The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 18, 2023, 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 to The Church of The Epiphany

For our Visitors: We are delighted you have come to worship with us today. There is coffee and fellowship in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service. Please join us!

Worshiping with us: 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.

During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. Additional information about communion is in that section of this booklet. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to an usher or other congregants.

Additional assistance: To locate the 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 are available from the ushers in the back of the church.

Children in the church: We welcome children at all our worship services. The sounds of children are a gift from God. Please do not feel you have to subdue them! In the chapel to the left of the altar, we have our *pray ground*. This space is for parents and younger children to use quiet activities such as books, coloring, soft blocks etc., while still participating in worship. We offer activity bags for older children. Children aged 3-11 are welcome to join us in the atrium for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday school program.

Making Epiphany your spiritual home: 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. Start by joining us for coffee after the service!

When we are open: The church is open Monday-Thursday for private prayer and meditation from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Our office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Our phone number is (818) 991-4797. The Rev. Jamie Barnett has office hours Tuesday through Thursday by appointment.

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Trio in E-flat, Op. 49, No. 6

JOSEF RHEINBERGER (1839-1901)

OLD 100TH

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell. all stand, as able, and singENTRANCE HYMNHymn 377All people that on earth do dwell

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider	Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People	Glory to God for ever and ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLet us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

²[When the people of Israel] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness: Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Silence may follow. **PSALM: Psalm 100** *Remain seated.* ¹Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
²Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
³Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
⁴For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

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

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.Hymn 535Ye servants of God, your Mater proclaim

PADERBORN

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]

PresiderThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew;

Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

^{16"}See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Klein

THE CREED

All stand. We believe in one God, the Father. the Almightv. 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.

My sisters and brothers, worship the Lord with gladness. Let us pray, with joyful hearts, "We give you thanks! *We bless your name!*"

O Lord, you are good; while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Send us out to share your love. Send your Church out to gather in a plentiful harvest.

We give you thanks! We bless your name!

O Lord, you are good; your faithfulness endures to all generations. To those who suffer, give hope. And visit the lonely with your peace.

We give you thanks! We bless your name!

O Lord, you are good; all the earth praises you with joyful noise. And we join the song of creation: you are worthy to be praised!

We give you thanks! We bless your name!

O Lord, you are good; you offer us your peace. We pray, Jesus, that you would go about our city—speak a word of good news and healing.

We give you thanks! We bless your name!

O Lord, you are good; while we were still weak, Christ died for us. Touch us in our weakness even now. And heal those afflicted with disease or sickness. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Dave. 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.

We give you thanks! We bless your name! O Lord, you are good; hope placed in you does not disappoint. We hope for the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

We give you thanks! We bless your name! Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People
God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Presider stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.

PresiderThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Then the Presider and the People may greet one another in the name of the 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

Sonata III, Op. 65, No. 3: Andante tranquillo

FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1809-1847)

PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand, as able, and singHymn 321My God, thy table now is spread

ROCKINGHAM

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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.

Presider

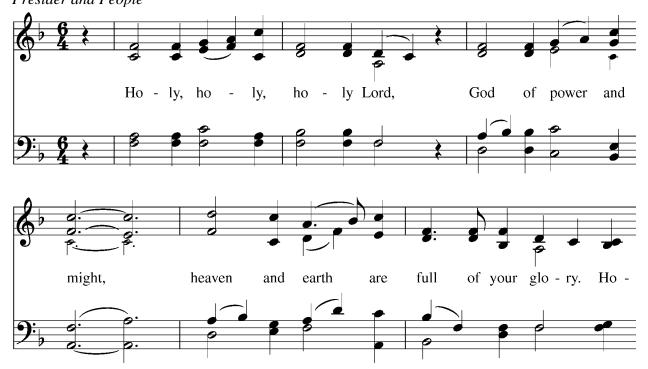
All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,

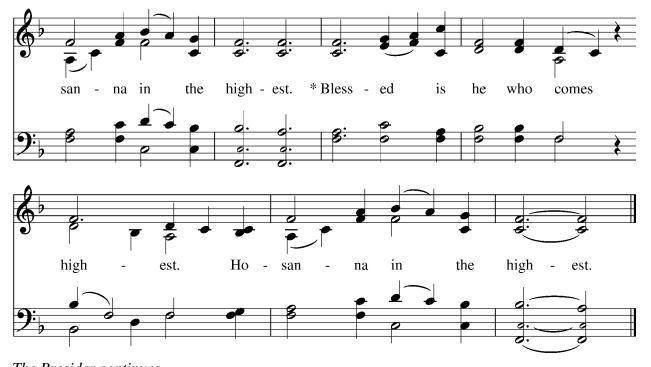
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS WLP 858 Holy, holy, holy (Folk/Pruner) (American folk melody) *Presider and People*





The Presider continues Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts

your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed ______, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People **Blessed are you now and for ever.** *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

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.

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

During Communion, all are welcome – even encouraged! – to come forward to receive the holy food of new and everlasting life in Jesus Christ. Simply put your hands out (one on top of the other), and the bread will be placed in your hand. (If needed, gluten-free wafers are available.)

You may then consume the wafer (if you do not wish to have it intincted in the wine) or leave the wafer on your palm and the chalice bearer will dip it into the wine for you and place it in your hand. If you aren't sure, or if you'd rather not receive the actual Sacrament, come up and cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. You may also cross your arms over your chest or touch the bottom of the chalice if you wish not to receive wine. Finally, if you'd like to receive Communion but mobility is an issue, alert an usher and Communion will be brought to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says Let us pray.

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

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 686Come thou fount of every blessing

NETTLETON

DISMISSAL

PresiderLet us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Prelude in F major, BWV 556(i) FORMERLY ASCRIBED TO JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

Our guest organist this morning is Mark Hall.

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Week of Sunday, June 18, 2023



EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

6/18	9:45 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Children in the
	10.00	Atrium
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at
		www.tcote.org)
	11:30 a.m.	Epiphany Youth Group meeting
6/19	7:00 p.m.	EfM Meeting
6/21	7:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina
6/25	10:00 a.m.	Children in church
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (In-person and
		live-streaming at <u>www.tcote.org</u>
	11:30 a.m.	Epiphany Youth Group meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Ministry Leadership Meeting

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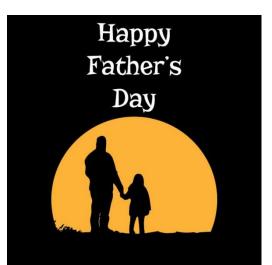
windows, or our sacraments. Subscribe to our e-mailed *Connections Newsletter* under Connect. Find us on Facebook at @EpiphanyOakPark and on Instagram at tcoteoakpark.

FIESTA UNDER THE VINEYARD



Our FUNdraising event is now being planned! Let's make it a great success together by asking your favorite restaurant, sport facility, hotel, salon, or store, for a gift card,

certificate, or merchandise for the live or silent auction! Donor letters and forms are available at the entrance or online at <u>www.tcote.org</u>.



SUMMER HOURS



Our Summer Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday

BEGINNING IN JULY



To help you and your mailbox, beginning in July, our Connections Newsletter delivery will change to once a week. It will have all the

information you have come to look forward to on Wednesdays and Fridays - consolidated and improved. It will include the weekly calendar, the readings for the next two weeks, more links to our diocese and the greater Episcopal community, links to commonly used pages on our website and an effortless way to Give.

PRIDE MONTH



The 2012 groundbreaking, enlightening, and moving short documentary *Voices of Witness: Out of the Box* gives

voice to the witness of transgender people of faith courageously telling their stories of hope, healing, and wholeness. "Who is the **all** when we talk about all people in Christ?" You'll find the link at <u>www.tcote.org</u>.

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY – LECTIO DIVINA



If you have ever been curious, below are a few comments from our Lectio community.

- Lectio Divina is an ancient practice that comes alive when we read, reflect, and share the resonance within as it is today.
- The Holy Spirit speaks to me through the gathered members. Each week I receive a short message that directs me on the spiritual journey.
- The Epiphany Lectio meetings are a perfect place for centering and sharing prayer on Wednesdays. The entire experience is centered on the divine.

Come as you are, and you will leave transformed knowing a little more about how it is to be blessed and be a blessing.

It's an *opportunity to fully express spiritual thoughts without judgment*. Sharing Christ's love together brings a sense of His perfection to all our hearts.

Come Share the Joy and the Journey

~ Want to know more? Contact Mary Mendenhall 818-585-5068 or <u>mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net</u>

~ We meet by Zoom Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For link email Bob Brown: <u>oneoutofmany@live.com</u>

HARBOR HOUSE LUNCHES FOR DINNER



Thanks to all the generous folks who have been providing lunches for the homeless, and low-income families and seniors. Our **June date is Tuesday, June**

20, and this month we need 7 people who will each provide 10 lunches. If you can help this month e-mail: <u>yvonnelux@gmail.com</u>.

Include sandwich - turkey or ham appreciated or pb&j, granola bar, chips, raisins, cookies, fruit, and a drink. Drinks and fruit should be separate. The more snacks you can add to the lunch the better. **Drop-off is between 4:00 and 4:30** at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at Avenida de las Flores and Mt. Clef. The parking lot is in the back.

To access the bulletin from either your tablet or your cell phone, please scan the QR code:



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD?



Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year program of theological education that can help answer

that question. EfM is designed for lay people who are interested in deepening their understanding of the Christian faith and exploring their ministry.

Through EfM, you will:

- Study the Bible, church history, and theology.
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- Build deep relationships with other people of faith.

Epiphany's EfM group meets on Monday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., both in-person and online. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Elizabeth Bryant at (805) 469-8897 or <u>e.vana.bryant@gmail.com</u> or visit <u>www.tcote.org</u> (Want a group that meets at another time? Elizabeth can help you to find an EfM group that suits your needs.)

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The Bishop's Committee meeting will take place on **Wednesday, June 28 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Founders Hall. It is open to anyone who wishes to attend. If you want to have an issue brought forward, please inform the Vicar, Rev. Jamie Barnett, or the Bishop's Warden, Steve Stephens, prior to the meeting.

Many thanks to The Rev. Susan Klein for filling in for The Rev. Jamie Barnett while she is on vacation with her family and to Mark Hall -our organist while Jay Wilcox and his wife Carrie are enjoying Hawaii!

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Dave, Bishop Michael Curry, Steve, the Fellinger family, and Joe

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Kay, Boyd, Kristi, Neil and Sarah, Donna, Byron and Olivia, Susan, Arturo, Tommy, Judith, Matthew, Joann, Kathy, Ronnie, Mario, Curt, Claudia, Jana, Davis, Carol, Cynthia, Lynn, Kim, Juan Carlos, the Rowe family and baby Noah, Shirley, Jasmine

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Wyatt Scott Bonus.

To add yourself, family, or friends to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card from the pew or submit your prayer request online at www.tcote.org.