

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 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

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 *playground* 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

Prayer for Ring Out for Earth:

God, maker of marvels, you weave the planet and all its creatures together in kinship; your unifying love is revealed in the interdependence of relationships in the complex world that you have made. Save us from the illusion that humankind is separate and alone and join us in communion with all inhabitants of the universe; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who topples the dividing walls by the power of your Holy Spirit, and who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

My Shepherd will supply my need

DALE WOOD (1934-2003)

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, at stand, as able, and sing

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 664

My Shepherd will supply my need

RESIGNATION

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

The following is sung, all standing

Hymnal S-278

Glory to God in the highest

WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)

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

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁵The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy

Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 23

Remain seated.



S-409 | © 1979, Robert Knox Kennedy.

- 1 The LORD is my | shepherd; *
 I shall not be in | want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green | pastures *
 and leads me beside still | waters.
- 3 He revives my | soul *
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s | sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no | evil, *
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff they | comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me; *
 you have anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup is running | over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my | life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for | ever.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First letter of John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that

we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

ST. AGNES

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

All stand.

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

[Jesus said,] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

THE SERMON

Karen James

THE NICENE 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.

Lead your church into the way of love. Teach us to hear and follow your voice and your vision for the world.
Tender Shepherd,

call us each by name and lead us home.

Guide those around the world who make decisions that impact the lives of individuals and nations.
Tender Shepherd,

precede us all in the ways of justice and peace.

Lighten the burden of those suffering loss, illness, and anxiety, those whom we know and love and those who are unknown to us. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Tom, Karl, Caroline, the Mullins family, Madeline, Ellen, Judie, Hannah, May, and Mona. We pray also for those who have asked for our prayers, but who prefer to remain anonymous, as well as for those on our long-term prayer list.
Tender Shepherd,

*comfort them and shower them with
your healing grace.*

We pray for those who have died. Carry those who have finished their earthly journey into the next life and gently place them in God's eternal embrace.
Tender Shepherd,

hold them close to your heart forever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider 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 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, as able.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of Lord.

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 ANTHEM The King of love my shepherd is

(sung by the Parish Choir)

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight, thy unction grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

TEXT: PSALM 23, METRICAL PARAPHRASE BY H.W. BAKER (1821-1877)

MUSIC: *ST. COLUMBA*, IRISH TRADITIONAL MELODY, ARR. JOHN RUTTER (B. 1945)

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

Hymn 708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

SICILIAN MARINERS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

Hymnal S-128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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 Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, 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,
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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga tu reino,
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 Be known to us, Lord Jesus

JAY WILCOX (B. 1954)

Fine

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

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1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com -
2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

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D.C. al Fine

mu - nion of the bo - dy of Christ.
ma - ny we share one bread.

INVITATION

The Presider 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.

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

All are invited to sing



Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Je - sus Christ, ri - sen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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The hea - vens and the earth re - joice, Lord Je - sus,



raised from the dead, you are liv - ing. The hea - vens and the earth re -



joice, Lord Je - sus, raised from the dead, you are liv - ing.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of 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 Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

All stand and sing.

Hymn 334

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in C

JOHANN LUDWIG KREBS (1713-1780)

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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, April 21, 2024
EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 4/21 9:45 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Children in the Atrium
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 11:30 a.m. Ring Out for Earth
- 11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group
- 4:00 p.m. EMG event – Trio Celeste
- 4/23 11:00 a.m. a grief shared
- 4/24 11:00 a.m. Feeding the Spirit Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina
- 4/25 6:30 p.m. Schola Rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 4/28 10:00 a.m. Children in church
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 11:30 a.m. Newcomers/Episcopal 101

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



Subscribe to our **Connections Newsletter** at www.tcote.org/newsletter/

TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING



Our Rummage Sale is **Saturday, May 25**. Proceeds will be used to support Epiphany and its ministries. **Please bring donations to the Founders Hall on the Sundays leading up to May 19.** We will gladly accept gently used clothing, collectables, linens, jewelry, shoes, purses, toys, children's books, small decorative items including Christmas items, and kitchen and household items *in working condition*. **Please** make sure ALL items are clean and in good repair. We are unable to accept furniture, carpeting, drapes or blinds, electronics, bookcases, building supplies, food, or hygiene items.

For more information contact Claudia Dempster at claudiadempster@icloud.com.

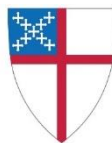
KAREN JAMES ORDINATION SAVE THE DATE



SAVE THE DATE!

After seven years of study, our incredible and wonderful **Karen James** will be ordained to the Diaconate and become *The Rev. Karen James* on **Saturday, June 8** at St. John's Cathedral (514 W. Adams Blvd, LA, CA 90007). **We will have a bus going and hope to see everyone at this sacred and momentous occasion.** There will be a reception here at the church after the ordination. More information will follow.

NEWCOMERS/EPISCOPAL 101



"Episcopalians find comfort, nurture, fellowship, and encouragement in our communities of faith (especially true for us at Epiphany). And we believe the Almighty is not finished with us yet. We believe—now more than ever---that we provide a uniquely fulfilling and vital role in the panoply of modern Christian experiences..." The Episcopal Handbook

Want to know more about what is meant by that introduction and what it means to be an Episcopalian here at Epiphany? Good, because we are pleased to announce our **New Members/Episcopal 101 class series**. For three consecutive Sundays, **April 28, May 5, and May 12**, we will meet directly after church in the Bishop's Hall for an opportunity to get to know Epiphany and one another better, while also learning more about the core beliefs of the Episcopal Church.

So, whether you are new to Epiphany, or to the Episcopal Church at large, new in town, **or a long-time member continuing to grow in your spirituality**, you are invited to join us. By participating in this offering, you will have the chance to connect with others who are also on a faith journey, forming bonds that will last a lifetime.

At the conclusion of the courses, you will also have the opportunity should you so desire, to be welcomed by our Vicar into our Church of the Epiphany family at our **Pentecost service, May 19**, where your name will officially be added to our register. Please RSVP if you will be attending so we can provide adequate seating and snacks!!! info@tcote.org

TRIO CÉLESTE TODAY 4:00 P.M.



EMG and RDV Event A Decade of Brilliance

Trio Céleste has pushed the boundaries of chamber music,

redefining the art form with their exceptional virtuosity and passion. Their worldwide performances have won hearts and accolades from music enthusiasts and critics alike. This marks their **10th consecutive appearance** performing here. Join us as they offer an extraordinary selection of their “greatest hits” - timeless masterpieces that have not only shaped their artistic journey, but have also been cherished by you, our beloved audience, throughout the past decade in our sanctuary. The program will include masterworks of Beethoven, Dvorak, and Mendelssohn, and will be a musical celebration like no other!

A discounted admission of \$10 is available for members of the EMG and the Red Door Vineyard; suggested donations for non-members are \$25 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for students. To ensure that there is sufficient food and wine, those who wish to attend are asked to make a reservation no later than Wednesday, April 17, by contacting jwilcox@tcote.org, or by calling (818) 991-4797, ext. 26.

A GRIEF SHARED



We invite you to come and share your story in a safe and supportive space.

Tuesday, April 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Ascension Chapel.

Please contact Laurie Burns at

lburns@tcote.org if you need further information.

RING OUT FOR EARTH



Every parish, mission, school, and institution within the six county Diocese of Los Angeles is invited to join together **today** in “Ring Out for Earth” an all call to the

urgent need for care of God’s creation as the global atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentration has reached **425 parts per million* (ppm)**, a level unprecedented in all of human history. It is the CO₂ from our burning of fossil fuels that is the human-caused pollution responsible for blanketing and warming the planet.

Please join us as we “Ring Out for Earth” after church **TODAY. Everyone, children included, is invited to ring the bell.**

COMMUNITY CORNER

To learn details, locations, ticket prices and more on the following, go to our *Connections Newsletter* or www.tcote.org



CONEJO VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY presents the MOZART *REQUIEM* performed within the excellent acoustics of *The Church of the Epiphany!* Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m.

KOVALEVA DUO BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m. featuring [Anna Kovaleva, piano and Elena Kovaleva, violin](#)

SENIOR CONCERNS CAREGIVER RECOGNITION DAY

Tuesday, May 7, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DINNER PARTY



Save the date! Our annual fundraiser dinner party is on June 22 this year, including a **live band** that’s sure to please!

MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

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



Want to help on Sundays during the service? If you are interested in being an **usher, reader, or LEM**, please contact the church at info@tcote.org



Members of the **Altar Guild** prepare all that is necessary for the celebration of all of the sacraments of the church. Contact: Leigh Wallace mizeinla@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



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



Acolytes are a part of the team of ministers who lead the worship. This ministry is open to males and females aged 12 and up. If you would like to be involved, please contact Karen:

kjames@tcote.org.



Do you like to entertain? 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 at 818-519-1763 or via e-mail at karen@listick.com.



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. Interested in being a **Coffee Host**? Contact: info@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



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, and to offer education and service opportunities that encourage and promote fairness and empathy through our actions, leading to a more harmonious society. Contacts: Aggie Winston aggiew53@gmail.com and Kerrie Sadler sadlerkerrie@gmail.com



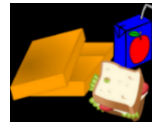
The **Pastoral Care Team** cares for parishioners who may be sick, recovering from surgery, or experiencing other life changes. We make phone calls, visit hospitals and homes, and help with their unmet needs, such as providing an occasional meal following surgery or illness. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, contact Sharon Schneider: sschneider@tcote.org



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. **Next meeting 4/24.**



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 Lux yvonnlux@gmail.com



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*, enrollment for 2024 begins in July. Contact: Elizabeth at E.Vana.Bryant@gmail.com



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.



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



PFLAG's vision is to create a world where difference is celebrated, and all people are valued inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We meet on the *second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.* Contact: info@tcote.org



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 Ponticelli: mponticelli@tcote.org



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 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.* Contact: Karen

James kjames@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 **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/



Epiphany Young Adults meet on the *second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30.* Please contact Karen:

kjames@tcote.org or Laurie:

lbtolunabase@gmail.com if you are

between the ages of 18 and 30 and would like more info or to join in!

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:

Tom, Karl, Caroline, the Mullins family, Madeline, Ellen, Judie, Hannah, May, Mona

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer List:

Boyd, Kay, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, Judith, Steve, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, Steve, Paul, Madden, Norma, Hailey, John, Robyn, Bishop Michael Curry, Pat, Curt, Francisco, Susan K, Winnie and the Luppert family, Egan, Angela, Julie, Jane, Patrick, Joanne, Brian, Julia, Anna

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/.

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission

We seek to ensure that all who enter our doors know that they are loved, welcomed, and celebrated unconditionally, that we serve the world with gratitude, humility, and courage, and that we continue to grow in faith, recognizing reason and exploring the profound mystery that is God's creation.

Vision

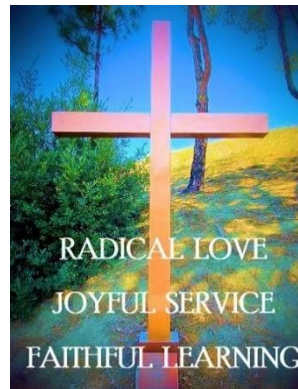
To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

Core Values

RADICAL LOVE

JOYFUL SERVICE

FAITHFUL LEARNING



Core Values guide us in carrying out our mission and realizing our vision.

By their nature, core values are touchstones for prayer, discernment, ongoing conversation, and action. We seek a deep understanding and ongoing engagement with Epiphany's Core Values.

Over the years, we will continue reflecting on what they mean in their application; how they challenge and inform decisions and actions in Epiphany's ministries, and how they help our ministries be aligned with our mission and vision.

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