

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

The First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022

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

Valet will ich dir geben Valet will ich dir geben

GEORG FRIEDRICH KAUFFMANN (1679-1735) MAX REGER (1873-1916)

The Word of God

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Catechist: Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever! You

called those of old to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfillment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a

lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Catechist: God of Abraham and Sarah, and of all the matriarchs and patriarchs of old, you are our God, too.

is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make a home within us. We ask this

through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.

All: Lord Jesus, Light of the world, born like David to be a king:

Be born in our hearts this Christmastide, be Lord of our lives today. Amen.

At the sound of the bell, all stand and sing

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN 74 Blessed be the King whose coming VALE

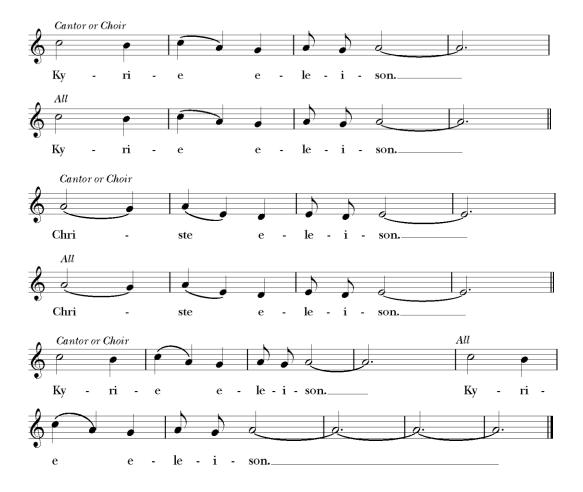
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 122

Remain seated.

¹I was glad when they said to me, * "Let us go to the house of the LORD." ²Now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem. ³Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself; ⁴To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD. ⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: * "May they prosper who love you. ⁷Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers. 8For my brethren and companions' sake, * I pray for your prosperity. Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

Remain seated

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

¹¹You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not

in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

HYMN 56, vv. 1-2 O come, O come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³⁶ "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest 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.

Let us pray as we prepare for the coming of the Lord

May the Church be faithful, vigilant, and ever-trusting in your promises . . . At this Advent time, grant to her ministers and all her people the grace to prepare in prayer and meditation for the coming Nativity.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Look with compassion on the world where many are weighed down by care and worldly concerns . . . Heal the hostilities that divide nations, and bring to the whole earth the blessings of peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In all we do, in all our work, in our homes, in our times of quiet, let us so live that we are ready without fear for the call of God . . . Grant to those we love the grace of lives fitly lived.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: 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, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have already been called to the future judgement and the future peace, for those who came with joyful expectation into the divine presence, and for those who came bewildered and unprepared . . . May the love of God enfold them all.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May our prayers be acceptable through Christ the Lord who has come, is present here, and will come again.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 Priest stands and 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

All stand.

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.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

The Lord will come and not be slow

(SUNG BY THE PARISH CHOIR)

The Lord will come and not be slow, his footsteps cannot err; before him righteousness shall go, his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blossom then; and justice from her heavenly bower, look down on mortal men.

Surely to those that do God love salvation is at hand! And glory shall ere long appear and dwell within the land. The nations all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame to bow them low before thee, Lord, and glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great by thy strong hand are done: thou in thy everlasting seat remainest God alone.

TEXT: PORTIONS OF PSALMS 82, 85, AND 86 ADAPTED BY JOHN MILTON (1608-1674), ALT. MUSIC: MELODY BY WILLIAM WHEALE (1696-1727), ARRANGED BY JAY WILCOX (B. 1954), VERSE 2 HARMONIZATION FROM SONGS OF PRAISE (1931)

PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 61 "Sleepers, wake!" a voice astounds us

WACHET AUF

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

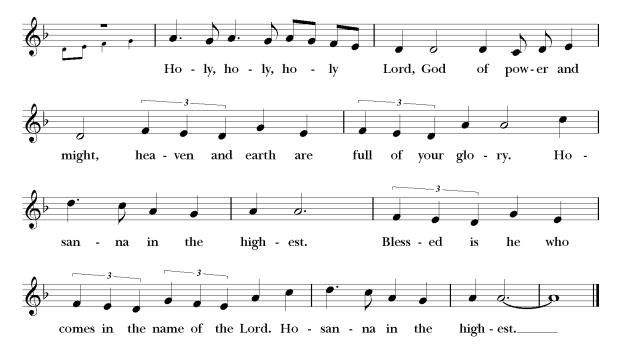
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS S-129 ROBERT POWELL (b. 1932)



The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death

and to reveal the riches of your grace,

you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,

that she might conceive and bear a son,

Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,

healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself

yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life,

and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,

Jesus was at table with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

"Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you,

gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,

which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

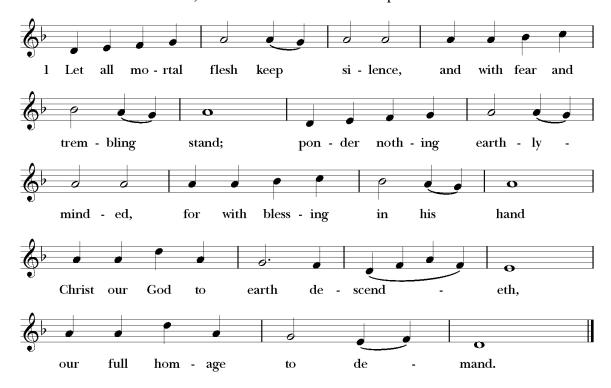
People and Celebrant

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-HYMN 324, v.1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

PICARDY



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

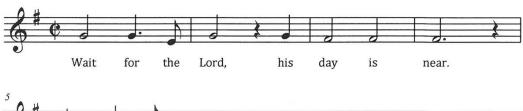
This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, 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 MUSIC

All are invited to sing:





All stand for the

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 57 Lo! he comes with clouds descending

HELMSLEY

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Wachet auf! WAYNE L. WOLD (B. 1954)

The first candle of the Advent Wreath is lit today by:

Desmond and Joseph

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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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EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

11/27	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at www.tcote.org) Children in church – a special Eucharist
11/29	6:30 p.m.	Advent Book Study Group in the chapel
11/30	7:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina
12/4	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) Stewardship Presentation
	11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Epiphany Youth Group Stewardship Celebration Advent Lessons and Carols

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

Today, the children are meeting in church and will be invited to join Rev. Jamie at the altar as she prepares and serves the Eucharist. They will learn about and experience step-by-step this Holy Sacrament.

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.

Sunday, December 4, is the end of this year's Stewardship Campaign! Please join us after church for cake and bubbly to celebrate!

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS



Next Sunday,
December 4 at 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.

Choral Music at this service will include:

Aspiciens a longe (Tone II)
Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Jefferson, arr. Jay
Wilcox)
Adam lay ybounden (Peter Warlock)

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Advent Dialogue (K. Lee Scott)
In silence we wait (Lloyd Larson)
Ave Maria (Jacob Handl)
Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Heinrich Schutz)

This special service which helps us to prepare for, and to look forward to, Christmas with expectation and hope.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



As in the past, our church will be magnificently decorated for Christmas. Please consider contributing to the Flower Fund to help beautify the church. Contributions can be made

thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one in your life, please fill out the form in the church pews and mail it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings with your check with "Flower Fund" in the memo field. You can donate online at www.tcote.org.

Contributions received by December 18 will be listed in our Christmas Eve bulletin. Any donations received after December 18 will be acknowledged in the new year.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



The Church of the Epiphany is part of the Women's Interfaith Network Conejo Valley (WIN). WIN will be putting together first aid kits for the 49

families who have moved into Many Mansions' newest property Summit View in Sylmar.

How do you help? Collect a box from the back of church. Every day, put in an item towards a first aid kit. Pray for the families who will receive the kits. Return the box on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day! There will be an Interfaith packing event at Many Mansions on Tuesday, January 31 at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM	SIZE	#
Band-Aids 10/box	1" x 3"	3 boxes
Fingertip Band-Aids		1 box
Band-Aids 10/box	2" x 4"	2 boxes
First aid ointment	1 oz tube	1 tube
Alcohol wipes	100 singles	1 box
Gauze pads 25/box	3" x 3"	1 box
Gauze roll		1 roll
Medical tape	1" x 10"	2 rolls
Non-latex gloves		1 box
Small scissors		1 pair
Tweezers		1 pair

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

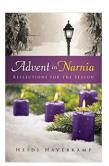


Help Harbor House fulfill the Christmas dreams of families in the Conejo Valley who might otherwise go without by donating to the 2022 Adopt-a-Family

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 yvonnelux@gmail.com or email info@tcote.org.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY



Our regular book study group will be taking a pause until January. Instead, we will be reading and studying *Advent in Narnia* - *Reflections for the Season* by Heidi Haverkamp. *Advent in Narnia* is a delightful and meaningful journey into the season while we await the birth of Jesus. "With its enchanting themes of

light and darkness, temptation and sin, forgiveness and hope...it naturally enhances the Advent season of reflection. As the reader anticipates the glorious coming of Christmas, *Advent in Narnia* inspires us to consider the holiday season from a new perspective." Available at Amazon.com. Join us on Tuesdays throughout Advent at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Anyone who hasn't read the novel, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* might like to have a "movie night" experience to watch the 2005 movie *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* before we begin our study. It is available on Disney+ for free or on Prime Video for a rental fee of \$3.99. It is a wonderful film that would be enjoyable for the entire family!

SUBSCRIBE TO CONNECTIONS

Do you 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.

PRAYERS

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

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Caity, Charlie, Dave, Donna, Kristi, Neil, Sarah, Olivia and Byron, Steven, Susan, Fredi, 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.