

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Episcopal Church of Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village

All Saints' Sunday
November 7, 2021

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.

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

PRELUDE ELEGY EVERETT TITCOMB (1884-1968) "Into paradise may the angels lead you . . ."

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, all stand and sing

PROCESSIONAL HYMN-HYMN 287 For all the saints, who from their labors rest **SINE NOMINE**

ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT

Celebrant Almighty God, by your grace we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Help us now to lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking in penitence and faith to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, in order that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name: through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

GLORIA: HYMNAL S-280 ROBERT POWELL (B.1932)

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

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All: Amen.

All sit for the readings.

FIRST READING Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9 *Bible, p. 921 After the reading:*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

All remain seated and say together

PSALM 24

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world, and all who dwell therein;
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas, *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
And who can stand in the holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *

- and a just reward for the God of their salvation.”
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your head, O gates:
lift them high, O everlasting doors;*
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 “Who is the King of glory?” *
“The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.”
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 “Who is he, this King of glory?” *
“The Lord of hosts, he is King of glory.”

SECOND READING Revelation 21: 1-6a *Bible, p. 1403 After the reading:*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN-HYMN 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace DICKENSON COLLEGE  **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 11: 32-44 *Bible, p. 1249*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All sit for

THE HOMILY The Rev. Jamie Barnett *We observe a time of silence after the homily.*

All stand and say together

THE NICENE CREED

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 sin. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to

come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In fellowship with all the saints, let us pray to the Lord.

We pray that the Church may be worthy of those who have gone before in the faith and left us a pattern of godly life...

Increase in us the same faith, so that we may see the glory of God and show it forth in our worship.

Leader: Lord hear us,

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

As we pray for the needs of the world, we ask that those who hold earthly power may know their weakness and mortality, and seek the better way...

May the prayers of all the saints bring peace and healing to the wrongs of the present time.

Leader: Lord hear us,

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Give us the vision to see the holiness in those around us...

Guided by the example of the saints, may we live our daily lives for the good of all.

Leader: Lord hear us,

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Bring comfort to those who mourn; give them hope in the life that never dies...

Have mercy on those who are near to death and strengthen them with the courage which upheld the saints in their dying.

Leader: Lord hear us,

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We give thanks for all the saints who have died in the faith of Christ...

May all the departed share with them the blessing of eternal life.

Leader: Lord hear us,

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray in the name of Christ who gives life to the dead.

All: **Amen.**

The celebrant may add a concluding collect here, after which all respond: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All **Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The priest concludes with an absolution, after which all respond: Amen.

At this time, the Memorial Cards submitted by the congregation will be brought forward.

The celebrant will offer a prayer for those whose names are recorded in the Church Necrology and on the Memorial Cards, after which all respond: Amen.

A moment of silence will be observed after the prayer, followed by the tolling of the bell.

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

All **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 lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY God is my strong salvation (*sung by the Parish Choir*)

God is my strong salvation, no enemy I fear;
he hears my supplication, dispelling all my care:
if he, my head and master defend me from above,
what pain or what disaster can part me from his love?

I fully am persuaded and joyfully declare,
I'm never left unaided, my Father hears my prayer;
his comforts never fail me, he stands at my right hand;
when tempests fierce assail me, they're calm at his command.

The ground of my profession is Jesus and his blood;
he giveth me possession of everlasting good.
To me his Spirit speaketh full many a precious word
of rest to all who seeketh, a refuge in the Lord.

My merry heart is springing, it can no more be sad;
with laughter and with singing, in God's own sunshine glad;
for Christ is now preparing his city new and bright,
where saints his throne are sharing and faith is turned to sight.

TEXT: PAUL GERHARDT (1607-1676), TRANSLATED JOHANN (JOHN) CHRISTIAN JACOBI (1670-1750)
MUSIC: RICHARD SHEPHARD (1949-2021)

PRESENTATION HYMN-HYMN 293 I sing a song of the saints of God GRAND ISLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Book of Common Prayer, p. 361 Priest* The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The priest continues with the prayer.

SANCTUS S-130 FRANZ SCHUBERT (1797-1828), ARR. RICHARD PROULX (1937-2010)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly,
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav-en 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 remain standing or may kneel, as the priest continues the prayer.

Priest Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The priest continues with the prayer, at the end of which all respond: **AMEN.**

All say together

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest 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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome and encouraged to come forward to receive the holy food of new and everlasting life in Jesus Christ. As you come forward, the bread will be placed in your hand for you to consume. Those who prefer not to receive the Sacrament may receive a blessing or prayer (please cross your arms across your chest). If you would like to receive the Sacrament and mobility is an issue, please let an usher know so that Communion may be brought to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

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.

All stand for the

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Priest Let us pray.

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 your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The priest gives a blessing.

All sing

CLOSING HYMN- HYMN 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE Solemn Melody HENRY WALFORD DAVIES (1869-1941)

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THIS WEEK AT

EPIPHANY

Week of Sunday, November 7, 2021

EPIPHANY

CONNECTIONS

ALL SAINTS'

DAY MEMORIAL CARDS

- 11/7 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Zoom)
9:45 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium – Room 2 Mitchel Hall)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Nave and tcote.org) 11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group (EYG)
- 11/8 7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry (EfM)
- 11/10 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina (Zoom)
- 11/11 12:00 p.m. OWLS
6:30 p.m. Schola rehearsal
7:45 p.m. Parish Choir rehearsal
- 11/14 9:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Zoom)
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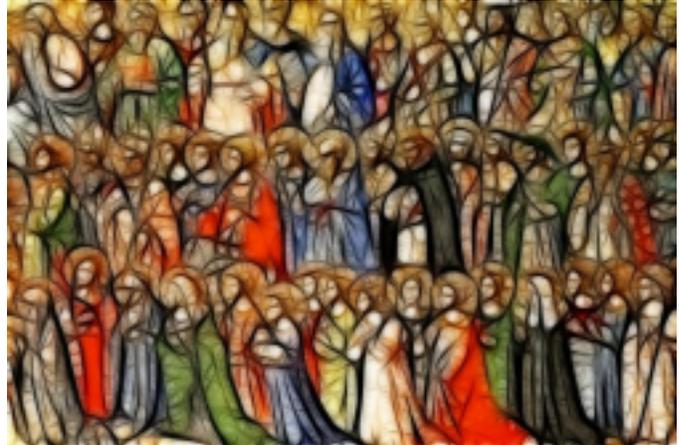
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE SHARING YOUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Many thanks to those of you who have already returned your Pledge Cards! This will help your Bishop's Committee plan what we as a church may achieve next year. Responses have come in a bit slower than expected, so if you haven't returned your pledge card please take a moment to do so by marking your card and returning it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope you received.

We enjoyed hearing from Karen Dyer during our service this past Sunday. She shared with us the many ways that Epiphany impacts our local community with its goodness and generosity. As Rev. Jamie stated in her Stewardship letter, "Jesus said, 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.' (Matt. 6:21)"

Please see Rev. Jamie's message to our congregation elsewhere within this communication; it is important to understand as we move forward together. I believe that our small but mighty church has much to

celebrate as we do Christ's work in the world! Let us show our gratitude and dedication for all that Epiphany means to us by returning our pledges of support today. Thank you!



In loving remembrance of family and friends, we invite you to record the names of the departed on one of the memorial cards we have made available. Please place your cards in the basket before the service, as we will them on the altar today and say a prayer for those whose names we have recorded. While the names will not be read, writing them and remembering is a beautiful spiritual practice that gives an opportunity to feel close to those whom we no longer see.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM REV. JAMIE BARNETT

I am exceedingly thankful to God for placing me here at Epiphany and for the blessing you all have been in my life already, in just the few short months I have been here. As many of you may already know, I have now moved into my new home in Simi Valley which brings me even closer to you and the church. I am looking forward to a long and happy ministry among you as we spend more and more time getting to know each other and moving Epiphany into a new and bright future!

OWLS – NOVEMBER 11 AT NOON

Please come join us on Thursday, November 11th for luncheon at noon as we welcome our own Vince Castellana. Vince will talk about the Red Door Vineyard and how it has evolved from a farming only operation to a winery. We will taste some of the older wines and do a vertical tasting to experience how the wine has changed over the years. PLEASE RSVP by Monday, November 8th. We ask for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of

lunch and activity. We look forward to seeing you!!!
RSVP to Office: 818-991-4797 or
mponticelli@tcote.org.

BIRTHDAY BOXES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

Epiphany Youth Group is asking for your help in donating birthday items for foster children so that they can have a birthday celebration to remember. Please donate items that are appropriate for any gender, 3-11 years old. We would love to receive birthday-themed plates, cups, and napkins, balloons, streamers, hats, party blowers, cake mix, frosting, birthday candles, wrapped candy, and gender-neutral birthday cards. The EYG will gather with other youth groups in this inter-faith program to provide birthday boxes to foster children. There will be a marked bin in the narthex through Sunday, November 7. Thank you for your donations!

Epiphany relies on volunteers to fill key roles. If you feel called to help Epiphany's mission to the community, there are opportunities for you to help!

When you are trying to discern what your ministry is, consider where your deep joy and the world's great needs intersect. Once again, this Sunday we will have a Welcome table where you can sign up to serve in various ministries at Epiphany. Thank You!

ACCESSING OUR LIVESTREAM

The easiest way to access our livestream is by going to www.tcote.org/live-stream-service. That page has the service stream for Sunday and most of the week after, and a link to the bulletin. It also has a link to Epiphany's YouTube channel for past services (or the immediate past service if that is no longer available through the website).

You can also get there by going to www.tcote.org and scrolling down to the rectangular box below "Latest Sermons." Click on that box, and you will be on the page described above.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:

DISCERNING YOUR CALL

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Maria and the Blackwood Family, Ken, Pam, Donna, Neil, Olivia and Byron, Jan Barnes, Bob, Meg, Stella

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have gone before us and for all who have died from COVID-19.

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.