

# The Third Sunday in Lent

## March 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



# THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

*The Episcopal Church of Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village*  
5450 Churchwood Drive, Oak Park, CA 91377

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

Grave-Adagio from Sonata II

FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1809-1847)

## The Word of God

*At the sound of the bell, all stand, as able.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 495

Hail, thou once-despised Jesus

IN BABILON

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Priest says*

*Priest* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Priest says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 102 *Holy God (Archangelsky)*

*The following is sung three times, all standing*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Priest*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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: Exodus 17:1-7

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

### PSALM: Psalm 95

*Remain seated.*



Hard - en not your hearts, as your fore - bears did in the wil - der - ness.

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

    let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
    and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
    and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
    and the heights of the hills are his also. **Antiphon.**



Hard - en not your hearts, as your fore - bears did in the wil - der - ness.

- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
O that today you would hearken to his voice!  
8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me. *Antiphon.*
- 9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.  
10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
“This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways.”  
11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
“They shall not enter into my rest.” *Antiphon.*

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

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

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and 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.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

*Silence may follow.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*All stand.*

Hymn 649

Come, thou fount of every blessing

NETTLETON

## GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

All stand.

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

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

## 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.*

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. With thankful hearts, let us pray to the Lord saying, “Almighty God, *hear our prayer.*”

Lord, give us eyes to see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. May the Church reap what has been sown by our forebears and sow the seeds that will bring forth the fruit of the future.

Almighty God,

***Hear our prayer.***

Lord, reveal the strength of your love to those around the world who are asking, “Is the Lord among us or not?” We pray for comfort and peace for all people.

*Silence*

Almighty God,

***Hear our prayer.***

Lord, you hold the caverns of the earth and the heights of the hills; your hands have formed the seas and the dry land. Bless and keep your creation.

Almighty God,

***Hear our prayer.***

Lord, where there is suffering in our city, produce endurance; where there is endurance, produce character; where there is character, produce hope. And where we place our hope in you, let us not be disappointed.

Almighty God,

***Hear our prayer.***

Lord, we pray for those who are sick or suffering. Give them that living water that comes only through your Son Jesus Christ, that their needs may be met and all their thirsts quenched. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Carolyn, Kim, Matthew, Mario, Dave, Gale, and Kathy. We pray also for those who have asked for our prayers but prefer to remain anonymous, as well as those on our long-term prayer list.

Almighty God,

***Hear our prayer.***

Lord, we pray for the dying and the dead. We pray in the assurance that all have been reconciled to you through the death of your Son and saved by his new life.

Almighty God,

***Hear our prayer. Amen.***

## **CONFSSION OF SIN**

*The Priest says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Priest 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 Priest 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.*

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prayer for Birthdays

**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 when *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** Adoramus te, Christe

*(sung by the Schola)*

*Adoramus te, Christe,  
et benedicimus tibi,  
quia per sanctam crucem tuam  
redemisti mundum.*

We adore you, Christ,  
and we bless you,  
for by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world

TEXT: LATIN ANTIphon  
MUSIC: QUIRINO GASPARINI (1721-1778)

## **PRESENTATION HYMN**

Hymn 649

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts

DICKINSON COLLEGE

# **The Great Thanksgiving**

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

*Facing the Holy Table, the Priest 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 129** *Holy, holy, holy (Powell)*

*Priest and People*

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some words underlined to indicate they are to be sung three times. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly      Lord, God      of pow-er and  
might,      hea - ven      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 Priest continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Priest and People*  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Priest continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119** *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas)*

*People and Priest*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us

from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM

*Antiphon  
Cantor; then All*

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

*Cantor*

1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven

*Cantor*

and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er

believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread

which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

### INVITATION

*The Priest 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.*

*Priest*

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

Taizé Song: God is forgiveness (All are invited to sing)

The musical notation consists of three staves of music for a single voice. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (G major), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics "God is for - give - ness. Dare to for - give and" are written below the notes. The second staff continues with the same key and time signature, with lyrics "God will be with you. God is for - give - ness.". The third staff begins with a repeat sign and the lyrics "Love, and do not fear." The music features quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a fermata over the last note of the third staff.

*After Communion, the Priest says*

Let us pray.

*Priest and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, O God, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Priest blesses the people.*

## **POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

Hymn 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

AUSTRIA

## **DISMISSAL**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Ricercar VII

JOHANN JACOB FROBERGER (1616-1667)

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Week of Sunday, March 12, 2023

# EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

3/12	9:45 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children's formation in Atrium
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at <a href="http://www.tcote.org">www.tcote.org</a> )
	11:30 a.m.	Epiphany Youth Group meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting
3/13	7:00 p.m.	PFLAG
3/14	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Book Study
3/15	5:00 p.m.	Bishop's Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina
3/16	6:30 p.m.	Schola Rehearsal
	7:45 p.m.	Parish Choir Rehearsal
3/19	9:45 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children's formation in Atrium
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at <a href="http://www.tcote.org">www.tcote.org</a> )
	11:30 a.m.	Epiphany Youth Group meeting

## COMPLINE



Please join us for a service of Choral Compline on **March 19 at 7:00 p.m.** Compline is the last service of the day in monastic communities and convents and has liturgical

antecedents that date to the fourth century. It is a contemplative and richly beautiful service in which we come into the presence of God in a quiet place to bring the day to a peaceful close. It is sung, entirely a cappella, by the Epiphany Schola.

## EASTER VIGIL BAPTISMS



Holy Baptism is one of the primary sacraments of the church. As a sacrament it is an "outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace" of an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage

necessary to persevere in the Christian life, the spirit to know and love God, and a profound sense of joy and wonder.

The celebration of the Holy Baptism is a celebration of, by, and for the Christian community. As we renew together our baptismal vows and gather before the font and altar, we both recognize and remember that we are bound together by our common faith in Jesus Christ. The Church of the Epiphany will be celebrating the joyful sacrament of Holy Baptism at the Easter Vigil on **Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in being baptized or have a young child or infant you would like to be baptized on April 8, please contact the **Rev. Jamie Barnett** at [jbarnett@tcote.org](mailto:jbarnett@tcote.org) or (818) 991-4797. A session of preparation and rehearsal for the parents is normally held in the week prior.

## MARCH BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The Bishop's Committee meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 15 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.

## SUBSCRIBE TO CONNECTIONS

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## PARISH DIRECTORY



EPIPHANY DIRECTORY

Are you in our Parish Directory? Would you like to be? Please send your information to [info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org) so we can enter it. If you are already in it, please make sure everything is correct and if not, send us any changes. You can access the directory at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org). **Make sure you never miss an important communication!**

## PRAY THE LABYRINTH



Take some time for meditation, contemplation, and prayer by visiting our labyrinth. The church will be open **Mondays through Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** throughout the Lenten season.

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING



**Keith and Sue Krantz** give joyful thanks for their sixth grandchild, **Copper Christian Bowman** born March 1, 5 lb. 9 oz., 19" long. Welcome to the world, Copper!

Please let us know your joyful news at [info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org), call 818-991-4797, or look in the Connect section on the website at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

## EASTER FLOWER GIFTS



As in the past, our church will be magnificently decorated for Easter with beautiful plants and flowers.

To donate to provide Easter flowers in thanksgiving for something or someone in your life or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form in the back of the pews and put it in the collection plate or drop it off at the church office with your check. You can also donate online at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org)

All donations received by **noon, Tuesday, April 4**, will be acknowledged in the special Easter bulletin.

## WELCOME BASKETS FOR REFUGEES

Conejo Valley  
INTERFAITH



Women's Interfaith Network invites our congregation's participation to collect specific items for kitchen, cleaning and bathroom Welcome Baskets for newly arrived refugee families who have left their country with little else than the clothes on their back! Welcome Baskets are distributed by the Conejo Interfaith Rescue Team and the International Rescue Committee to each refugee family that have been approved for resettlement in the U.S. There are collection boxes in the narthex and Bishop's Hall. Find information at [www.justserve.org](http://www.justserve.org) Questions: contact **Aggie Winston** at (805) 807-5001.

If you would like to send direct donation aid to Conejo Interfaith Rescue for immigrant families in lieu of donating an item for the welcome baskets, monetary donations can be made payable to United Methodist Church Westlake Village with the Conejo Interfaith Refugee Team noted in the memo line. Checks can be sent to:

United Methodist Church,  
1049 S. Westlake Blvd.,  
Westlake Village, CA 91361

## LUNCHES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED



Harbor House\*

Many thanks to all the folks who prepare lunches each month for our neighbors in need at Harbor House. Your outreach to them is very much appreciated. Our March date is **Tuesday, March 21**, and this month we need 7 people who will each provide 10 lunches. If you can help this month email: [yvonne.lux@gmail.com](mailto:yvonne.lux@gmail.com).

For details go to [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org).

## NEWCOMER'S CLASS



Newcomer's Class coming soon!  
Starting after Easter. Watch for more information!

## SPIRITUAL RESOURCES



SPIRITUAL FORMATION RESOURCES

**The Chosen** is an historical drama about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. It is the first multi-season series of its kind. Set in Judea and Galilee in the 1st century, *The Chosen* centers on

Jesus and the people who followed him. According to creator Dallas Jenkins, he wanted to present Jesus in a way more "personal, intimate and immediate." Rotten Tomatoes rates it 98%! Available on Amazon Prime, Netflix, Peacock TV, online for free at Angel.com, or [www.watchthechosen.tv](http://www.watchthechosen.tv) - they even have an app! There are three seasons - ready for binging!

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## PRAYERS

**Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:** Caroline, Matthew, Mario, Dave, Gale, Kathy, Kim

**Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list:** Kay, Boyd, Kristi, Neil and Sarah, Donna, Byron and Olivia, Susan, Arturo, Caroline F., Dave, David, Tommy, Judith, Vicki,

*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/](http://www.tcote.org/prayer-request/).*

*Please note: After two weeks on the Parish Prayer List, the names of those for whom we have prayed are moved to the Long-Term Prayer List for two more months, unless stated*