

## THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

First Sunday in Lent March 6, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

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 Word of God

**PRELUDE** 

Larghetto from Clarinet Quintet, K. 581 David Singer, clarinet

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART (1756-1791)

**ENTRANCE HYMN** 

Hymn 120

The sinless one to Jordan came

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** 

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People

His mercy endureth for ever.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

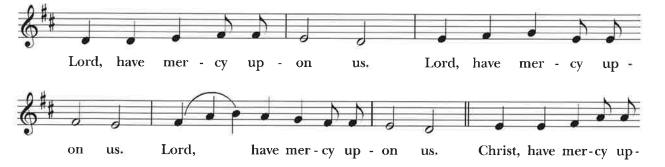
Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

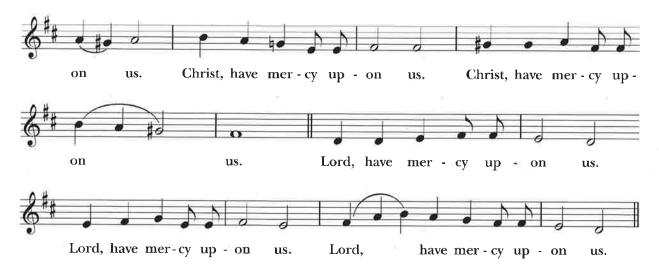
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## KYRIE ELEISON S 91 Lord, have mercy upon us

HEALEY WILLAN (1880-1968)

The following is sung, all standing





#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." 4When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 5you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. 11Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Remain seated.

'He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \* abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>He shall say to the LORD,

"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \* my God in whom I put my trust."

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, \* and the Most High your habitation.

<sup>10</sup>There shall no evil happen to you, \*

neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

<sup>11</sup>For he shall give his angels charge over you, \* to keep you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>They shall bear you in their hands, \*

lest you dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; \* you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

<sup>14</sup>Because he is bound to me in love,

therefore will I deliver him; \*

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

<sup>15</sup>He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

<sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy him, \* and show him my salvation.

### **SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13**

The people sit.

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

86"The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

### **SEQUENCE HYMN**

Please see bulletin insert

Lord, speak to me that I may speak

**CANONBURY** 

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

# Lord, Speak to Me 667



"Lord, speak to me, that I may speak" and "Bread of the world, in mercy broken," are in the public domain. All stand.

Priest

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[After his baptism,] 'Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 'where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. 'The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 'Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him."

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,

to protect you,'

11and

'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

### THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Klein

#### THE CREED

All stand.

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.

Let us pray for the saving power of God in the Church and in the world.

Keep the Church vigilant against all temptations and make her perfect in the service and worship of God... Filled with the Holy Spirit, may all Christian people keep this Lenten time with penitence and amendment of life.

Lord, in your mercy,

### Hear our prayer.

Cleanse the world from the temptations of greed, of power, and of pride . . . Guide those in positions of authority to know their weakness and be compassionate to the needs of others.

Lord, in your mercy,

### Hear our prayer.

Bless us at this time with grace to make and to keep a good rule of life, during this Lent and beyond . . . Be ever close to us, to our families, friends, and neighbors, to shield us from temptation and lead us in the right way.

Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

Have mercy on all who are greatly tempted to harm themselves or others . . . Free them from the power of evil and bring them out of the wilderness into the good land of faith.

Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the departed who have passed through the temptations of this world and come safely to their rest . . . May they rejoice in the company of the saints and of all the angelic host.

Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

May our prayers be accepted through Christ, our guardian against temptation. Amen.

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

#### THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

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

## The Holy Communion

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** 

Andante ma poco Adagio from Clarinet Sonata in F minor, Op. 120, No. 1

David Singer, clarinet

JOHANNES BRAHMS (1833-1897)

**OFFERTORY HYMN** 

Please see bulletin insert

Break thou the bread of life

**BREAD OF LIFE** 

## The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

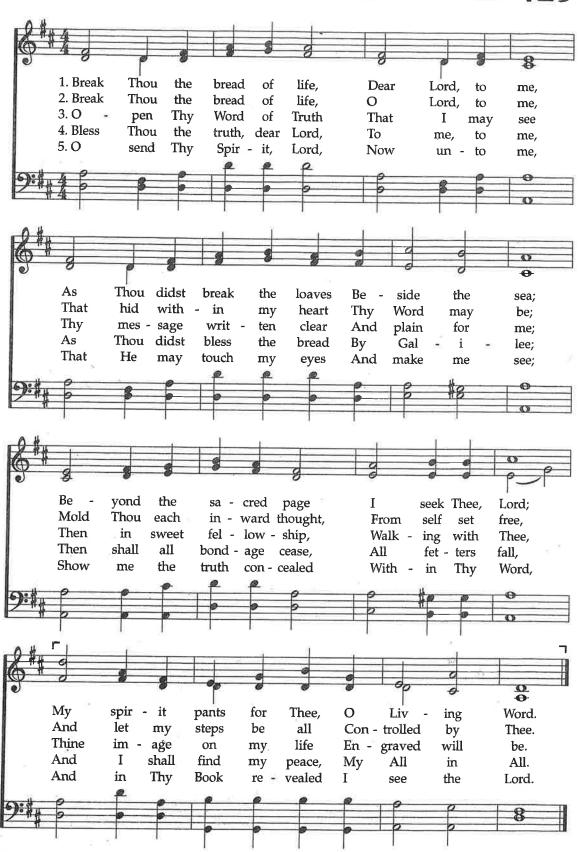
People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

## Break Thou the Bread of Life 413



TEXT: Mary A. Lathbury; Alexander Groves, stanza 5

MUSIC: William F. Sherwin

**BREAD OF LIFE** 6.4.6.4.D.

People

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

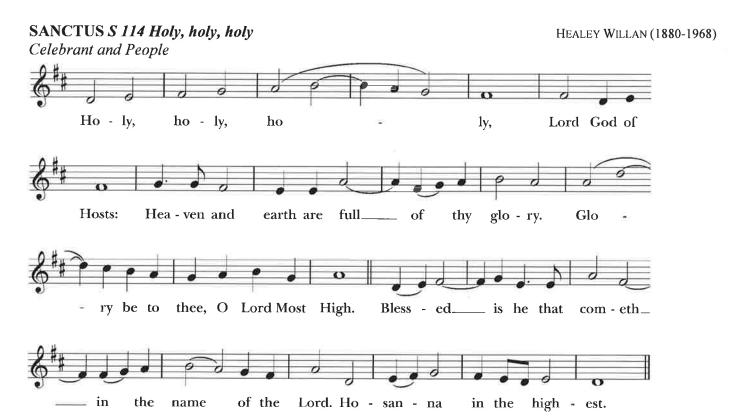
It is meet and right so to do.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



The people kneel or stand.

#### Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

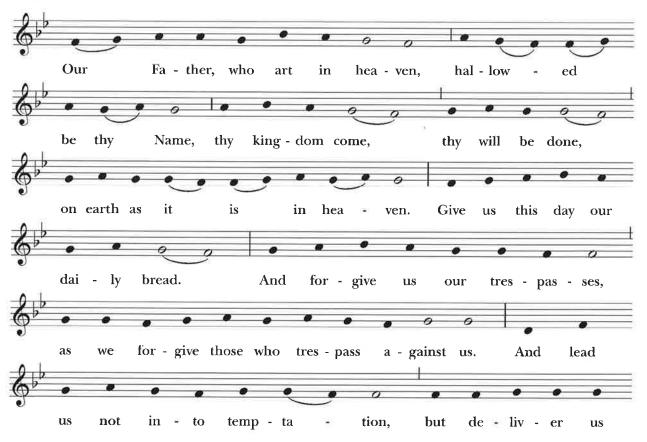
By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

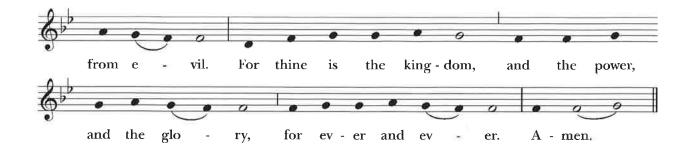
## THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant





## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymn 301

Bread of the world in mercy broken

RENDEZ À DIEU

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

After receiving the elements, 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**



After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

The priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

### **POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

Hymn 150

Forty days and forty nights

AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

Adagio in G minor for clarinet and organ David Singer, clarinet

JAY WILCOX (B. 1954)

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# **EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS**

### THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

3/6	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Holy Eucharist (In-person and livestreaming@tcote.org)
	11:30 a.m.	CROP Walk
3/7	7:00 p.m.	Education for Ministry (EfM)
3/10	6:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Schola rehearsal Parish Choir rehearsal
3/13	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Holy Eucharist (In-person and livestreaming@tcote.org)
	11:30 a.m.	Epiphany Youth Group (EYG)

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

While State and local governments have dropped the mask mandate for vaccinated individuals, we still encourage our parishioners to wear masks during our worship services. This is to protect the health, safety and well-being of all, especially our vulnerable congregants. Please be prepared to show proof of vaccination should you choose not to wear a mask. As an alternative, our services can be viewed online on Facebook or on our website. These are our first steps in recovering from this pandemic, and we greatly appreciate your patience and understanding.

### 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.

# 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: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e48a5af22ab9-beautiful">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e48a5af22ab9-beautiful</a>

### CROP WALK 2022, TODAY

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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **EPIPHANY PULSE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Epiphany Pulse group will meet next Tuesday, March 8, at 6:00 p.m. (which is the 2nd Tuesday for this month only). We will resume our regularly-scheduled meeting time which is the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in April.

The link is listed below:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88079686223pwd=U1loNjIw THJ6ZEIvK1UwaVM4WkU3Zz09

Meeting ID: 880 7968 6223

Passcode: 533495

### HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES

Please join us for our Holy Week services:

4/10 Palm Sunday at 10 am

4/14 Maundy Thursday at 7:30 pm

4/15 Good Friday at noon

4/16 Great Vigil of Easter at 8 pm

4/17 Easter Sunday at 10 am

# LENTEN M&M MISSION AND MINISTRY COLLECTION

The M&M's are back!

Collect your tube of M&M's this Sunday after the service. Eat the contents before Ash Wednesday then fill the tube during Lent with coins or checks! Return the filled tube on Palm Sunday for the in-gathering. All proceeds will go to UTO United Thank Offering, the oldest Episcopal charity that funds projects all around the globe.

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/united-thank-offering/

### **LUNCHES FOR HARBOR HOUSE**

Epiphany will continue to help Harbor House provide bag lunches to needy individuals. Our date in March is Tuesday, the 15th, and we have been asked to provide 80 lunches.

To Help: Prepare bag lunches for 10 people. Include sandwich-turkey or ham appreciated or pb&j, granola bar, chips, fruit/raisins, cookies and a drink. Drinks and fruit should be separate. If you can add more snacks to the lunch, even better. Drop off is between 4:00 and 4:30 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at Avenida de Los Arboles and Mt.Clef. Sign up with Yvonne Lux, yvonnelux@gmail.com.

Your help is greatly appreciated!!!

### THANK YOU FROM NAVAJOLAND

On behalf of the Episcopal Church in NAVAJOLAND we'd like to express our deepest gratitude to the parishioners and outreach teams at Church of the Epiphany, St.Patrick's and Trinity Episcopal for the generous donation of \$3776.00 that will help provide firewood and fuel for the neediest elders and families on the Navajo reservation.

Hózhó.

Walk in Peace and Beauty dear neighbors!

Sally Primm & David Thomson Co-chairs, Friends of Navajoland

### RED DOOR VINEYARD

It's time to renew your RDV Guild Membership for 2022! Our Membership Renewal and Open House will be on Saturday, March 19, from 4-6 p.m. Come by for a complimentary sip-and-nibble, and don't forget to bring your checkbook (preferred) or credit card.

☐ New members: come see what we're all about – vineyard tours available

☐ Current members: your renewal paperwork will be available at this event

Renewing or joining on the spot will enter you in a drawing for bottles of wine! We will also have half-barrel planters available for sale. Making good wine takes time, and we are holding our wines in the barrel a little longer than in the past. This means that the growth, harvest and bottling of each vintage has become a 3-year process. The shares of wine that come with your 2022 membership will have a harvest date of 2021, will be bottled in late 2022 or early 2023, and distributed to you in the Fall of 2023. RSVP with the number in your party by March 16: membership@reddoorvineyard.org \*CHEERS\*

### **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, Amanda, Seth

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 <a href="https://www.tcote.org/prayer-request/">www.tcote.org/prayer-request/</a>.

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.