



The Episcopal Church of Agoura, Oak Park and Westlake Village

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 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

Andante religioso

ALEC ROWLEY (1892-1958)

The Word of God

The people stand at the sound of the bell.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 398

I sing th'almighty power of God

FOREST GREEN

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



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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: Joel 2:23-32

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

²³O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁸Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ³²Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in

Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 65

Remain seated.

- ¹**You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; ***
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- ²**To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, ***
because of their transgressions.
- ³**Our sins are stronger than we are, ***
but you will blot them out.
- ⁴**Happy are they whom you choose**
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- ⁵**Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,**
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- ⁶**You make fast the mountains by your power; ***
they are girded about with might.
- ⁷**You still the roaring of the seas, ***
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- ⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; ***
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- ⁹**You visit the earth and water it abundantly;**
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- ¹⁰**You prepare the grain, ***
for so you provide for the earth.
- ¹¹**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; ***
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- ¹²**You crown the year with your goodness, ***
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- ¹³**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, ***
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- ¹⁴**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,**
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A Reading from the Second letter to Timothy.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 656

Blest are the pure in heart

FRANCONIA

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

⁹[Jesus] told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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.

May God direct our prayers and lead us in the way of humility.

Shield the Church from pride and complacency . . . Give to all your people the wisdom to know that they are saved by your mercy and not by merit.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray that the powerful and privileged in the world shall know their frailty and not put their trust in themselves . . . Bless those who work with money and those who deal with taxation: keep them honest and compassionate in all they do.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Grant to us, to our families, friends and neighbors, true humility, recognition of our own faults and the grace to value others more highly than ourselves . . . Guide those who plan and control the finances of our community.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Visit and relieve all who suffer from heavy burdens of taxation or are in want through the false dealing of others . . . Bring release to all who are caught in the snare of their own dishonesty and cannot find a way of escape.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Arturo, Fredi, 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.

Accept the prayers which we offer through Christ, who pardons our iniquities.

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

Kyrie from *Mass for Four Voices*

sung by the Schola

*Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

TEXT: ORDINARY OF THE MASS
MUSIC: THOMAS TALLIS (c. 1505-1585)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 325

Let us break bread together on our knees

LET US BREAK BREAD

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



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



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



Blessed 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 God,

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 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)

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* 2 *Cantor or Choir*

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

All

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a repeat sign. The first ending consists of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The second ending consists of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The score concludes with a double bar line.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

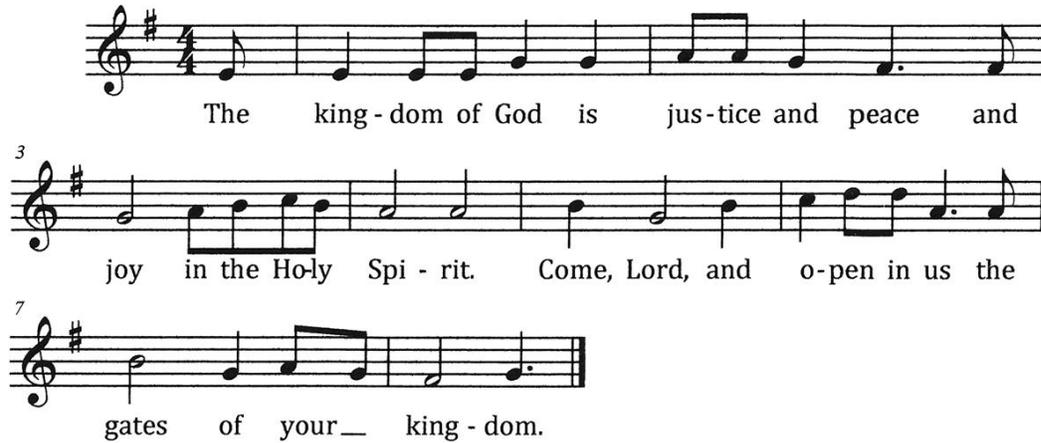
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

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



The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and
joy in the Ho - ly Spi - rit. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the
gates of your_ king - dom.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 428

O all ye works of God, now come

IRISH

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in G, BuxWV 164

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE (1637-1707)

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EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS



THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 10/23 10:00 a.m. Children in church
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at www.tcote.org)
11:30 a.m. Financial Townhall
- 10/25 6:30 p.m. Book Study Group in the chapel
- 10/26 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina
- 10/27 6:30 p.m. Schola Rehearsal
7:45 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 10/30 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. Stewardship Potluck

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.

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.

FINANCIAL TOWNHALLS

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

MUSIC GUILD EVENT



Please join us **TODAY** 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.

RDV AND OUTREACH BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you, life doesn't stop.

Donating Blood gives you a great feeling! The kind achieved only when you do something really special, like giving of yourself to help others. Our church will be holding a blood drive on **Sunday, November 13 from 11:15-2:30** in the bloodmobile.

To make an appointment, please go to donors.vitalant.org and enter the blood drive code: 3185190 or call (805) 542-8500.

If you have been told before that you cannot donate because of living in the UK, many of the requirements have changed and you may now be able to.

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.

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.

PRAYERS

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

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

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.