

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 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 *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

Variations I and II from *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig*, BWV 768

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

“Jesu, Master, dearest treasure,
Christ, my Savior, my heart's pleasure,
Hands and piercé Side, O show me,
Should I be tempted to doubt Thee!”

from verse 2 of the German Chorale *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig*

The Word of God

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 206

O sons and daughters, let us sing

O FILII ET FILIAE

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 S 278 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Mathias)*

The following is sung, all standing

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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: Acts 4:32-35

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 133

Remain seated.



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- 1 Oh, how good and | pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in | unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the | head *
 that runs down upon the | beard,
- †3 Upon the beard of | Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his | robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of | Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of | Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the | blessing: *
 life for ever|more.

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of John.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our

fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 242

How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone

JACOB

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

All stand.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Presider 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.

We join our hearts and voices in praying for ourselves, our neighbors, the church, the world.

My Lord, and my God. Amen. Alleluia.

Even as your people, living in your world, as we praise your name, we recognize a twinge of fear and doubt in our hearts, we ask you to manifest your presence in our lives in a tangible and glorious way. We pray to you,

My Lord, and my God. Amen. Alleluia.

We pray for your followers throughout the world, that they have an experience of your love for themselves, and a genuine experience of love with each other. We pray to you,

My Lord, and my God. Amen. Alleluia.

We pray for those in authority everywhere, that they are sensitive to the needs of those they serve, that they create environments in which integrity, truth, and justice flourish. We pray to you,

My Lord, and my God. Amen. Alleluia.

We bring before you those who are on our hearts this day, who are suffering from spiritual or physical pain, who are paralyzed with anxiety and despair. Come into their lives with powerful healing, and into their hearts with words of comfort and peace. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Joanne, Brian, Julia, Tom, Karl, Caroline, the Mullins family, Madeline, Ellen, and Anna; we pray also for those who have asked for our prayers but who prefer to remain anonymous, and for those on our long-term prayer list. Hold those dying today close to your heart and welcome them into your eternal light and life. We pray to you,

My Lord, and my God. Amen. Alleluia.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider 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 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 Easter

Chris Renfro, baritone

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
without delays,
who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
with him may'st rise:
that as his death calcinèd thee to dust,
his life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

Awake my lute and struggle for thy part
with all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name
who bore the same.
His stretchèd sinews taught all strings, what key
is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
pleasant and long:
or since all music is but three parts vied,
and multiplied:
O let thy blessèd Spirit bear a part,
and make up our defects with his sweet art.

TEXT: GEORGE HERBERT (1593-1633)
MUSIC: RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS (1872-1958)

As the peoples' gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented for a blessing, all stand and sing.
Hymn 209 We walk by faith and not by sight

ST. BOTOLPH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the 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 S 128 Holy, holy, holy (Mathias)

Celebrant and People

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,

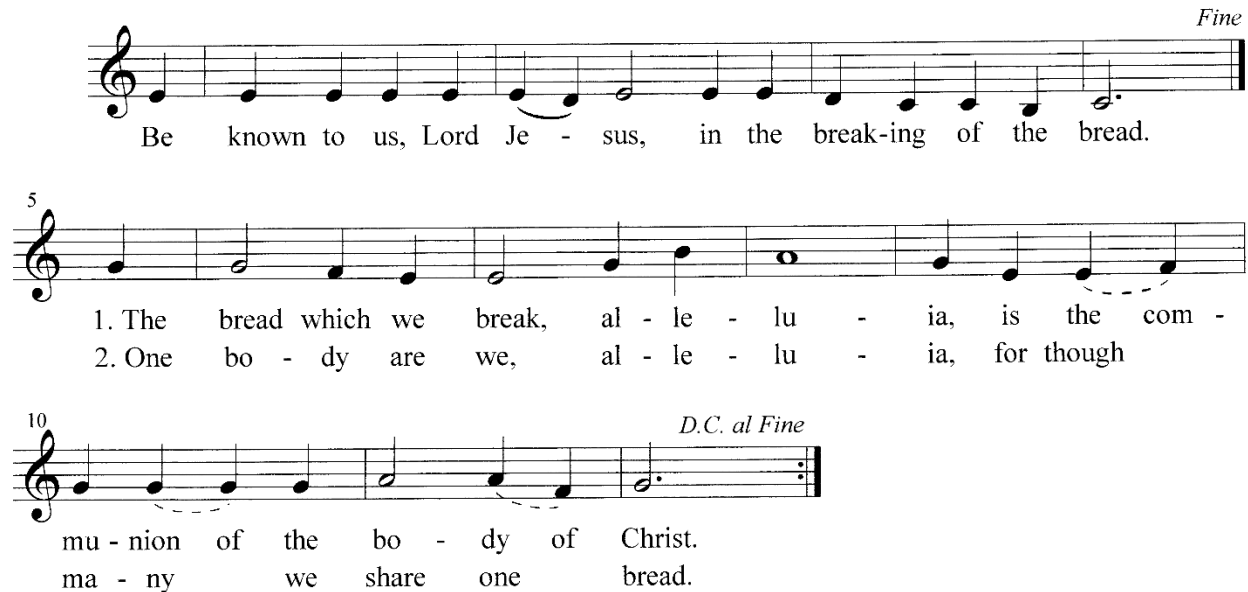
People and Presider

**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 (Wilcox)*



Fine

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

5

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

10 *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

The hea - vens and the earth re - jice, Lord Je - sus,
3 raised from the dead, you are liv - ing. The hea - vens and the earth re -
6 jice, 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 194

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

ST. ALBINUS

DISMISSAL

Presider

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

O sons and daughters, let us sing

MICHAEL BEDFORD (B. 1949)

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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.



EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

For the Week of Sunday, April 7, 2024

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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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| 4/7 | 9:45 a.m. | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
– Children in the Atrium |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Epiphany Youth Group |
| 4/8 | 8:30 a.m. | Lifeline Screening |
| | 7:00 p.m. | PFLAG |
| 4/9 | 6:30 p.m. | Young Adults (off-site) |
| 4/10 | 7:00 p.m. | Lectio Divina |
| 4/11 | 12:00 p.m. | OWLs event |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Schola Rehearsal |
| | 7:45 p.m. | Parish Choir Rehearsal |
| 4/14 | 9:45 a.m. | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
– Children in the Atrium |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Outreach Committee meeting |

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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GIVE



Your ongoing financial support allows us to embrace and engage in the mission and ministry of The Church of the Epiphany. You may give at www.tcote.org/give or scan the QR code.

Have you put off making your pledge for 2024? It's never too late. You can fill out the card in the back of the pews or go to www.tcote.org/stewardship-2024/ today.

RUMMAGE SALE MAY 25



We're having a **Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 25!** Please save all your gently used resaleable items for collection in April and May leading up to the sale. *No heavy items or books please!* More information to come or contact Claudia Dempster at claudiadempster@icloud.com for more details.

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!

APRIL OWLS EVENT



We would LOVE you to join us on **April 11** as we channel our inner Picasso to collaborate and paint two beautiful pieces of art to auction off at our Annual Fundraiser dinner this year. Your paintbrush on canvas will help to create a masterpiece. Please wear a shirt that you don't mind getting messy. We will have lunch, laughter, and art, so come join in on the fun. We ask for a \$15 donation to cover the cost of lunch. Please **RSVP by April 8** to Michelle Ponticelli at 805-320-5003 or email at mponticeli@tcote.org

If you would like to donate to or underwrite an OWLs program, please go to www.tcote.org/give/

FEEDING THE SPIRIT – APRIL 24



After the Lenten series, our Bible Studies will be taking a short break. Feeding the Spirit Bible Study will begin again on **April 24 at noon**. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

TRIO CÉLESTE APRIL 21 4:00 P.M.



Combined Epiphany Music Guild and Red Door Vineyard Wine 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, and 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.

THE LUNCH BUNCH – APRIL 17



Thanks to all who so faithfully provide lunches. This month Harbor House has asked us for 80 lunches on **Wednesday, April 17**. Please let me know if you are able to help this

month. New lunch makers are much appreciated too. Thanks! yvonnellux@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 las Flores and Mt. Clef. Parking is in the back.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



Is your household converting to a carbon neutral footprint? Have you installed solar panels, EV charging stations, etc.? If so, would you like to help us research options that we can implement here at The Church of Epiphany?

At the 2022 Episcopal Church General Convention, The Episcopal Church committed to carbon neutrality in all its 6,294 congregations by 2030.

We need to support the General Convention’s directive and are looking for your input.

Contact Catherine Hahn at catherinehahn@yahoo.com or 310-562-4847.

SHEPHERD’S CUP GOLF CLASSIC



The Diocese of Los Angeles' second annual Shepherd’s Cup Golf Classic and Dinner will be held on **Monday, April 29** at the Industry Hills Golf Club and Pacific Palms Resort in the City of

Industry. Read more in our newsletter or at www.tcote.org. Contact: Steve Stephens: 213-760-7002 or docstephens@sbcglobal.net

THANKS!



Thank you to all the people who worked so hard to make Holy Week such a profoundly moving experience: Jamie, Jay, Karen, Nick, the Acolytes, the Altar Guild, the Coffee Hosts, the Holy Hosts, the Flower Guild, Schola and the Parish Choir, the Lectors, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers, the Ushers, the Oblationers, Arturo, Maria, and everyone who prayed and showed up either in person or online. Each and every one of you is a gift and a blessing to our congregation.

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

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The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is holding a fundraiser pickle ball tournament on May 18 in Moorpark. All proceeds will help fund student leaders’ attendance at their annual leadership summit this summer. Learn more in our *Connections Newsletter* or at www.tcote.org. Any questions, please text Steve Stephens at (213) 760-7002.

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

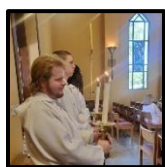


Members of the **Altar Guild** prepare all that is necessary for the celebration of all of the sacraments of the church. Contact: Leigh Wallace mizeinla@gmail.com



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



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.



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



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



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 yvonnellux@gmail.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, 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



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



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



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



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



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: lbtolunarbase@gmail.com if you are between the ages of 18 and 30 and would like more info or to join in!

Our Vision

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

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Joanne, Brian, Julia, Tom, Karl, Caroline, the Mullins family, Madeline, Ellen, Anna

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer List: Boyd, Kay, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, Judith, Steve, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, Judie, Steve, Paul, Madden, Norma, Hailey, John, Holly, Robyn, Bishop Michael Curry, Norma, Pat, Curt, Francisco, Susan K, Winnie and the Luppert family, Egan, Angela, Julie, Jane, Patrick

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/.