

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024, 10:00 a.m.



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar
The Rev. Karen James, Deacon

WELCOME

Visitors: We are delighted you have come to worship with us today! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the purple information card found in the slot in front of your seat and place it on the collection plate. We are excited to meet you and would love to get to know you!

This booklet contains the full order of service. If you are unfamiliar with our rituals and customs, just be present with us in this ancient liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The bold type indicates where the people are invited to respond or pray.

Coffee Hour: Whether you are just visiting or have been here many times, we would love for you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service. If you are visiting and are not sure where the Bishop's Hall is, please ask anyone and they will be happy to show you!

Restrooms: Proceed through the office door to the right of the church and go straight down the hall and to the left. Both restrooms have baby changing tables.

Assisted listening devices: Available from the ushers in the back of the church.

Children: We welcome children in our worship. Their sounds are a gift from God – no need to subdue them! Our *prayground* is located in the side chapel and has quiet activities for parents and younger children to use while still in worship. Children ages 3-11 are welcome to join the atrium for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday School program located in Mitchel Hall. Ask the ushers for directions. Children return to the service for communion.

Contact: Office hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and the sanctuary is open during these hours for private prayer or meditation. To speak with The Rev. Jamie Barnett, please call the office and make an appointment. Her office hours are Tuesday through Thursday.

Communion: By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact The Rev. Jamie Barnett to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

Out of consideration for your fellow worshippers, please either turn off or silence your cell phones.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Concerto del Signor Torelli: II. Adagio

JOHANN GOTTFRIED WALTHERR (1684-1748)

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, all stand as able and sing.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 414

God, my King, thy might confessing

STUTTGART

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God dwells in you.

People **And also in you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

Silence may follow.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

A Reading from the letter of James.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand as able.

Hymn 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

ST. DENIO

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”
“You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

“Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as able.

**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 as able.

Open our eyes to see that all we are and all we have comes from you, O God.

We ask you now to increase in us a spirit of generosity and holy imagination.

Open our lips with your praise as we gather as the body of Christ. Keep the leaders of our faith communities deeply connected to you so that you may guide their course as we journey together.

We pray for our bishops, our priests and deacons, and all who support the work you have given us to do.

Open the hearts of the leaders of the world. Give them courage to work for a better future for their people, which reflects justice, kindness, and connection with each other.

We pray for our nation especially in this season of preparation for local, state, and national elections. May all be filled with the spirit of wisdom, vision and peace.

Open the hands of your people to reach out in love to those around the world who are in fear for their lives, who face violent weather, whose daily lives are made difficult by their circumstances.

May your love be made manifest through us.

Today we pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Arturo, the Morales- Aguilar family, Betty, Arthur, Hayven, Leila. We pray also for those who have asked for our prayers, but who prefer to remain anonymous, as well as those on our long-term prayer list.

Open a path to wholeness for those who live in fear of any kind, who have lost their way, whose spirits are restless, whose bodies are hurting.

Open your arms to embrace those who have recently died, especially Amanda.

Grant them entrance to your eternal kingdom, where there is no pain or grief. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon 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 Presider 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you,
People **And also with you.**

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 SOLO

Intermezzo

HEALEY WILLAN (1880-1968)

As the peoples' gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented for a blessing, all stand as able and sing

Hymn 707

Take my life and let it be

HOLLINGSIDE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider God dwells in you.

People **And also in you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, 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

Presider and People

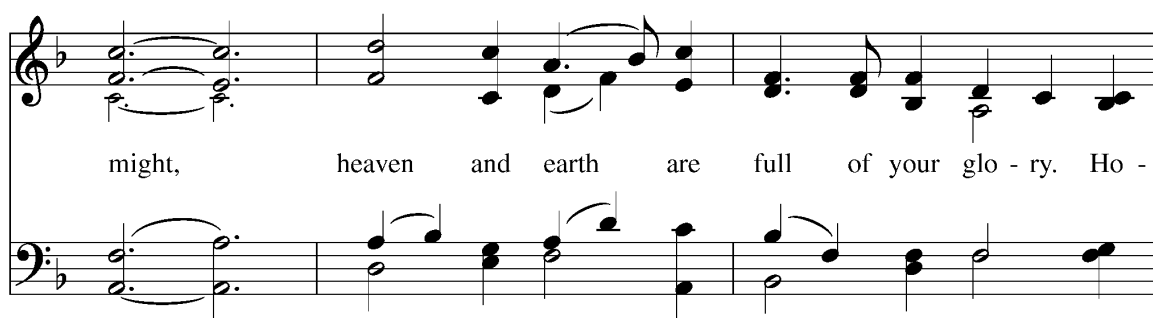
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Holy, holy, holy

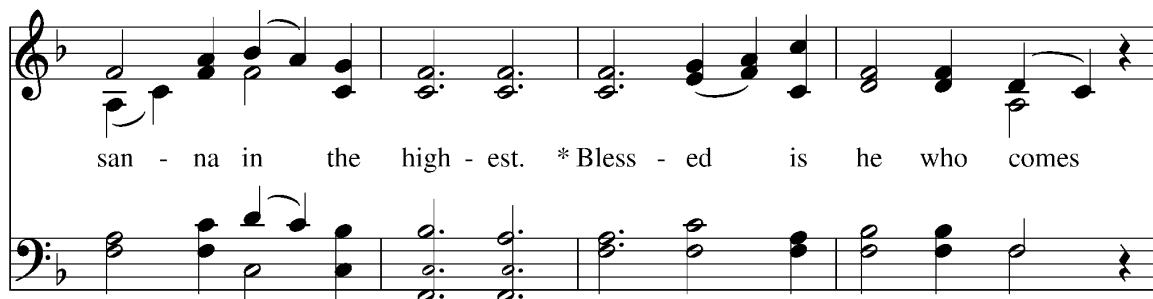
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HARMONIZED ANNABEL MORRIS BUCHANAN (1888-1983)



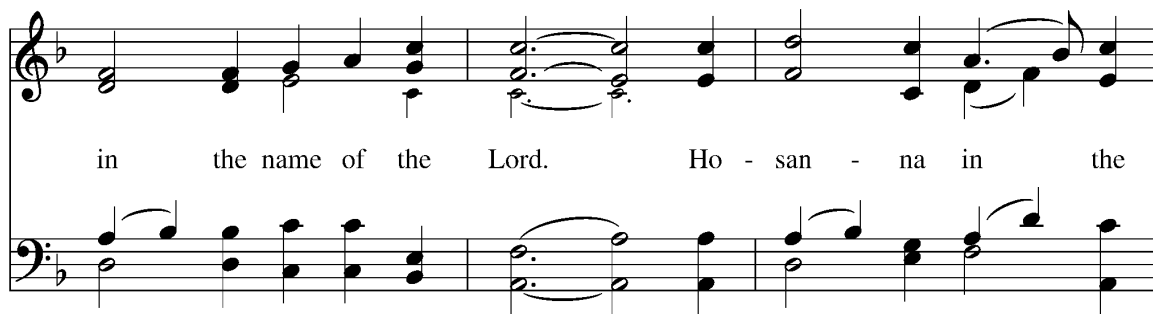
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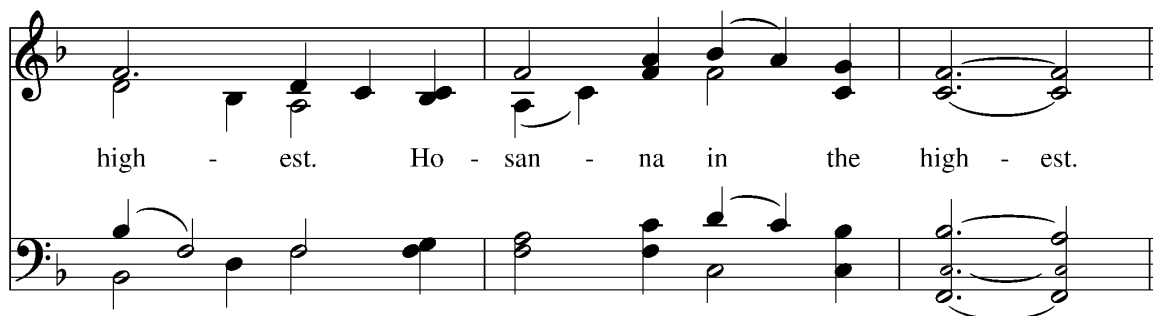
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The People stand or kneel.

The Presider 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,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say in the language of our hearts,

People and Presider

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga tu reino,**

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.

hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día,
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en la tentación,
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

INVITATION

Presider Behold who you are.
People: **May we become what we receive.**

DISTRIBUTION

The Presider says

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 gotten lost. Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

All who seek God and desire a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. When you come to the altar rail, you may either stand or kneel.

If you desire to receive the sacrament, please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Once you have received it, you may keep it there and the chalice bearer will take it, dip it in the wine and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the wafer and then you may place your hands on the base of the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider. If you desire to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest at the altar rail.

COMMUNION MUSIC Canon in E major, Op. 56, Nr. 3

ROBERT SCHUMANN (1810-1856)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says
Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

All stand as able and sing.

Hymn 556

Rejoice, ye pure in heart

MARION

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Concerto del Signor Torelli: I. Allegro

JOHANN GOTTFRIED WALTHER (1684-1748)

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask any member of our staff, our Wardens, or any member of our Bishop's Committee, and they will be happy to assist you.



For the Week of Sunday, September 1, 2024

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, September 1

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Children in church

Monday, September 2

6:30 p.m. RDV Monday Night Fellowship

Wednesday, September 4

12:00 p.m. Feeding the Spirit Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina

Thursday, September 5

7:45 Parish Choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 8

9:45 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, atrium
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Homecoming/Ministry Potluck

Are you new here? Please fill out the purple card in the pews, so that we may get to know each other!



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Newsletter at www.tcote.org

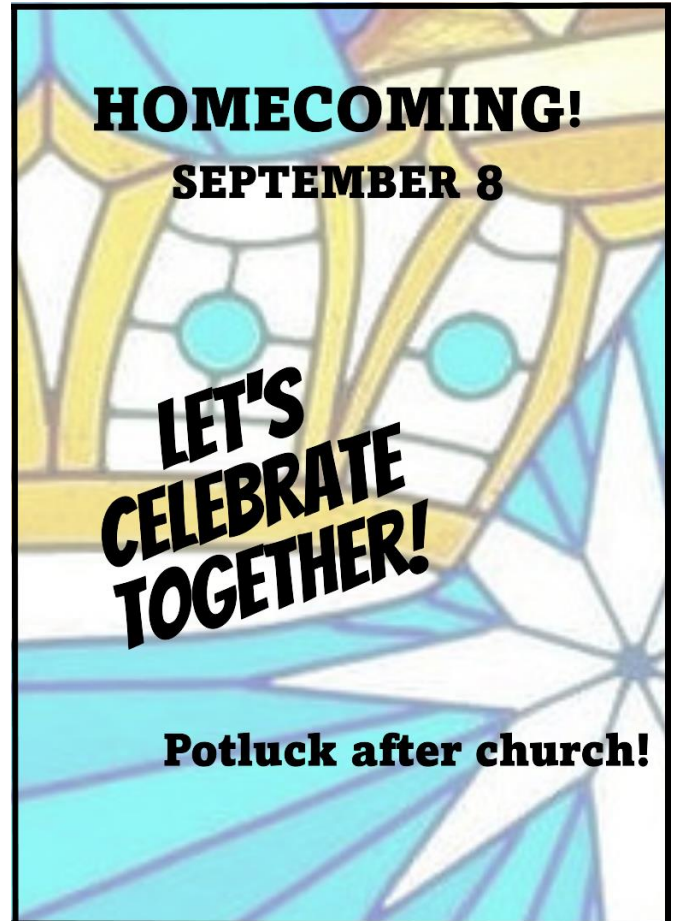
LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER OR TWO

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS Are you good with Word? We are looking for someone who wants to learn how to do the Sunday *Connections*. Specifically we will need someone to do the weeks of October 5 – 19, but assistance is always appreciated. You would receive a template and training and can work from home. Temporary or permanent! If you are interested, please contact Susan at tohalligan55@gmail.com.

RDV MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP



Who surrounds us as we worship? Gather together to delve into a Bible verse, barrel taste RDV wine (optional) and explore the connections we have with one another 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. on **Monday, September 2**.



POTLUCK SIGN-UP: See Karen Listick or Kim Seegan after church at the table or email Kim at kseegan@gmail.com to let her know what you want to bring. Thank you!

Our Vision

To live and love as true followers of Jesus,
not just fans.

MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

For more information on these and other ministries, please visit www.tcote.org



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is highly child-centered and allows children to enter into a relationship with God in their own ways, and in their own time. All

children are welcome. Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



Creation Care at Epiphany is about helping each other to grow in care for God's Creation. Seasonal Sacred Hikes help to create a personal bond and connection. Contact: Mari Mendenhall mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net



Deepen your faith while discussing the Bible, church history, and practical theology. **Education for Ministry (EfM)** meets *Monday nights from September to June*. Contact: Elizabeth at E.Vana.Bryant@gmail.com



Each week, talented and creative team members of the **Epiphany Flower Guild** purchase and arrange our altar flowers. No experience necessary; on-the-job training provided! Contact: Carrie Wilcox (703) 508-2628.



EPIPHANY MUSIC GUILD

The **Epiphany Music Guild** furthers the church's outreach mission to the community by providing a regular series of musical and other artistic events, enriching people's lives, and giving them opportunities to encounter beauty in a sacred space. Contact: Jay at jwilcox@tcote.org or www.tcote.org/music/



At Epiphany, we embrace and appreciate the capacity and insight of our teen parishioners. **EYG** is a safe, encouraging space for spiritual exploration and asking important questions. We meet *every other Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.* Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



Meeting at noon for one hour on **Wednesdays, Feeding the Spirit** Bible study is focused on upcoming lessons for the week and the themes found within.



A grief shared meets on the *fourth Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Ascension Chapel*. Wherever and however you are experiencing grief, we invite you to come and share your story in a safe and supportive space. Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



The **Holy Hosts** are looking for people who are interested in cooking, serving, or helping to supply food for church events. If you are interested in participating, please contact Karen Listick by texting (preferable) or calling (818)519-1763 or via e-mail at karen@listick.com.



The **Interfaith Ministry's** mission is to involve members of Epiphany in the sharing of traditions among people of various faiths and cultures, to deepen and broaden mutual understanding, Contacts: Aggie Winston aggiew53@gmail.com and Kerrie Sadler sadlerkerrie@gmail.com



Laundry Love is a nationwide program that assists low-income families and individuals in doing their laundry. We meet on the *last Tuesday of each month from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.* Contact: Karen James kjames@tcote.org



Lectio Divina is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer opening to a deeper communion with God. We meet via Zoom every *Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.* Link at www.tcote.org/lectio-divina or contact: Barry at burnscreative@gmail.com.



The **Lunch Bunch** prepares and delivers 70-80 brown bag lunches to Harbor House once a month for low income and homeless families and individuals. Join us! Contact: Yvonne yvonnelix@gmail.com



The **Music Ministry** at The Church of the Epiphany offers a variety of opportunities for participation and welcomes all. You may join the choir at any time. Contact: Jay jwilcox@tcote.org



Outreach: In response to the grace and love we have been given in Christ, we seek to serve our neighbors. Our commitment is to provide opportunities for The Church of the Epiphany to reach out locally, nationally, and globally so that we may

grow, mature, and become more fully the people Christ calls us to be.



OWLS (Older Wiser Laity) strives to create community and fellowship opportunities among the more senior members of our church and the greater area, *meeting on the second Thursday of the month at noon* for lunch and enriching programs from October - May. Contact Michelle: mponticelli@tcote.org



The **Pastoral Care Team** cares for parishioners who may be sick, recovering from surgery, or experiencing other life changes. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, contact Sharon

Schneider: sschneider@tcote.org



PFLAG is the nation's largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them. We meet on the *second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.* Contact: info@tcote.org



Red Door Vineyard's vision is to be a source of congregational growth, strength, and spirituality as we share in the journey of crafting wine in God's name. In addition to ongoing vineyard activities, we gather monthly for Monday Night Fellowship and Friday Evening Happy Hour and arrange a variety of social and cultural experiences. Contact: Stacey Stephens reddoorvineyard@tcote.org



The **Young Adult Group** (YAGs) meets on the *second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30*. Please contact The Rev. Karen James:

kjames@tcote.org or Laurie: lburns@tcote.org if you are between the ages of 18 and 30 and would like more info or to join in.

NAMETAGS

Hello My Name is:

We wear nametags to help us feel more connected and so we can get to know each other better. If you're interested in having one, please fill out the form on the website (search for "nametag") or put your name on the clipboard in the narthex.

FOCUS ON: SUNDAY SERVICES



ACOLYTES

The word acolyte means "one who helps". Acolytes participate in different roles of the service as part of the team of ministers who lead the worship. An acolyte's duties include holding the Gospel book for the vicar or priest during the reading, receiving the collection plate from the ushers after the offerings have been blessed, washing the hands of the clergy involved in the celebration of the Eucharist, and assisting with clearing the altar after the distribution of communion. This ministry is open to both adults and young adults. Training is provided.



ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is a ministry of service - a gift of our time and talent to serve God - preparing all that is necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist and any of the other sacraments of the church (e.g., baptisms, weddings, burials). We serve reverently and quietly behind the scenes, ensuring that our sanctuary reflects the holiness and the joy that we all create together in our worship. The work of the altar guild is not only of great importance to the liturgy, but it is also deeply spiritual and rewarding on a personal level. We work in small teams that meet on Saturdays, once a month to prepare the sanctuary for the Sunday services.

Our tasks include silver and brass polishing, washing & ironing the linens used, preparing the sanctuary candles, and ensuring that each Sunday all is prepared for our worship together as The Church of The Epiphany. If you are interested or want to learn more about the Altar Guild - which is open to all women and men at Epiphany, please contact Leigh Wallace at mizeinla@gmail.com.



COFFEE HOSTS

Coffee hour is a tradition of hospitality and fellowship, a time to catch up with friends and acquaint yourself with new people of the congregation. The work of a coffee host entails a very practical contribution to our parish life and to our community, and what emerges through the work are new connections, life-long friendships and a great sense of satisfaction after providing the opportunity for all of us to engage in fellowship. If you are interested in hosting Coffee Hour, we would be so

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grateful! Hosting is simple, you prepare and serve the donuts, coffee and lemonade after the 10:00 am service. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office at (818) 991-4797 or send an email to info@tcote.org.



LECTORS/LAY READERS

Lay readers read the scripture lessons from the Old and New Testament - a vitally important role in the leadership of our worship.

They serve at all Sunday morning services and special services during Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter.

Being a lay reader can be a great way to participate in leading worship for those who have limited time but who desire to contribute to our worship. Readings and prayers are sent out in advance so there is plenty of time to familiarize yourself with what you will be reading and to develop an understanding of its meaning.

New lay readers must have a training session with Jay Wilcox before they are scheduled to read. If you are interested in becoming a lay reader, please contact Susan or Tim at tohalligan@aol.com.



LAY EUCHARIST MINISTERS

A Lay Eucharistic Minister, also known as a "LEM", is a lay person authorized to assist the clergy during liturgical services. During

Eucharist (Holy Communion) the Lay Eucharistic Ministers offer wine to the congregation. In the absence of a priest, they will take the consecrated Sacrament to members of the congregation who may be ill, confined, hospitalized, or are otherwise unable to attend our regularly scheduled worship.

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USHERS

Ushers are the smiling faces that greet us every Sunday morning as we gather for worship. They help our Vicar with the orderly running of the service and assist members and visitors before and during each service. They hand out programs, help people find seats, manage the offerings, and direct the orderly movement of people to and from communion. Most ushers serve approximately once a month. Open to men and women.

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CALLING ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS



The participation of children in the leadership of worship is of immense benefit to everyone. We will have a meeting on **Sunday, September 22, 2024**, after the service to find out who might be interested in participating in a revival of our music program for children, and what the nature of that interest might be. We need and value your input in helping to design a program that will meet the needs of our young members! If you are interested and are unable to attend that meeting, please email Jay at jwilcox@tcote.org so that we can discuss your thoughts. Thank you!

THE LUNCH BUNCH – SEPTEMBER 19



Thank you lunch makers for your help providing lunches for our neighbors in need. This month Harbor House has set aside our usual date for a special event. Our September day to provide lunches is **Thursday, September 19**. Want to help? New hands are always welcome. Questions? Email yvonnelix@gmail.com

Lunches for 10 people- Include sandwich- turkey, egg salad, lunch meat, or pb&j, three snacks, fruit, and a drink. Drinks and fruit should be separate. Drop off is between 4:00 and 4:30 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at Avenida de Los Arboles and Mt. Clef. Parking lot is in the back.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Pat, Arturo, Hayven, Leila, Betty, Morales-Aguilar family, Arthur

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer List: Boyd, Kay, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, Judith, Joe, Norma, Curt, Francisco, Angela, Joanne, Madeline, Judie, Hannah, Kate J, Tom B, Dave, Georgia, Bill, Robert, Marilyn, Roberta, Don, Chip

Please pray for the soul of the departed: Amanda

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/.