

The Episcopal Church of Agoura, Oak Park and Westlake Village

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 16, 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

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 730 and 731

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

The Word of God

The people stand at the sound of the bell.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 535

Ye servants of God, your master proclaim

PADERBORN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

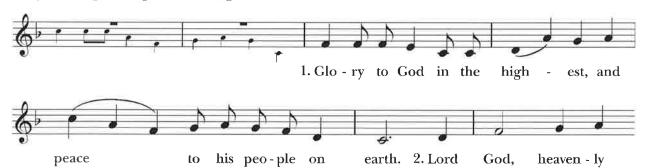
And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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 280 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell) The following is sung, all standing





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 31:27-34

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

²⁷The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. ²⁹In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

³⁰But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 119:97-104

Remain seated.

⁹⁷Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.

⁹⁸Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.

loo I am wiser than the elders, *
 because I observe your commandments.
 loo I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
 that I may keep your word.
 loo I do not shrink from your judgments, *
 because you yourself have taught me.
 loo How sweet are your words to my taste! *
 they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
 loo Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
 therefore I hate every lying way.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

A Reading from the Second letter to Timothy.

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 631

Book of books, our people's strength

LIEBSTER JESU

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Jesus told [the disciples] a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' "⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I

tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Karen James

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 for right judgment in all things and thank him for his goodness.

Keep the Church constant and faithful in prayer . . . Give to all Christian people grace to spread the good news of the hope they have received.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all who exercise judgement in the world . . . Make them patient in hearing and impartial in deciding . . . Lead to peaceful agreement all who are at enmity over legal disputes.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Make us just in all our dealings, honest in our work, compassionate towards those who need us Bless all in this community who are engaged in legal work.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Have mercy on all who suffer injustice, the victims of false judgments or the indifference of those from whom they seek redress . . . Bring comfort and support to widows and orphans in their need.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Arturo, Jackie, and Laila. 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 those who have passed from this world and come to judgment . . . Be merciful to them, hear our prayers and grant them eternal life.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray in the name of Christ, the righteous Judge of all. Amen.

The Celebrant adds 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 our Lord 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

Teach me, O Lord

(sung by the Parish Choir)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

TEXT: PSALM 119:33

MUSIC: THOMAS ATTWOOD (1765-1838)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

GOTT SEI DANK

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 God 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, Almighty God, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)

Celebrant and People



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 Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

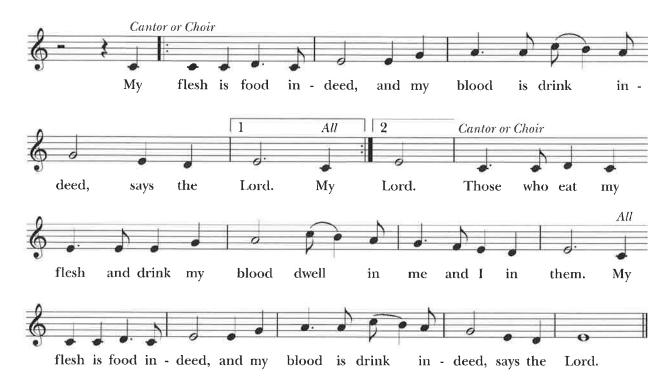
People and Celebrant

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 169 My flesh is food indeed (Urwin)

The choir will sing the antiphon, which will be repeated by the congregation. All will sing the antiphon after each verse.



The Celebrant says

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.

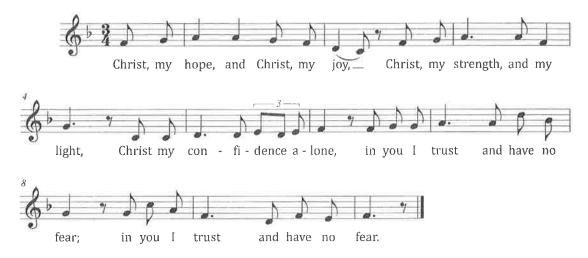
Celebrant

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 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



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand, as able. After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 709

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

DUNDEE

DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

O Herre Gott, dein göttlichs Wort, BWV 757
(O Lord God, your divine word)

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

The flowers this morning are donated in loving memory of Lila Ashley Barnett, Jamie's daughter, by the Rev. Jamie Barnett and her Aunt Mary.

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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.

THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE

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EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

10/16	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)
	11:30 a.m.	Financial Townhall
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10/18	6:30 p.m.	Book Study Group in the chapel
10/19	5:00 p.m.	Bishop's Committee meeting
10/17		
	7:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina
10/20	6:30 n m	Schola Rehearsal
10/20	6:30 p.m.	
	7:45 p.m.	Parish Choir Rehearsal
10/23	9·45 a m	Children in church
10/23		
	10:00 a.m.	
	11:30 a.m.	Financial Townhall
	4:00 p.m.	Epiphany Music Guild Concert
10/23	7:45 p.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Parish Choir Rehearsal Children in church Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at www.tcote.org) Financial Townhall

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.

FINANCIAL TOWNHALLS

If you would like to be informed about Epiphany's finances, please attend one of our two financial townhalls after church on **today and on October 23**. Our treasurer, Keith Krantz, will give a run-down and take questions on where we stand financially. Please come to one or both informative meetings and learn more about how Epiphany is doing!

STAY CONNECTED

Keep up to date on all the happenings here at The Church of the Epiphany. Find us on Facebook at @EpiphanyOakPark and on Instagram at tcoteoakpark.

SPIRITUAL-LIFE INVENTORY

Today is the last day to take the Spiritual-Life Inventory. In a few weeks, we will get the results, and a group of



fellow congregants with Rev. Jamie Barnett will be examining them and attending workshops to try to determine Epiphany's next steps. Thank you to all you have participated, and if you haven't, you still have time!

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

MUSIC GUILD EVENT



Please join us on **Sunday**, **October 23**, **at 4 p.m.** for a concert by The Pacific Duo (guitarists Nolan Harvel and Garrett Podgorski). In April 2022, Nolan and Garrett, who

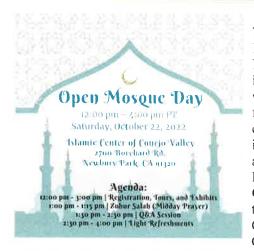
are students of renowned guitarist Christopher Parkening, won the Thomas M. Osborne Concerto Competition, and they released their first EP in March of 2021. They will bring us a delightful and varied program of guitar solos and duets.

LUNCHES FOR HARBOR HOUSE

In September Epiphany provided 90 lunches for Harbor House, and each generous meal was very much appreciated. Our October date is **Tuesday, October 18** and hopefully this month we will have 9 people each provide 10 lunches.

The bag lunches should include a turkey, ham or peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Extras such as cheese sticks and granola bars are appreciated. Fruit and drinks should be packaged separately from the bagged lunches. The lunches should be dropped off between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on the corner of Los Arboles and Mt. Clef. The drop off area is in the back parking lot. If you can help this month, e-mail yvonnelux@gmail.com

OPEN MOSQUE DAY



The Women's Interfaith
Network (WIN), in collaboration with other local faith communities, invites you to attend Open Mosque Day on October 22 at the Islamic Center of Conejo Valley.

The Open House runs from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be tours, exhibits, Midday Prayer and a Q and A session. Check it out!

BLOOD DRIVE SAVE THE DATE



The Red Door Vineyard and Outreach Committee invite you to please join us for a blood

drive with Vitalant (previously known as United Blood Services) here at church on **Sunday, November 13, from 11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Go to <u>www.vitalant.org</u> or call 805-542-8500 to schedule an appointment to donate blood.

ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CARDS

In preparation for our All Saints' Sunday celebration on **November 6**, memorial cards will once again be available for you to fill out and return in loving



remembrance of family and friends. The cards are placed on the altar and blessed as part of the service. The names will not be read but writing them and remembering is a beautiful spiritual practice that gives us an opportunity to feel close to those whom we no longer see.

The cards will be placed in front of the baptismal font at church, or you can find them online at www.tcote.org under Worship.

ALL SAINTS BAPTISM

The Church of the Epiphany will be celebrating the joyful sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 6, the first Sunday after All Saints Day.



If you are interested in being baptized or have a young child or infant you would like to be baptized on November 6, please contact the Rev. Jamie Barnett at jbarnett@tcote.org or (818) 991-4797. A session of preparation and rehearsal for the parents is normally held in the week prior.

At The Church of the Epiphany, baptisms are offered throughout the year, on specific Sundays, and at the Easter Vigil.

LAUNDRY LOVE UPDATE

Thank you to all who have donated to our Laundry Love outreach. The project took a while to get off the ground, but we did serve guests last month! A family of three was able to have their laundry covered at no cost. It was a blessing to serve them.

To get the word out, we will be taking flyers to the meals program a few days before our next session on **Tuesday**, **October 25** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you interested in helping, contact Karen James at kjames@tcote.org to sign up.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Laila, Jackie, Arturo

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Kristi, Roberta, Caity, Magdalena, Pauline, Nicoletta, Bruce, Vaudine, Byron, Olivia, Neil, Donna, Susan, and Judie.

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.