



The Episcopal Church of Agoura, Oak Park and Westlake Village

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 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

Reflection from "Partita on New Britain"

CHARLES CALLAHAN (B. 1951)

The Word of God

The people stand at the sound of the bell.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 11

Awake, my soul, and with the sun

MORNING HYMN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

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

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 96 *Lord, have mercy upon us (Schubert/Proulx)*

The following is sung, all standing

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, — Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,
Christ, —

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, —

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Lamentations 1:1-6

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Lamentations.

¹How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.

²She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.

³Judah has gone into exile with suffering
and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.

⁴The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.

⁵Her foes have become the masters,
her enemies prosper,
because the LORD has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.

⁶From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

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

PSALM: Canticle: A Song of Waiting
Remain seated.

**The thought of my trouble and my homelessness *
is as bitter as wormwood and gall.
My mind dwells on it continually; *
my soul is weighed down within me.
When I remember this, I have hope: *
by God's kindness, we are not destroyed;
for God's mercies are never-ending *
and are new every morning.
How great is your faithfulness, O God! *
"You are my portion," says my soul, "therefore I hope in you."
You are good to those who wait with patience, *
to every soul that seeks you.
It is good to wait, even in silence, *
for the salvation of the Lord.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**
Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 671

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

NEW BRITAIN

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

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

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

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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 all may be obedient in the service of God.

Increase the faith of the Church, that the saving power of your love may be proclaimed . . . Give to all Christian people the grace to be obedient servants, seeking no reward but the joy of following your will.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Guide those in authority to serve those they govern and to set their needs above their own desires . . . May all work be dedicated to the common good and the peace of the world.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Bless us in our daily work, and bless those who work with us . . . Knowing that we are not worthy in ourselves to make any offering, let us seek so to live in faith that our service shall be made acceptable.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

Have mercy on all whose work is heavy, those who labor day after day with little reward . . . Give rest to the weary, food to the hungry, and strength to those who have lost hope.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Judie, and Roberta. 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.

Receive into life those who have labored in this world until the end . . . Grant them a place at the heavenly feast, and bring us in our time to share the joy that is prepared for those who die in faith.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

We offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord and Master. **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 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

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 when *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

O Lord, increase our faith (sung by the Parish Choir)

O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith; endue us with wisdom, charity, purity, and patience in all our adversities. Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

TEXT: ANONYMOUS, ALT.
MUSIC: HENRY LOOSEMORE (C. 1600-1670)

PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 660

O Master, let me walk with thee

MARYTON

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.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

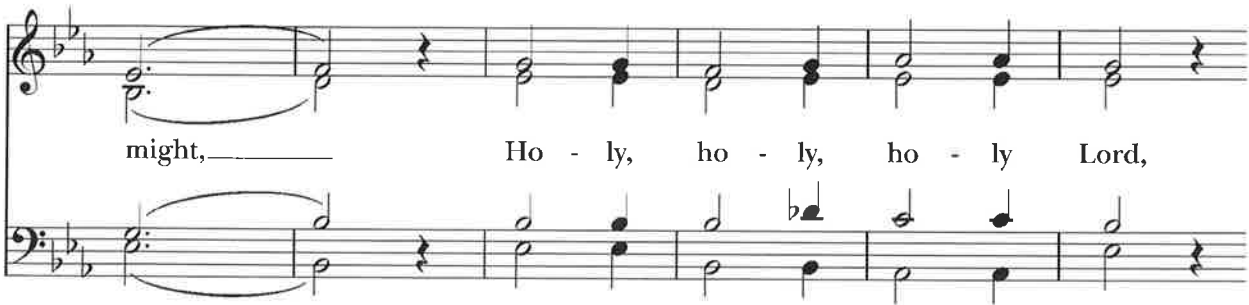
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 130 *Holy, holy, holy* (Schubert/Proulx)

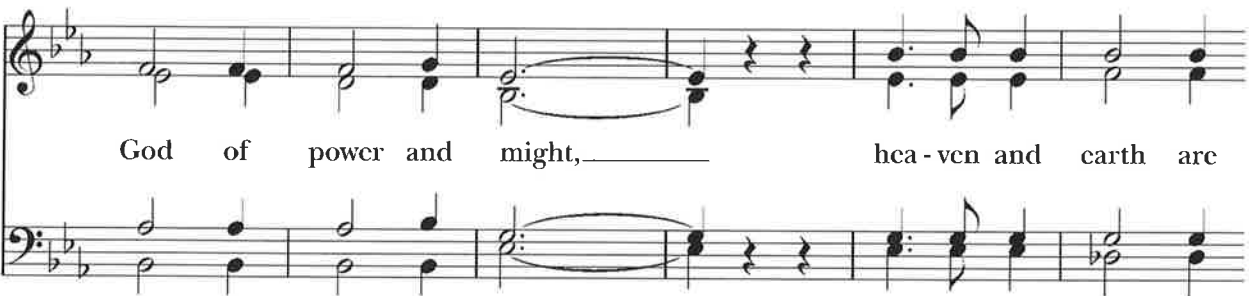
Celebrant and People



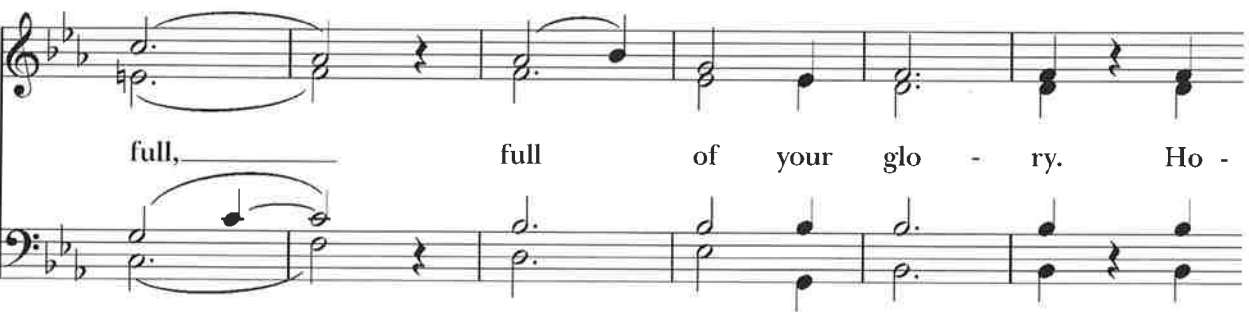
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



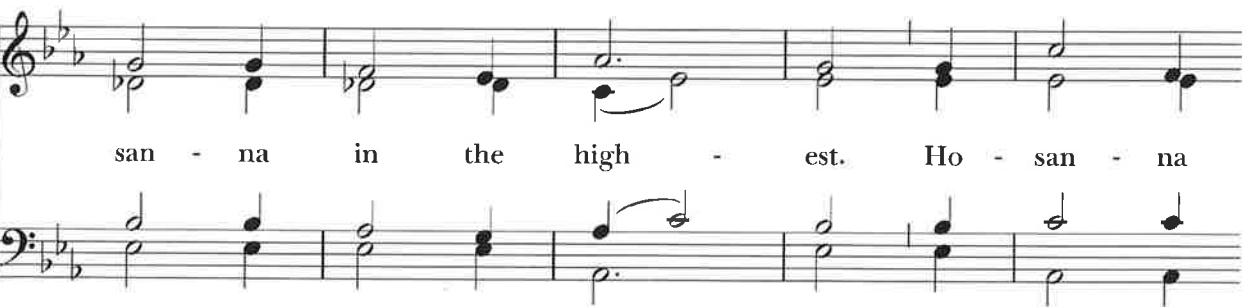
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. 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 People stand or kneel.
The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

**We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

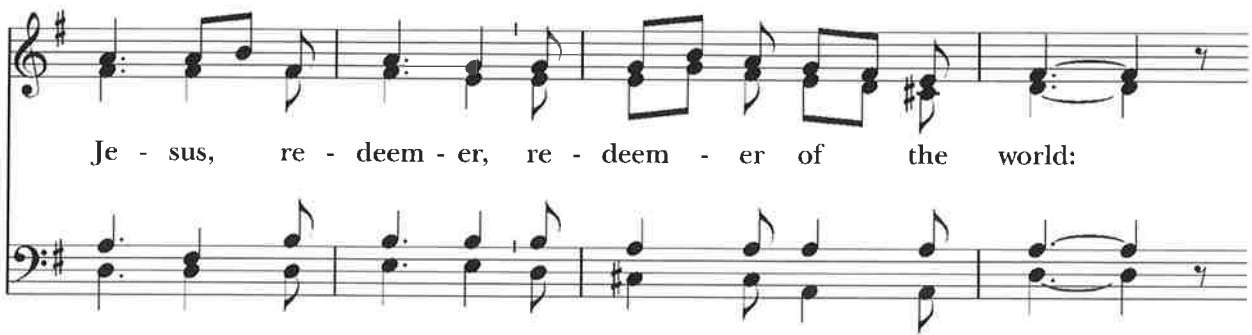
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

Christ, my hope, and Christ, my joy, Christ, my strength, and my
light, Christ my con - fi - dence a - lone, in you I trust and have no
fear; in you I trust and have no fear.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant blesses the people

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 551

Rise up, ye saints of God

FESTAL SONG

DISMISSAL

Celebrant

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Fantaisie, OL 70

LOUIS COUPERIN (1626-1661)

“Lord, have mercy (Kyrie eleison),” “Holy, holy, holy Lord (Sanctus),” and “Jesus, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)” by Franz Peter Schubert, arranged by Richard Proulx, © 1985, G.I.A. Publications, Inc. Reproduced under OneLicense.net License #A-717483. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

“Christ, my hope, and Christ, my joy” by William Bradley Roberts. © 1995, Selah Publishing Co., Inc., descant by Thomas Foster. Arranged and reproduced under OneLicense.net License # A-717483. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Episcopal Church in Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village
5450 Churchwood Drive, Oak Park, California 91377
(818) 991-4797 tcote.org

Connect to the Staff

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar, *ext. 21*, jbarnett@tcote.org
Jay Wilcox, Director of Music, *ext. 26*, jwilcox@tcote.org
Karen James, Postulant, *ext. 28*, kjames@tcote.org
Laurie Burns, Director of Formation, *ext. 24*, lburns@tcote.org
Michelle Ponticelli, Bookkeeper/OWLs Coordinator, *ext. 22*, mponticelli@tcote.org
Maria Aguilar, Sexton
Arturo Morales, Maintenance

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.

THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE

Bishop's Warden – Steve Stephens
People's Warden – Kerrie Sadler
Treasurer – Keith Krantz
Clerk – Eileen Hannemann

Linda Loomis '22
Kerrie Sadler '22
Guy Walker '22

John Brunson '23
Shay Hass '23
Katie Roberts '23

Susan Halligan '24
Gabriel Rueda '24
Bob Thomson '24



Week of Sunday, October 2, 2022

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- | | | |
|------|------------|--|
| 10/2 | 9:45 a.m. | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children's formation in Atrium |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at www.tcote.org) |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Youth Group (EYG) |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Blessing of the Animals |
| 10/4 | 6:30 p.m. | Book Study Group in the chapel |
| 10/5 | 7:00 p.m. | Lectio Divina |
| 10/6 | 6:30 p.m. | Schola Rehearsal |
| | 7:45 p.m. | Parish Choir Rehearsal |
| 10/9 | 9:45 a.m. | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children's formation in Atrium |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at www.tcote.org) |

SUBSCRIBE TO CONNECTIONS

Want to keep updated on happenings at The Church of the Epiphany? Subscribe to our twice-weekly Connections Newsletter at www.tcote.org or at coffee hour on Sundays. Questions or problems: contact Susan Halligan at tohalligan@aol.com or 805-559-7449.

LOOKING FOR OFFICE VOLUNTEERS



The church needs you! We are looking for volunteers to do light work in the church office - for example, answering phones, making copies. This is an opportunity to get to know our staff better and meet some of your fellow congregants. If you are interested, please contact us at info@tcote.org or call 818-991-4797.

SPIRITUAL-LIFE INVENTORY HAS BEGUN



Have you filled out your Spiritual-Life Inventory yet? Remember, this is totally anonymous! We think you will enjoy it - looking at **who YOU are, where YOU are** in relationship to God and the church, and **what YOU need** from the church. Your input is very important so that we can get an accurate picture of where we want to go and how to get there. So, grab some quiet time (always a pleasure, right?) and get going. You have three weeks to log on to take the inventory.

Find the link in the Spiritual-Life Inventory daily e-mails, the Connections Newsletters, or grab a paper copy from the office.

THANK YOU!

A wonderful time was had by all who attended our annual party "An Evening of Celebration" last Saturday. We give a special thanks to our co-chairs Michelle Ponticelli and Bob Thompson. We are blessed to have so many people who shared their time and treasure in preparation for and during the evening. We especially want to acknowledge the Red Door Vineyard, Kimberly Hribal, our Epiphany Youth Group, the fantastic entertainers, and the generosity of those who underwrote many of our expenses. The success of the evening in fun, fellowship, and fundraising could not have happened without them. We are thrilled to share that we raised over \$26,000 to help support our church's important ministries, with 10% donated to Harbor House.

See pictures at www.tcote.org!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Bring your creatures great and small for our
Blessing of the Animals.
TODAY AT 4:00 p.m.

**Agoura Animal Care Center will be bringing
their animal guests for a blessing.
Adoptions Available!**

All Are Welcome!

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

The **Conejo Interfaith Refugee Team (CIRT)** has asked for support for Afghan families that have been moved into apartments and need furniture, bedding, housewares, and appliances. If you are interested in helping assist these families, donations by checks in any amount can be mailed or dropped off: United Methodist Church (list CIRT in the memo line). The address is 1049 S. Westlake Blvd, WLV, 91361. Donations of furniture, area rugs, and home appliances can be directed via photos and dimensions to CIRRefugeeTeam@gmail.com.

ANIMAL MARKETPLACE

Today is the last day to donate to our Animal Marketplace. The Outreach committee has set a goal of raising \$600 which will allow the purchase of three goats, three cow shares, three pig shares and four flocks of chickens through the Episcopal Relief & Development's Gifts for Life program. Why chickens, pigs, cows, and goats?

Chickens! Chickens help train families and community groups to raise poultry and sell surplus stock and eggs in the marketplace.

Pigs! Offer families financial security and access to food by training them to raise and sell pigs which produce quickly and are ready for market in just six months!

Cows! With a milk producing cow a family has a steady supply of nourishment and can sell surplus milk to better provide for themselves.

Goats! Give sustainability – goats are hardy, reproduce quickly and can be raised in many climates to produce staple items such as milk, cheese, and manure for farming.

To donate, please drop a check in the pledge plate or donate online at www.tcote.org.

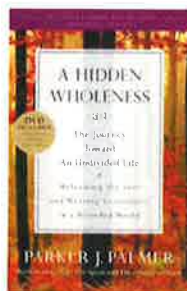
SERVICES AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

No Computer? No problem! Dial this number to listen in to our Sunday Service.

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
Meeting ID: 330 411 222, Passcode: 030014

NEW BOOK STUDY GROUP

BEGINNING OCTOBER 4



When: Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

Where: The Chapel at Epiphany

What: Our new book will be *A Hidden Wholeness* by Parker J. Palmer. Available through your favorite book seller.

The Journey Toward An Undivided Life

Welcoming the Soul and Weaving Community in a Wounded World

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer

List: Judie, Roberta

Please pray for those on our Long-Term

Parish Prayer list: Byron, Caity, Charlie, Dave, Donna, Jackie, Roger, Kristi, Neil, Sarah, Olivia, Steven, Susan, Vaudine, Bruce, and Nicoletta.

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.