



# THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

## The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 14, 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

O Herre Gott, dein göttlich Wort, BWV 1110

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

“O Lord God, your holy word is brought to light before our eyes.”

### The Word of God

*At the sound of the bell, all stand and sing*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN-HYMN 665** All my hope on God is founded

MICHAEL

#### ACCLAMATION

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

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

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* 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.

*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* Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

*All sit for the readings.*

**FIRST READING**

Daniel 12: 1-3

*Bible, p. 822*

*After the reading:*

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*All remain seated and say together*

**PSALM 16**

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my LORD,  
my good above all other.
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup: \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 10: 11-25

*Bible, p. 1365*

*After the reading:*

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN-HYMN 51** We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting

DECATUR PLACE

**✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 13: 1-8

*Bible, p. 1195*

*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**

Let us pray for God's peace in the Church and in the world.

Keep the Church vigilant against error and false doctrine...

As we give thanks for our places of worship, help us to remember that all earthly things will pass away...

Teach us to the faithful in the Temple of the Spirit.

*Leader:* Lord hear us,

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

Have mercy on the world where nation rises against nation and the hearts of many are torn with anger...

Bring the blessings of peace where there is war and violence...

Protect your people from those who by abuse of power would deceive and lead astray those they govern.

*Leader:* Lord hear us,

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

Grant clear sight to us, to our families, friends and neighbors, that we may discern the truth and not fall into false ways...

Give integrity and sureness of purpose to those who hold authority in this community.

*Leader:* Lord hear us,

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

Visit and relieve all who are suffering from natural disasters, the victims of famine and the victims of human aggression...

Lead back into the right way all who have been brought to sorrow by following false leaders.

*Leader:* Lord hear us,

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

We pray for those who have come to the end of life in this world...

Grant them peace in the world where there is no strife or danger, but joy that will not pass away.

*Leader:* Lord hear us,

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

We offer our prayer through Christ, in whose name alone we put our trust.

*All:* **Amen.**

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

### **A COLLECT FOR VETERAN'S DAY**

*Celebrant* O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may

not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*     **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.*

#### **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

St. Cecilia

COLIN MAWBY (1936-2019)

PRESENTATION HYMN-HYMN 613 Thy kingdom come, O God!

ST. CECILIA

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,  
10 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — heav-en and earth are full, —  
20 — full — of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
30 in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes — in the name of the Lord. —  
40 — 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**

Eternal Father, strong to save  
*(This hymn may be found on the bulletin insert.)*

MELITA

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

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

**POSTLUDE**

Melita

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

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Eternal Father, Strong to save,  
 Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
 Who bid'st the mighty Ocean deep  
 Its own appointed limits keep;  
 O hear us when we cry to thee,  
 for those in peril on the sea.

O Lord of hosts, to you we turn  
 To give us grace we cannot earn.  
 Our soldiers guard our way of life;  
 Be with them all in times of strife.  
 Let courage flow from your command;  
 Be with our forces on the land.

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly  
 Through the great spaces in the sky,  
 Be with them always in the air,  
 In dark'ning storms or sunlight fair.  
 O, hear us when we lift our prayer,  
 For those in peril in the air.

Eternal Father, grant, we pray  
 To all Marines, both night and day,  
 The courage, honor, strength, and skill  
 Their land to serve, thy law fulfill;  
 Be thou the shield forevermore  
 From every peril to the Corps.

O Trinity of Love and power!  
 Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
 From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
 Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
 Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
 Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.



Week of Sunday, November 14, 2021

# EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 11/14 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](http://tcote.org))  
11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group (EYG)
- 11/15 7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry (EfM)
- 11/17 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina (Zoom)
- 11/18 6:30 p.m. Schola rehearsal  
7:45 p.m. Parish Choir rehearsal
- 11/21 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES  
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](http://tcote.org))  
11:30 a.m. Lector/Acolyte/Usher training

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE *SHARING YOUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE*

First of all, *thank you* to all who have returned their pledge cards. If you have not yet done so, it's not too late! We have extended the end of the stewardship campaign to Sunday, November 21. It is vital that we know your plans for giving so that we the Bishop's Committee can make a budget for 2022. You can either return your pledge card to the church in the self-addressed, stamped envelope you received or you may place it in the offering plate either today or next Sunday.

Today we will hear from Laurie Burns, who has, with her husband Barry, been a member of Epiphany for over 30 years. She will reflect on the importance of having a loving and supportive faith community as part of your life.

Let's all express our gratitude for the Epiphany community by supporting Epiphany as we move into the future!

## TRAINING FOR ACOLYTES, LAY READERS, AND USHERS

On Sunday, November 21, after the service, our acolytes, lay readers, and ushers, will receive refresher training in preparation for Advent and Christmas. During the long break from live services during the pandemic, it was inevitable that some practices would slip our minds, and we want our upcoming celebrations to be the best that they can be.

If you are not already signed up to participate in these ministries but would like to do so, please feel free to show up for the training and you will be included.

If you cannot attend the training but would like to participate, please contact Laurie Burns (for acolytes), Jay Wilcox (for lay readers), or Bob Thomson (for ushers) to arrange to be trained.

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDARS

A reverse Advent Calendar is a practice where, instead of opening something every day, you contribute something to those in need. Our youth group have prepared boxes for your use, and you can collect one from church beginning on November 21.

For each day of Advent (November 28 through Christmas Eve), you put one food item to donate into the box. Please donate only non-perishable canned or jarred items, as they must be stored until they are collected in early January. Examples include canned chicken, beans, vegetables, tuna, soup, tomatoes, pasta sauce, peanut butter, fruit cups, apple sauce. Once done, you can drop the full box off at the church when you come to Christmas services.

For more information contact Karen [kjames@tcote.org](mailto:kjames@tcote.org) or Laurie [lburns@tcote.org](mailto:lburns@tcote.org)

## SPIRITUAL RESOURCE FOR ADVENT

Advent Word, a global Advent Calendar, offers daily meditations and images during this holy season beginning Sunday, November 28. In addition to meditations and images, Advent Word invites your personal reflections via social media to share your own Advent journey. Thousands participate each year, responding to the day's prompt words with photos, written responses, crafts, drawings, poems, found art, and Holy Spirit-filled posts. The website, where you can sign up for daily notifications, is:

<https://adventword.org/en/home/>.

## DISCERNING YOUR CALL

*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](http://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](http://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:** Michelle.

**Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list:** Ken, Pam, Donna, Neil, Olivia and Byron, Bob, Meg.

**Please pray for the repose of the souls** of all who have given their lives in service of their country and all those 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/](http://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.*

