

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent April 3, 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

Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, O Herr "I sincerely love you, O Lord"

JOHANN LUDWIG KREBS (1713-1780)

ENTRANCE HYMN

The people stand. Hymn 9

Not here for high and holy things

MORNING SONG

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*.

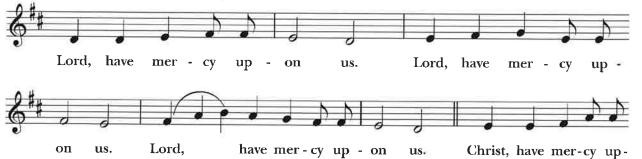
Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

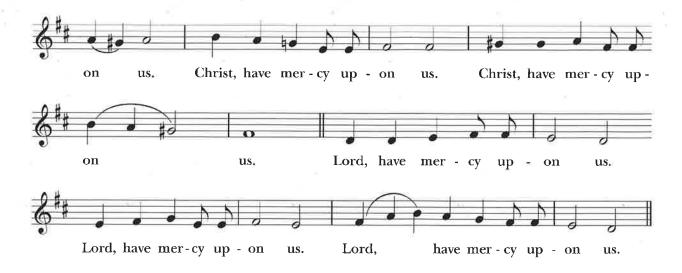
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

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, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters. ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness,

rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 126

Remain seated.

1When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
2Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
3Then they said among the nations, * "The LORD has done great things for them."
4The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
5Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
6Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
7Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

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

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand. Hymn 471

We sing the praise of him who died

BRESLAU

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

All stand.

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Priest

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

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 to God, our loving Father in heaven.

Keep the Church ever open to receive in love all who come with faith to seek the divine mercy . . . As we worship here, shield us from pride and complacency in fulfilling our duty and make us remember that we too are sinners.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the world where the love of money tempts many to turn aside from the right way to waste themselves in empty and useless living . . . Bless with a forgiving spirit all who have power to restore or to reject those who have erred and offended.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Grant to us, in our families and in our friendships, grace to remember the mercy we have been given and to remain in harmony and love with any who have offended us . . . Bless all the homes in our community with perfect harmony and love.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Look with compassion on families where there is estrangement . . . Grant that quarrels shall be mended and love renewed . . . Have mercy on all who have left their homes and now seek in want and loneliness the way to return.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the departed who have walked through the temptations of this world and have come home . . . May they rejoice in the fellowship of the redeemed who died and are alive again.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray in the name of Christ, the refuge of sinners who come to him in penitence and faith. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Priest 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.

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 SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM O Savior of the world

(sung by the Parish Choir)

O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us all; save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee. Amen.

TEXT: 1662 BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER MUSIC: ARTHUR SOMERVELL (1863-1937)

OFFERTORY HYMN

The people stand. Hymn 398

I sing th'almighty power of God

FOREST GREEN

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

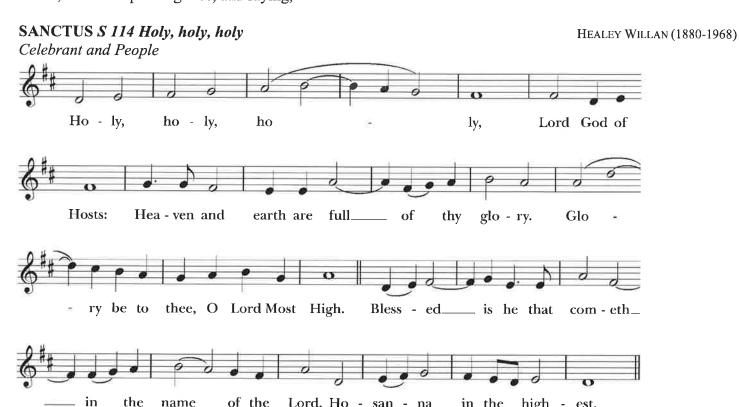
People It is meet and right so to do.

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,



Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est.

The people kneel or stand.

in

name

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.

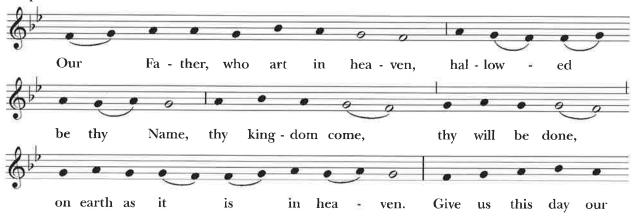
And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and 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*.

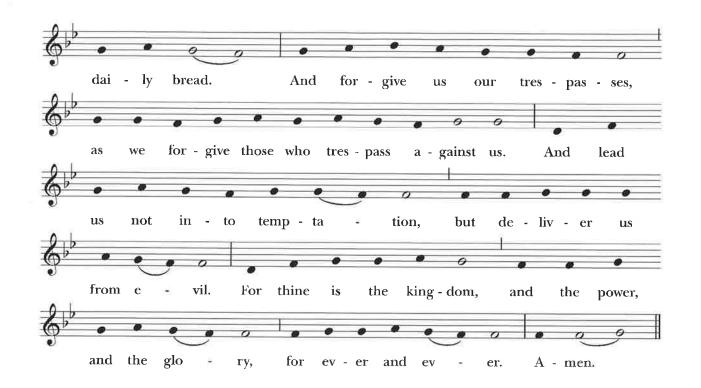
THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then continues

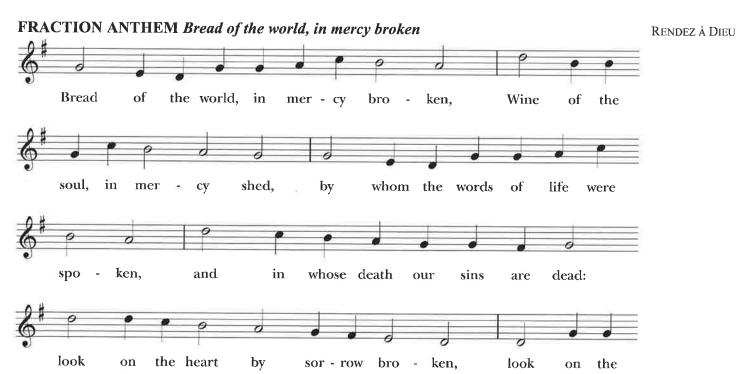
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

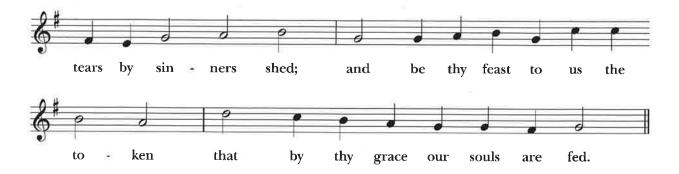
People and Celebrant





The Breaking of the Bread





The People 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 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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

The people stand.

Hymn 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

ROCKINGHAM

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Präludium und fuga in G minor, BWV 558

FORMERLY ASCRIBED TO JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

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A MESSAGE FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE: UKRAINE RELIEF

Many are concerned about the people of Ukraine as they are attacked by Russian military. The Outreach Committee of The Church of the Epiphany voted at the March meeting to provide members of our community with a few recommended resources for support. There are three relief organizations listed in alphabetical order below and church members are welcome to write checks to The Church of the Epiphany with the relief organization of their choice on the memo line. Michelle will write a check from the church to the designated charity specifying that the money be used for Ukraine relief. (Please do not include this donation on the same check as your pledge or monthly/weekly donation.) TCOTE will be collecting money for Ukraine relief until Palm Sunday and after April 10th Michelle will write the check(s) to the charities. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Episcopal Relief and Development

Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance) as it provides critical assistance to support people affected by violence in Ukraine. Working through ACT member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) and other local organizations, ACT Alliance is providing emergency assistance such as food, shelter, water and basic supplies to refugees and people displaced within Ukraine.

For more information, visit: https://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-resources/press-releases/2022-press-releases/2022-press-releases/supporting-humanitarian-response-to-the-crisis-in-ukraine/

God's Hidden Treasures

God's Hidden Treasures is a charitable organization in Ukraine started by Nita Hanson, previously of St Patrick's Episcopal Church in T.O. This organization supports disabled adults and orphans in Ukraine. Currently they are transporting disabled individuals over the border with Poland and then bringing food and supplies back to Ukraine. The Conejo Compassion Coalition has supported them with a \$5000 donation. For more information, visit: https://www.godshiddentreasures.org/

World Central Kitchen (WCK)

Since the day after the attack from Russia began, WCK has been serving meals to thousands of families escaping the violence in Ukraine and people still remaining in the country each day. Over two million people have fled—including women, children, and seniors—with the number expected to continue rising.

Providing hot meals across five countries, WCK has met incredible chefs and volunteers who are cooking for people in need.

For more information, visit: https://wck.org/en-us/news/stories-from-ukraine

WELCOME OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, MARY GILES

We welcome Mary Giles to our staff, effective March 29, 2022. Mary is an Administrative Assistant with over fifteen years of experience and will be serving as our new Parish Administrator at the Church of the Epiphany. Mary is a powerful force in the workplace, enjoys meeting new people and uses her positive attitude to encourage others. Mary has nine grandchildren and lives in Thousand Oaks with her little chihuahua named Pizza.

Mary will be in the office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Please say hi to her when you visit!



EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

4/3	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Holy Eucharist (In-person and livestreaming @tcote.org)
4/4	7:00 p.m.	Education for Ministry (EfM)
4/5	6:00 p.m.	Epiphany Pulse (Zoom)
4/6	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Series (Zoom)
4/7	6:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Schola rehearsal Parish Choir rehearsal
4/10	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

A word from the Diocese on masks and continuing safety

Now that public health officers in each of the six counties within the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles have lifted mask mandates for fully vaccinated persons in indoor public spaces, diocesan congregations may adjust protocols accordingly while still requiring that unvaccinated persons continue to wear masks indoors.

Concurrently, congregations are strongly encouraged to keep in place safety protocols that assure maximum protection for all, especially safeguarding parishioners and clergy age 65 and older. These steps may include continuing to require, on church sites, proof of vaccination, to encourage mask-wearing widely among all who wish to do so, and to maintain careful cleaning and sanitizing procedures.

Current diocesan policy is updated regularly with guidance from Bishop Diocesan John Harvey Taylor together with the Rev. Canon Melissa McCarthy, diocesan canon to the ordinary, and the bishop's council of advice comprising deans active in ministry across the diocese.

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 12 noon	
4/16	Vigil of the Light (Atrium) and Easter Egg hunt	
	at 4 p.m.	
4/16	Great Vigil of Easter at 8 pm	
4/17	Easter Sunday at 10 am	

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This Sunday April 3rd in the Atrium - Mystery of Life and Death

The children will ponder on the scripture "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." John 12:24.

They will have the opportunity to take home seeds to plant ready for Easter.

M&M'S FOR UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)

Thank you to all who took a tube of M&M's for the Lent offering. We hope you enjoyed the last sweet treat!

Please return the re-filled tube by Palm Sunday for the in-gathering. You can fill the tube with coins, bills, or checks!

All proceeds will go to <u>UTO United Thank Offering</u>, the oldest Episcopal charity that funds projects all around the globe.

Thanks to all who have already returned their donations.

Questions? Contact Karen James kjames@tcote.org

APRIL OWLS MEETING

Please note: The April OWLS meeting will be on <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, April 13, at noon. Guy Walker will present The Tudor Dynasty (1485-1603)--118 years of turbulence and transformation: how England emerged from 30 years of internal strife, ending in "Gloriana" and becoming a European power. We will be covering the English Reformation and see new styles of Architecture following 300 years of Gothic splendor. We request a \$10 donation to cover the cost of lunch. Please RSVP by Monday, April 11, to Michelle at (805) 320-5003 or by email at mponticelli@tcote.org.

CONNECTIONS AND E-BLAST DEADLINE

If you would like to place an announcement in the Connections or our e-blast, please submit the announcement no later than noon on Monday for the next Sunday's bulletin and upcoming e-blast.

SERVICES AVAILABLE ON ZOOM AGAIN!

No access to a computer and want to worship with us on Sunday? No problem!

Dial the number below to listen to our Sunday Service.

Dial by your location +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

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EPIPHANY PULSE

The Epiphany Pulse Group meets this Tuesday, April 5, at 6 p.m..

Join Zoom Meeting (computer)
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EASTER FLOWERS

As in the past, our church will be magnificently decorated for Easter with white flowers of all kinds. We hope all will want to participate. To make a donation to provide Easter flowers in thanksgiving for something or someone in your life or in memory of a loved one, please use the form in the pews.

All donations received by Sunday, April 10th will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin.

PLEASE NOTE

The Church Office will be closed on Easter Monday.

PRAYERS



Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Angela Balasis, The Wilson family, Michelle, Mark, Dave, Diane, Steve, Donna, Jackie, Harris, Amanda, Seth, and Julius Tate (father of Jamila Dulan)

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 peace and an end to suffering

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.