



The Episcopal Church of Agoura, Oak Park and Westlake Village
THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 10, 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.

PRELUDE

Gardiner

HEALEY WILLAN (1880-1968)

The Word of God

ENTRANCE RITE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

LAND OF REST

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-17

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;
 I will never again pass them by;
⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
 and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
 and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”
¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against
 you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,
 ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
 and Israel must go into exile
 away from his land.’ ”
¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy
 there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”
¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser
 of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to
 my people Israel.’ ”
¹⁶“Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.
 You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel,
 and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’
¹⁷Therefore thus says the LORD:
 ‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
 and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,
 and your land shall be parceled out by line;
 you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
 and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.’ ”

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 82

Remain seated.

¹**God takes his stand in the council of heaven; ***
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
²**“How long will you judge unjustly, ***
and show favor to the wicked?
³**Save the weak and the orphan; ***
defend the humble and needy;
⁴**Rescue the weak and the poor; ***
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
⁵**They do not know, neither do they understand;**
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
⁶**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, ***
and all of you children of the Most High;
⁷**Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, ***
and fall like any prince.’ ”
⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth, ***
for you shall take all nations for your own.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

The people sit.

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

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 609

Where cross the crowded ways of life

GARDINER

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

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

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

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.

³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord 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 that the law of love shall prevail in the Church and in the world.

May the Church be obedient to the great commandments of love for God and for all people...Keep her ministers faithful in their calling, and shield them and all Christian people from failing in care for those who need their help.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

We give thanks for the grace which moves people to help one another and overcome differences of race and nation...Take away the prejudices which cause division, and fill all human hearts with compassion.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Keep us watchful and ready to give help when it is needed, whether in our families, to our friends or to strangers...In our community we pray for the emergency services and all who give help to those in distress.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Have mercy on the victims of crime, on all who suffer violence from strangers or from those near to them...Bring healing to the injured and restoration to the outcast.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Rick, Warren, Noah, Cathy, Toni, May, Deb, Becky, Roger, Jackie, Amanda, Angela Balasis, Barbara, Bob, Donna, Ken, Meg, Neil, Olivia and Byron, Pam, Sarah, Susan, John, Lorraine, Caity, Ty, and Lynn.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for the departed who have come to the end of their journey...May they be healed from all the wounds of this world and made whole in the peace of heaven.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

May our prayers be accepted through Christ, the source of love and compassion. **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 Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE

All stand.

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

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* life; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

Jenna and Sarah Pennywitt, sopranos

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus is brighter, Jesus is purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Text: German, 17th century, composite, trans.
Anonymous
Music: Richard DeLong (1951-1994)

PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 602

Jesu, Jesu

CHEREPONI (JESU, JESU)

Sanctus: WLP 858

American folk melody, arr. Marcia Pruner (b. 1936)

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 our thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

SANCTUS WLP 858 *Holy, holy, holy (Folk/Pruner) (American folk melody)*

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
 that she might conceive and bear a son,
 Jesus the holy child of God.
 Living among us, Jesus loved us.
 He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
 He yearned to draw all the world to himself

yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
with [_____ and] all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

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

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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Celebrant This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for 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.

During Communion, all are welcome – even encouraged! – to come forward to receive the holy food of new and everlasting life in Jesus Christ. Simply to the Celebrant when the ushers indicate, put your hands out (one on top of the other), and the bread will be placed in your hand. (If needed, gluten-free wafers are available.)

You may then consume the wafer (if you do not wish to have it intincted in the wine) or leave the wafer on your palm and the chalice bearer will dip it for you into the wine and place it in your hand. If you aren't sure, or if you'd rather not receive the actual Sacrament, come up and cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. You may also cross your arms over your chest or touch the bottom of the chalice if you wish not to receive wine. Finally, if you'd like to receive Communion but mobility is an issue, alert an usher and Communion will be brought to you

COMMUNION HYMN

All are invited to sing



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Processional (from Music for the Royal Fireworks)

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL (1685-1759)

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