



The Episcopal Church of Agoura, Oak Park and Westlake Village

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 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

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

ROBERT A. HOBBY (B.1962)

The Word of God

ENTRANCE RITE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people stand at the sound of the bell.

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

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

HYMN TO JOY

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 2:4-13

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

⁴Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

⁶They did not say, “Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?”

⁷I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.
But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.

⁸The priests did not say, “Where is the LORD?”
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.

⁹Therefore once more I accuse you,
says the LORD,
and I accuse your children’s children.
¹⁰Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.

¹¹Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.

¹²Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD,

¹³for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Remain seated.

- ¹**Sing with joy to God our strength ***
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- ¹⁰**I am the LORD your God,**
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”
- ¹¹**And yet my people did not hear my voice, ***
and Israel would not obey me.
- ¹²**So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, ***
to follow their own devices.
- ¹³**Oh, that my people would listen to me! ***
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- ¹⁴**I should soon subdue their enemies ***
and turn my hand against their foes.
- ¹⁵**Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, ***
and their punishment would last for ever.
- ¹⁶**But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat ***
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn

The Servant Song

THE SERVANT SONG

1. Broth - er, sis - ter, let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you;
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; We're to - geth - er on this road.
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you In the night - time of your fear;
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5. When we sing to God in heav - en, We shall find such har - mo - ny,
6. Broth - er, sis - ter, let me serve you, Let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant too.
We are here to help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row Till we've seen this jour - ney thro'.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant too.

TEXT: Richard Gillard

MUSIC: Richard Gillard

THE SERVANT SONG

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GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

All stand.

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Celebrant 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

In love and concern for all people, let us pray to the Lord.

Keep the Church constant in the humility of the service to which she is called... Bless her ministers as they work to spread the good news of salvation to all.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Be merciful to the world where many are possessed by pride and made arrogant by power... Grant that those who have authority may exercise it with equal regard for the dignity of all whom they govern.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Bless our homes and make them places of welcome... Keep us from becoming narrow in our hospitality, and help us to look beyond those who are nearest to us.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all who are slighted and ignored because of their poverty, their disability, or their personal problems... Fill our community with love for the needy and concern for the common good.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for peace and an end to suffering for all, especially those on our parish prayer list: Karen and Tom. We pray also for those who have asked for our prayers but prefer to remain anonymous, as well as those on our long-term prayer list.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for the departed who have come to the Kingdom where all are made equal through grace... Help us so to live in this world that we may be worthy at last to receive with them the blessing of eternal life.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

May our prayers be accepted through Christ, the Lord of the humble and meek. **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.

Celebrant 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 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

Prelude on Rockingham

WILLIAM LLOYD WEBBER (1914-1982)

PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 321

My God, thy table now is spread

ROCKINGHAM

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.**

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



Sing prais-es, all you peoples, sing prais - es to the Lord; sing



prais - es, all you peo-ples, sing prais - es to the Lord!

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

Celebrant blesses the people

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

ENGELBERG

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Engelberg

AUSTIN C. LOVELACE (1919-2010)

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Concerns? Questions? Suggestions? Let us know! Please do not hesitate to contact any of our staff or The Rev. Jamie Barnett. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Week of Sunday, August 28, 2022

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 8/28 10:00 a.m. Children in Church
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (In-person and livestreaming @tcote.org)
- 11:30 a.m. Ministry Fair
- 8/30 6:30 p.m. Book Group Meeting
- 8/31 No Lectio Divina Meeting
- 9/4 9:45 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children's formation in Atrium.
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (In-person and livestreaming @tcote.org)
- 11:30 a.m. Youth Group (EYG)

TERRACE SEATS FOR THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL RAFFLE

We are excited to share that we are raffling **terrace box tickets for two Hollywood Bowl events!** Box 1261 for four people. (See seating chart below.) Tickets will be sold after church on Sunday or purchase them at the church office. Cost: \$20/ticket or 6 tickets for \$100. The two events: **Mozart Under the Stars: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 8:00** or **Fireworks Finale: Duran Duran: Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 7:30**. The winning ticket for each event will be drawn by Rev. Jamie Barnett on Thursday, September 1.



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BOOK STUDY GROUP

Join us for a book study based on *Atlas of the Heart* by Brené Brown.

When: Tuesdays through TBD at **6:30 PM**

Where: The Chapel at Epiphany

What: Whether or not you have read the book or missed other sessions, matters not! You are welcome to join us.

AN INVITATION

An Evening of Celebration
Epiphany's Annual Dinner and Auction

Saturday, September 24, 2022

5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Fun, Fellowship, and Fundraising

5:30 Appetizers and Silent Auction*

7:00 Dinner

7:45 Music and Live Auction

\$35 per person includes 3 raffle/drink tickets.

Adults only

RSVP at www.tcote.org by September 19, 2022

Questions: contact Michelle Ponticelli at 805-320-5003 or mponticelli@tcote.org or call the church office at 818-991-4797

EfM ENROLLING NOW FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2022 – JUNE 2023 YEAR!

For over a decade, Epiphany's EfM group has been exploring what it means to live our lives as Christians in this complex world. Do you enjoy deep discussions in Epiphany's book group? Are you touched by spirituality of Evensong, Lectio Divina and Taize? Do you wonder how to live your life as a Christian in this world? Enroll now, and join the EfM group Monday nights from September to June. Contact Elizabeth Bryant via e-mail e.vana.bryant@gmail.com or phone (805) 469-8897 for enrollment details.

YOUR DONATIONS NEEDED!

COME RECONNECT. EXPLORE. DISCOVER.



We need auction items for **An Evening of Celebration: Epiphany's Annual Dinner and Auction**. Are you wondering what you could contribute? Here are some ideas!

- Solicit your favorite restaurant or business for a gift certificate.
- Donate your talent: Seamstress? Baker? Handyman?
- Have you bought something online, but you don't want to pay to send it back? Donate it!
- Regift
- Theatre or sporting event tickets
- Handmade items: Quilt, painting, etc.
- A stay in your vacation home
- A round of golf

Pick up the donation form at church or download it from the Connections Newsletter. Questions: Contact Kimberly Hribal at ghribal@roadrunner.com

SERVICES AVAILABLE ON ZOOM AGAIN!

No Computer? Dial this number to listen in to our Sunday Service. +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
Meeting ID: 330 411 222, Passcode: 030014

Today's the day for our annual Ministry Fair! Right after church, saunter on over to the lawn area and Bishop's Hall to check out our ministry tables and enjoy a Southern-style church picnic: finger-lickin' fried chicken, macaroni salad, cornbread, watermelon and delicious home-baked desserts. Take part in our 50/50 raffle (if you win, you keep 50% of the pot) and try your hand at the fun activities available for kids and adults alike!

Here's a recap of the wonderful ministry opportunities for you to consider:

Can you occasionally serve as an usher, an acolyte, a lector, or lay eucharistic minister (LEM); experience the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with children; join or help with the Youth Group; or sing in our choir? Can you **help prepare for the worship service** by serving on the Altar Guild or Flower Guild? Perhaps you want to **examine your faith and deepen knowledge of yourself and others** through our Book Study Group, Education for Ministry (EfM), or Lectio Divina. Possibly your interests are in Outreach, Pastoral Care, Older, Wiser Laity (OWLS) social events, or in the regional PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) meetings held at our church. Maybe you want to **become a member** of the Epiphany Music Guild and enjoy first-class, professional concerts or **join** our Red Door Vineyard to cultivate the grapes grown right on our own back hillside and enjoy special events with both while strengthening your connection to others. Whatever you choose, know that:

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

Welcome Home to Epiphany!

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Karen and Tom.

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Alan, Barbara, Byron, Caity, Charlie, Dave, David, Donna, Jackie, Roger, Kristi, Lorraine, Margaret, Neil, Sarah, Olivia, Steven, Susan, Tom, and Vaudine.

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.