

The Episcopal Church of Agoura, Oak Park and Westlake Village

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Last Sunday after Pentecost:

Christ the King

November 20, 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

Partita on "Westminster Abbey" (mvts. 1-4)

ROBERT J. POWELL (B. 1932)

The Word of God

The people stand at the sound of the bell.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Canticle 4: The Song of Zechariah

Remain seated.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 483 The head that once was crowned with thorns

ST. MAGNUS

GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

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

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴“Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?’” ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’” ⁴³He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’”

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.

In penitence and faith, let us pray for the Church for the world.

Grant that the Church shall be worthy of the sufferings of her Lord, shall honor him in worship and serve him humbly in his people . . . Give her ministers grace to declare the forgiveness of sins to all who are penitent and to comfort those who are in despair.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Bless all who are in authority, that they shall rule with mercy and with respect for those who are under them . . . We pray for soldiers, and for all who must carry out the works of judgement.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Be with us, with our families, friends and neighbors at this time . . . As we come near to celebrate the birth of our Lord, help us to remember his suffering for our sake and to sorrow for our sins even as we rejoice in his glory.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all who suffer from the cruelty of power . . . Lead back into joy those who seek pardon for their sins . . . Give peace and comfort to those who are near to death.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Arturo and Boyd. 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 the souls of those who have died in faith, and look with compassion on those who have died without repentance . . . May the everlasting mercy open the gates of Paradise when we have passed from this world.

We pray in the name of Christ, the King who reigns from the Cross. **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

Image of the unseen God

(sung by the Parish choir)

Image of the unseen God, firstborn of creation,
matrix of the spinning world, heavenly foundation;
Christ, now reigning from the cross, wondrous incarnation.

Dawn of light before all time, union of all being,
of the mystic church, the head, source and the beginning:
Christ, now reigning from the cross, precious is your coming.

Firstborn of the blessed dead, dwelling of the Maker.
Concord of all things with God, wounded intercessor:
Christ, now reigning from the cross, glorious is your splendor.

TEXT: SUSAN PALO CHERWEIN (B. 1953)

MUSIC: RICHARD HILLERT (1923-2010)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

DUKE STREET

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

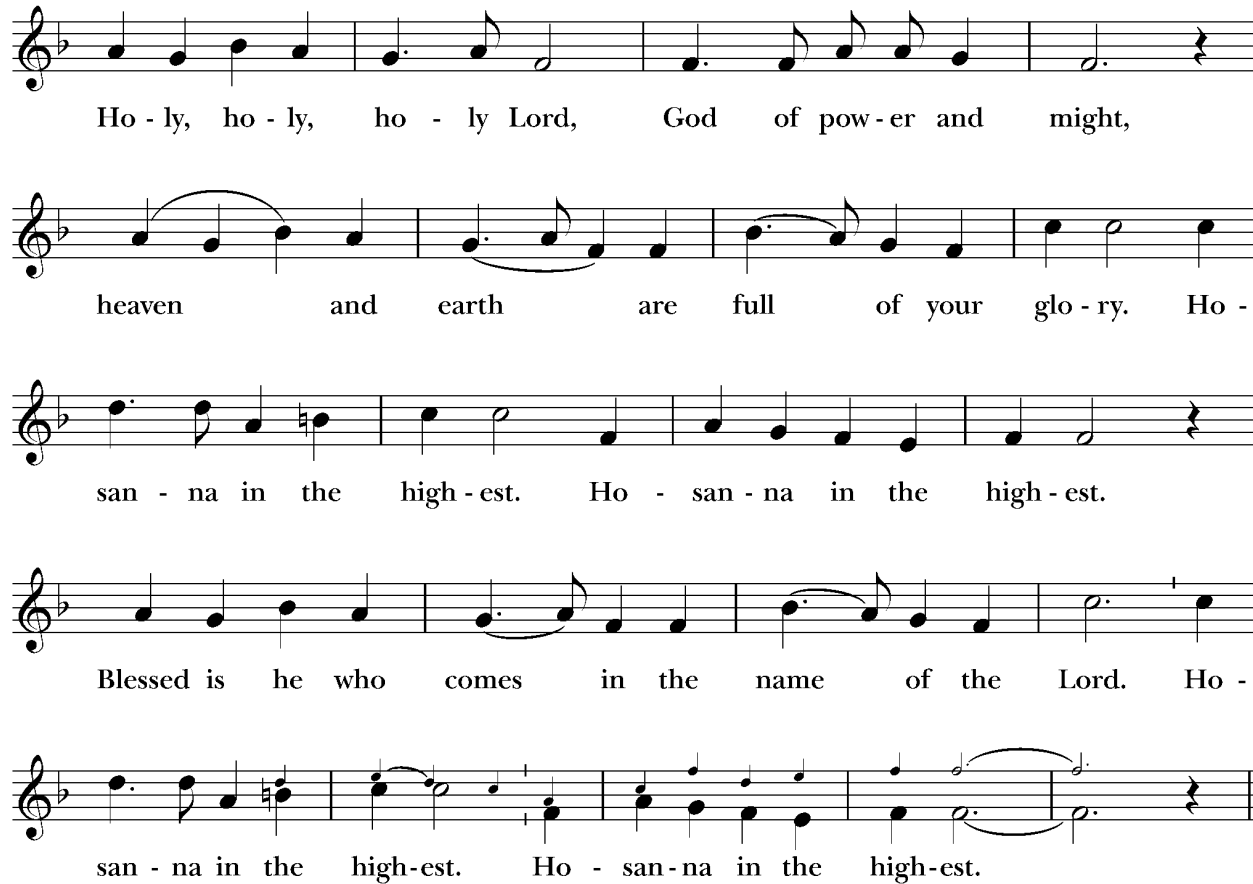
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God,
Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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

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 -

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 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

All are invited to sing

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and

³ joy in the Ho - ly Spi - rit. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the

⁷ 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 Celebrant blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 494

Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA

DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Partita on “Westminster Abbey” (mvts. 5-6)

ROBERT J. POWELL (B. 1932)

The flowers this morning are given in
loving memory of William E. Hahn
by Catherine Hahn.

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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.

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Week of Sunday, November 20, 2022

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 11/20 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. Epiphany Youth Group
 11:30 a.m. Ministry Leadership Meeting
- 11/22 6:30 p.m. Book Study Group in the chapel
- 11/23 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina
- 11/24 **HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

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.

EXPLORE!

Want to learn more about The Church of the Epiphany, our latest news, or what it means to be an Episcopalian? Explore our website! Explore our worship, explore our programs, explore our community! Go to www.tcote.org.

STEWARDSHIP 2022



Help God's light shine brightly at Epiphany and in the world! Much appreciation to those who have already turned in their pledge cards! If you didn't receive a card in the mail, you will find one in the back of the pews or fill one out at our website: www.tcote.org.

STILL LOOKING



Thank you to the group of dedicated volunteers that come in weekly to help in the

office. Please think about joining them! Contact info@tcote.org or call 818-991-4797 for more information.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS



Advent Lessons and Carols
December 4, 2022
4:00 p.m.

Epiphany's musicians will lead this annual service, which begins with the story of the fall of humanity, concludes with the Annunciation and Mary's visit to Elizabeth, and tells in scripture and song of the prophecies of the coming of God's Son, Jesus. Interspersed with the lessons will be choral anthems and congregational hymns.

TO FRIENDS OF HARBOR HOUSE

Dear Friends of Harbor House,

On any given night here, in America, there are more than half a million people living on the streets. At Harbor House we meet kids who have aged out of foster care and aged directly into homelessness, and lots of grown children who have experienced trauma in their childhood. Elderly people who are making minimum social security are struggling to keep a place they can afford in a community that is increasingly becoming unaffordable for average people end up living in their cars.

I went with our staff and some volunteers last week to a local mobile home park to visit and listen to the elderly who are living there and facing an 8.5% rent increase on the land their homes sit on. The stories of 80 and 90-year-old people who have worked all their lives and are now living on social security are facing so many challenges as the economy presents more and more worries for them.

So far, in 2022, we have spent \$160,000 in rental assistance to those who are struggling in this difficult economy. This enabled us to keep 155 households in their housing and 238 individuals (including children) in their homes.

There is a lot of work to do, no doubt, but on a daily basis the staff at Harbor House find ourselves saying how grateful we are for your generosity and your goodness. We often wonder out loud what we do without all of you?

We know that without you, we could not help those who need it most. We are thankful for everything you do and for every dollar you donate.

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and many reasons to give thanks.

Gratefully,

Denise Cortes
Executive Director
Harbor House

ADOPT-A-FAMILY



Help Harbor House fulfill the Christmas dreams of families in the Conejo Valley who might otherwise go without by

donating to the 2022 Adopt-a-Family

campaign. The Church of the Epiphany has pledged \$3,125.00 to adopt 25 families with about four children in each family. Our pledge will cover the cost of a \$50.00 grocery gift card for each family and a \$25.00 Target gift card for each child.

To donate, please make a check payable to The Church of the Epiphany and write Adopt-a-Family in the memo line or donate online at www.tcote.org/give. Donations will be accepted beginning Sunday, November 13 through Sunday, December 4. Questions: contact Elizabeth Olson at (805) 494-6461, Yvonne Lux at yvonnlux@gmail.com or email info@tcote.org.

BLOOD DRIVE THANKS

Thank you to Outreach and the Red Door Vineyard for coordinating our blood drive on November 13 and all the blood donors for donating! We connected 11 pints of blood and those will go to help up to 30 patients! Because of you, life doesn't stop.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Ronnie, Joanne, Boyd

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Caity, Charlie, Dave, Donna, Roger, Kristi, Neil, Sarah, Olivia and Byron, Magdalena, Pauline, Nicolette, Bruce, Steven, Susan, Fredi, Laila, Arturo

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.