year in which we help more of our neighbors than ever before.

"We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked or homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty".
- Mother Teresa

Gratefully,

Denise Cortes
Executive Director
Harbor House

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: 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: Sarah, Maria, Ken, Pam, Neil, Olivia, Jan Barnes, Bob, Meg and Susan

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elvira Flores Romero and 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.

