

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 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

Communion

EUGÈNE GIGOUT (1844-1925)

The Word of God

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 392

Come we that love the Lord

VINEYARD HAVEN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

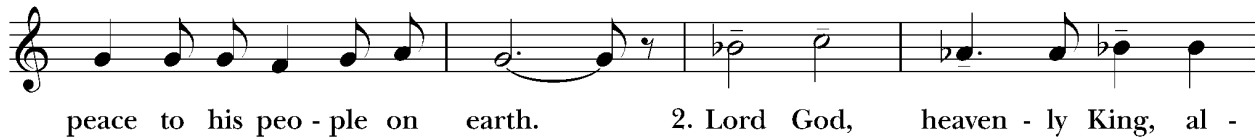
OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

The following is sung, all standing.

Hymnal S-278

Glory to God in the highest

WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)



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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 10:44-48

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the

Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

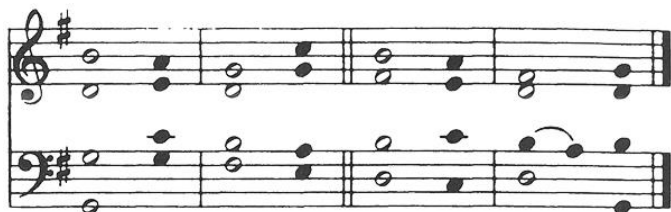
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 98 (*sung by all*)

Remain seated.



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- 1 Sing to the LORD a new | song, *
for he has done marvelous | things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy | arm *
has he won for himself the | victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his | victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the | nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of | Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our | God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you | lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and | sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the | harp, *
with the harp and the voice of | song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the | horn *
shout with joy before the King, the | LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is | in it, *
the lands and all who dwell there|in.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their | hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the | earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the | world *
and the peoples with | equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First letter of John.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand as able.

Hymn 297

Descend, O Spirit, purging flame

ERHALT UNS, HERR

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

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

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Karen James

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.

We pray for your faithful people and our leaders, that your love may be the foundation of their common lives and at the heart of their ministry.

Teach us to abide in your love.

We pray for your world filled with creatures and spectacular plant life and grandeur beyond words.

Teach us to care for it with love.

We pray for all the peoples of the world and honor them as those you have made and cherish.

Teach us to reach out to them with respect and love.

We pray for healing for those among us who are ailing, aching, or anxious. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Mona, Hannah, Kate J, Dave, Tom B; 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.

Teach us to respond to their needs with love.

We pray for those who are at the end of their earthly lives, and for those who have recently entered eternal life,

Teach us to remember them with love.

Uphold us by the riches of your grace, loving God. May your lessons of love continue to inspire and guide us as we move through this world and into the next. **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.

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 ANTHEM A new commandment

(sung by the Schola)

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord, that ye love together as I have loved you, that e'en so ye love one another. By this shall every man know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

TEXT: JOHN 13:34-35

MUSIC: THOMAS TALLIS (C. 1505-1585); BASS PART RECONSTRUCTED BY JAY WILCOX (B. 1954)

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

Hymn 348

Lord, we have come at your own invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA

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

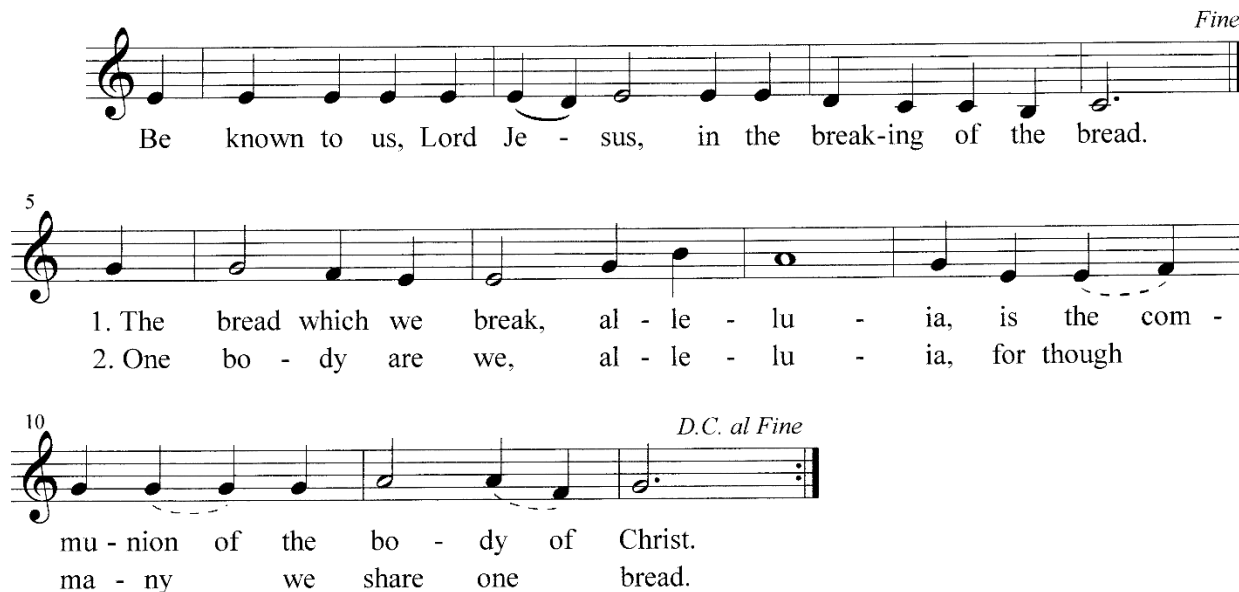
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is 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.

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.

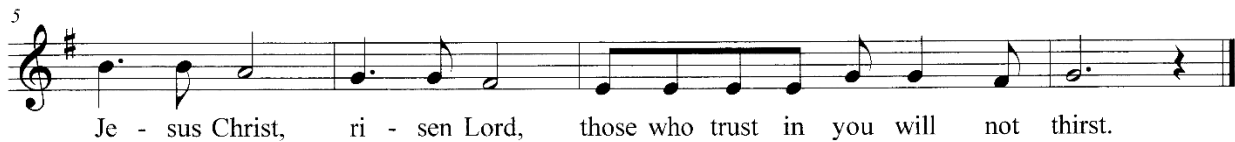
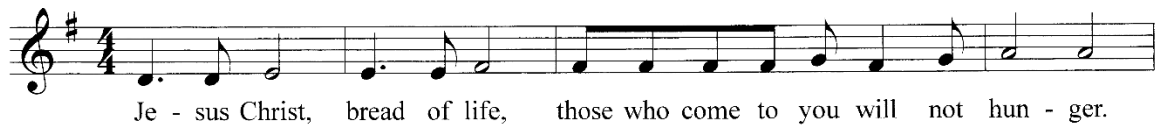
All who seek God and desire a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. When you come to the altar rail, you may either stand or kneel.

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.

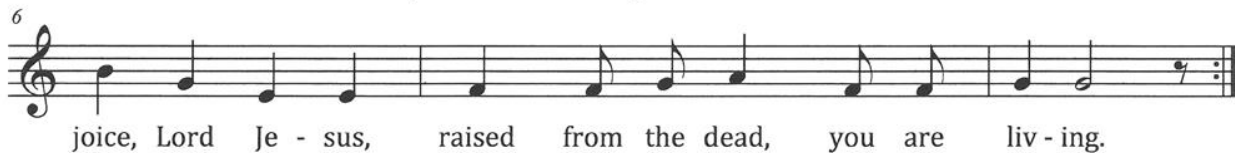
If you desire to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest at the altar rail.

COMMUNION MUSIC

All are invited to sing



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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 492

Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness

FINNIAN

DISMISSAL

Presider

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

A Festive Trumpet Tune

DOUGLAS E. WAGNER (B. 1952)

“With trumpets and the sound of cornet, make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.” Psalm 98:7

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For the Week of Sunday, May 5, 2024

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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| 5/5 | 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 |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Newcomers/Episcopal 101 |
| 5/6 | 6:30 p.m. | RDV Fellowship |
| | 7:00 p.m. | EfM meeting |
| 5/8 | 12:00 p.m. | Feeding the Spirit Bible Study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Lectio Divina |
| 5/9 | 12:00 p.m. | OWLs lunch |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Finance Committee meeting |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Schola Rehearsal |
| | 7:45 p.m. | Parish Choir Rehearsal |
| 5/12 | 9:45 a.m. | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Children in the Atrium |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
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| | 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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Sponsoring altar flowers on Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion, honor loved ones, or give thanks. If you would like to give, please fill out the card found in the church pews or visit www.tcote.org

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Please note our new newsletter deadlines:

For the Sunday *Connections* - **Wednesdays 12:00 p.m.**
For the Friday *Connections* - **Wednesdays 5:00 p.m.**

CHANGE TO OWLS – MAY 9



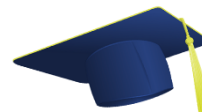
We would LOVE for you to join us on **May 9** as our very own **Karen James will share details on her path to ordination and her spiritual autobiography.** This is not to be missed! We ask for a \$15 donation to cover the cost of lunch. Please **RSVP by May 6** to Michelle Ponticelli at 805-320-5003 or mponticelli@tcote.org. If you would like to donate to or underwrite an OWLs program, please go to www.tcote.org/give/

KAREN JAMES ORDINATION BUS



Save the Date for Karen James Ordination to the Diaconate on **June 8**, when after seven years of study, service, and prayer, she will become The Rev. Karen James. The ceremony will be at St. John's Cathedral (514 W. Adams Blvd, LA, CA 90007). **For joyful fellowship and ease** to you, we will have a bus going. **Please let us know if you plan on taking the bus. There is a signup sheet in the Founder's Hall or send an email to info@tcote.com.** We hope to see everyone at this sacred and momentous occasion. There will be a reception here at the church after the ordination. Details will follow.

CALLING ALL GRADS



If you are graduating or have a graduation in the family, please let us have their name, level of diploma and school so we can honor them. We need the info by **Wednesday, May 8.**

COMMUNITY CORNER



To learn details, locations, ticket prices and more on the following, visit www.tcote.org

SENIOR CONCERNS CAREGIVER RECOGNITION DAY

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

CREATION CARE

There is a freedom in letting go.

Practice simplicity. Ask yourself: Is this something I should keep or not? Does it really matter to me? What do I consider important in my life? What do I truly value? Simplifying material needs makes more space in our lives, hearts, and souls for God. We become less ego-centric – and that's when God has more freedom to move within us.

We were created to share, to love, to play, to laugh and to contribute; not to consume or to over-value belongings.



Bring in your donations by May 19 for our Rummage Sale May 25

To live simply, we must take the actual steps. We must physically clear out the excess to truly know what is essential. This process reveals where our treasure is.

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 at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. on **Monday, May 6.**

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 Sundays 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.

We are looking for hangers and stackable boxes. If you have extras, please bring them to the church.

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

THE LUNCH BUNCH



Harbor House is experiencing an increase in need for lunches for low-income families, seniors and the unhoused. They have asked for 80 lunches

on **Wednesday, May 15.** Please let me know if you can help this month. Your help is very much appreciated. Details in our Connections Newsletter or at www.tcote.org Thanks! yvonnellux@gmail.com

MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICE



Please join us on Friday, May 10 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Temple Or Ami congregation in Calabasas sponsored by the Ventura County

Interfaith Community, celebrating and sharing some time to worship in their tradition with a musical Shabbat service. According to the Torah, Shabbat honors the day that God rested from creating the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to tour their synagogue, share our interfaith connections, build understanding and be part of a very unique experience with our Jewish neighbors. **An RSVP is required**, so if you would like to join our group of participants or have questions, please email Aggie Winston at aggiew53@gmail.com or call (805) 807-5001 by **Wednesday, May 8.**

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



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.



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



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



Interested in being a **Coffee Host**?

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. Contact:

info@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

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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



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 **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!



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



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 **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



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



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 Lux yvonnlux@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



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



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



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



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



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

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

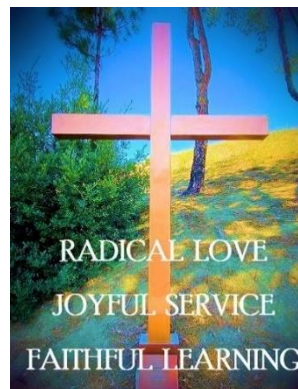
To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

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.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Mona, Hannah, Kate J, Dave, Tom B, Nancy

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer List: Boyd, Kay, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, Judith, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, 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, Julia, Anna, Karl, the Mullins family, Madeline, Ellen, Judie

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/.