

**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 11, 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  
The Rev. Karen James, Deacon

# 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

Two Elevations on Ecce panis

ALEXANDRE GUILMANT (1837-1911)

*Behold the bread of angels, become the food of pilgrims.*

## The Word of God

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

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 577

God is love, and where true love is

UBI CARITAS (MURRAY)

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Presider says*

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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: 1 Kings 19:4-8

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the First book of Kings.

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."<sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence may follow.*

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

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

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*All stand as able.*

Hymn 335

I am the bread of life

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

## GOSPEL: John 6: 35, 41-51

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

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

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. 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 as able.*

One God who creates, redeems and sustains us: you brought us into being, and we cannot exist without you.

Give us the strength we need for today

***And the hope we need for tomorrow.***

We pray for Christ's body, your church, and for those who lead and for those who follow. Grant that we not grieve your Holy Spirit with our words or actions. Remind us that we are members of one another. Teach us to be imitators of you.

Give us the strength we need for today

***And the hope we need for tomorrow.***

We pray for those in authority across the globe. Infuse them with wisdom and speak peace into their hearts. Expand your vision for the world to every corner of the earth, to every part of your creation. We pray especially for our nation as it enters a season of preparation for local, state, and national elections, that all may be filled with the spirit of wisdom, vision, and peace

Give us the strength we need for today  
***And the hope we need for tomorrow.***

We pray for those who carry burdens of illness, pain, anxiety, or grief. May they draw strength from your presence and comfort from those around who care for them. We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Arturo, Don, Carole, Marilyn, Pat, and Roberta. We pray also for those who have requested our prayers but who prefer to remain anonymous, as well as for those on our long-term prayer list.

Give us the strength we need for today  
***And the hope we need for tomorrow.***

We pray for those who have died, who are now surrounded by your glory and the songs of angels. Comfort those who mourn with your promise of hope and the resurrected life.

Give us the strength we need for today  
***And the hope we need for tomorrow. Amen.***

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Presider 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**

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

## 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 SOLO

O sacrum convivium

(sung by the Summer Schola)

*O sacrum convivium  
in quo Christus sumitur;  
recoliter memoria passionis eius;  
mens impletur gratia,  
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.  
Amen.*

O sacred feast,  
in which Christ is received;  
the memory of his Passion is recalled;  
the soul is filled with grace;  
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.  
Amen.

TEXT: ATTRIBUTED TO ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (1225-1274)

MUSIC: JAY WILCOX (B. 1954)

*As the peoples' gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented for a blessing, all stand as able and sing*  
Hymn 321 My God, thy table now is spread

ROCKINGHAM

### 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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

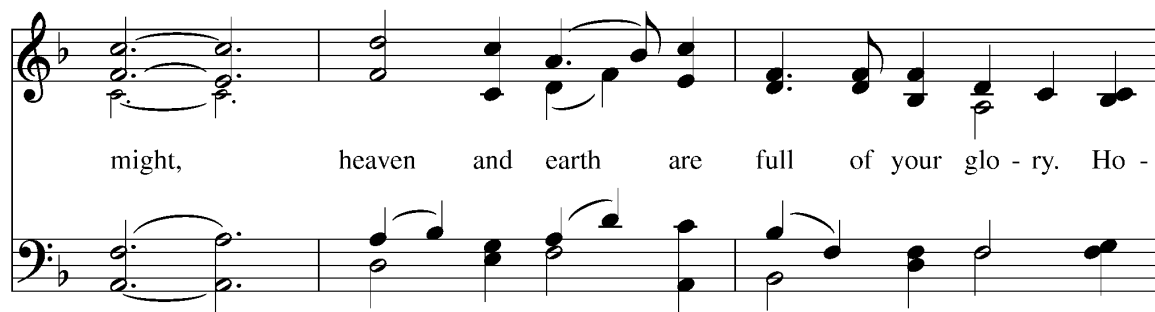
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Holy, holy, holy

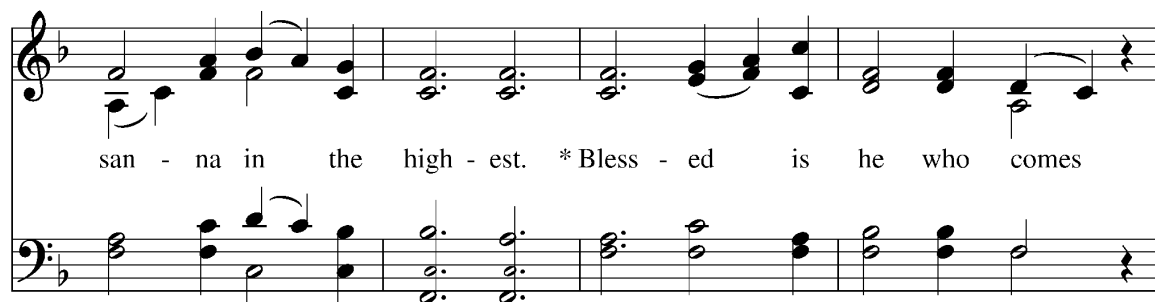
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HARMONIZED ANNABEL MORRIS BUCHANAN (1888-1983)



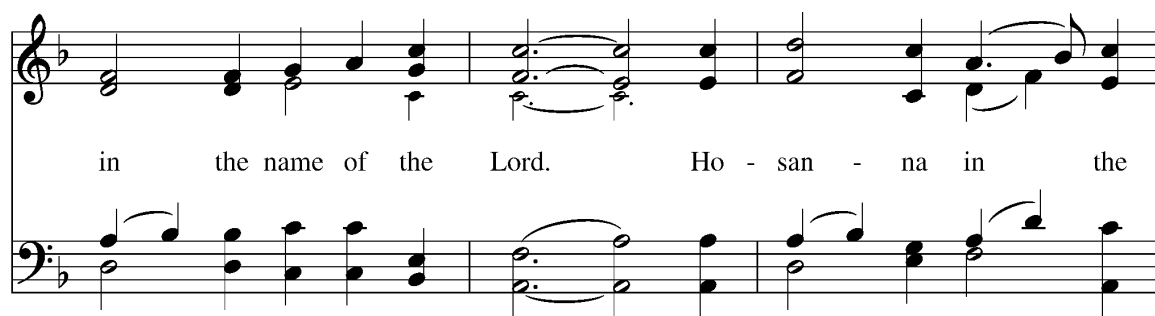
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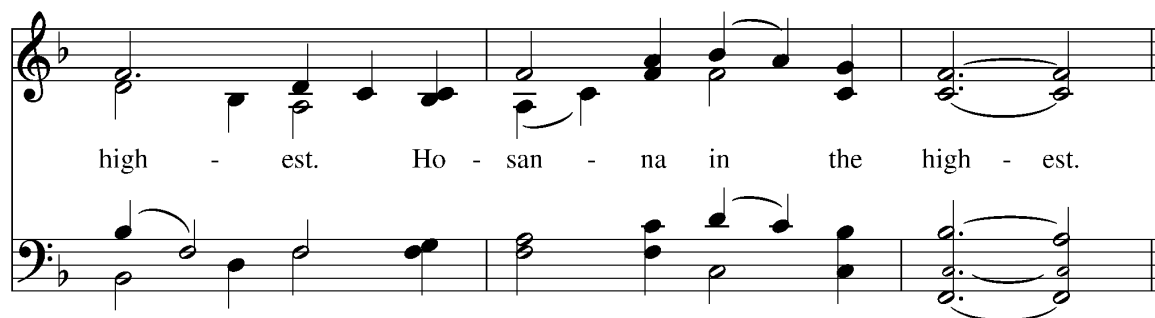
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. 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 Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

*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.**

**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.**

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.

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

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

### INVITATION

*Presider* Behold who you are;  
*People:* **May we become what we receive.**

### DISTRIBUTION

*The Presider says*

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

Communion Anthem: Eye for eye *(sung by the Summer Schola)*

Eye for eye and the world goes blind;  
and how deep that darkness, and the light nowhere to find.  
Life for life and the killing goes on,  
and how deep that darkness, like a night without a dawn.  
Hate feeds hate in a bitter feast,  
and how deep that darkness, turns humankind into a hungry beast.  
Give us light that we may see.

TEXT: SHAWN KIRCHNER (B. 1970), INSPIRED BY GANDHI AND JESUS  
MUSIC: SHAWN KIRCHNER (B. 1970)

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*The Presider blesses the people.*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

*All stand as able and sing.*

Hymn 302

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

RENDEZ À DIEU

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Canon (V) in G

MATHIAS WECKMANN (c. 1616-1674)

### *About this morning's anthems*

*O sacrum convivium* was written in 2012. The text, which is attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas, reflects on the Eucharistic mystery. The music is written in the Lydian mode, which has been described as mystical, uplifting, ethereal, and hopeful—and yet yearning—which I felt was appropriate for the meaning of the text; when the text reflects on our future glory, the mode is raised by a third to give the music a sense of heightened ecstasy.

*Eye for eye* was commissioned by the San Diego Pro Arte Voices for their Disarm Hate recording project. The texts which inspired the composer were Gandhi's famous "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind" and the statement of Jesus found in Matthew 6:22-24: "The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is sound, so will your whole body be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be filled with darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, who great is that darkness!" It is offered as a prayer for an end to violence everywhere.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask any member of our staff, our Wardens, or any member of our Bishop's Committee, and they will be happy to assist you.



For the Week of Sunday, August 11, 2024  
**EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS**

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**THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY**

**Sunday, 8/11**

9:00 a.m. Summer Schola  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Children in church  
11:30 a.m. Outreach Committee meeting

**Monday 8/12**

7:00 p.m. PFLAG

**Tuesday, August 13**

6:30 p.m. Young Adults Group

**Wednesday, August 14**

12:00 p.m. Feeding the Spirit Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina

**Friday, August 16**

5:00 RDV Happy Hour

**Sunday, August 18**

9:00 a.m. Summer Choir  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Children in church

**ATRIUM OPEN HOUSE**



part of.

We will have an Open House on **Sunday, August 25** after church during coffee hour. Come and experience the Atrium, and see if this is a ministry you would like to be a

**RDV HAPPY HOUR**



All are invited to the Red Door Vineyard Happy Hour on **Friday, August 16 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

BYO Beverage {hopefully wine} to share (or not)  
Bring an appetizer (or not) to share (or not)  
Barrel tastings upon request

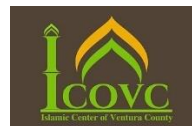
Drop in any time - stay as long as you'd like - no RSVP required. Hoping to provide a loose and lively end to your busy week!

**HOME COMING!**  
**SEPTEMBER 8**

**LET'S  
CELEBRATE  
TOGETHER!**

**Potluck after church!**

**MOSQUE VISIT**



Everyone is welcome to join Epiphany Interfaith Ministry to visit the **Islamic Center of Ventura County at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23.** Tour begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by prayers at 7:30 p.m. and a sermon by Imam Patel.

- Afterwards there will be time for refreshments with members of the mosque and our interfaith friends of the Ventura County Interfaith Community.
- Mosque Address is: 271 Riverpark Blvd., Oxnard, CA

Please invite anyone you know who might want to join us!

RSVP with name and number of people attending in your group by August 20 or send questions to Aggie Winston, [aggiew53@gmail.com](mailto:aggiew53@gmail.com), or Kerrie Sadler, [sadlerkerrie@gmail.com](mailto:sadlerkerrie@gmail.com).

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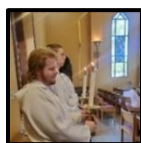


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## MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

For more information on these and other ministries, please visit [www.tcote.org](http://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 The Rev. Karen

James: [kjames@tcote.org](mailto: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](mailto:mizeinla@gmail.com)



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](mailto: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  
[mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jwilcox@tcote.org) or [www.tcote.org/music/](http://www.tcote.org/music/)



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](mailto: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](mailto:lburns@tcote.org)



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 (818)519-1763 or via e-mail at [karen@listick.com](mailto: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, Contacts: Aggie Winston [aggiew53@gmail.com](mailto:aggiew53@gmail.com) and Kerrie Sadler [sadlerkerrie@gmail.com](mailto: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 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.* Contact: Karen James [kjames@tcote.org](mailto: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](http://www.tcote.org/lectio-divina) or contact: Barry at [burnscreative@gmail.com](mailto: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 [yvonnlux@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jwilcox@tcote.org)



**Outreach:** In response to the grace and love we have been given in Christ, we seek to serve our neighbors. Our commitment is to provide opportunities for The Church of the Epiphany to reach out locally, nationally, and globally so that we may grow, mature, and become more fully the people Christ calls us to be.



**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: [mponticelli@tcote.org](mailto:mponticelli@tcote.org)



The **Pastoral Care Team** cares for parishioners who may be sick, recovering from surgery, or experiencing other life changes. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, contact Sharon Schneider: [sschneider@tcote.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@tcote.org)



The **Young Adult Group** (YAGs) meets on the *second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30*. Please contact The Rev. Karen James: [kjames@tcote.org](mailto:kjames@tcote.org) or Laurie: [lburns@tcote.org](mailto:lburns@tcote.org) if you are between the ages of 18 and 30 and would like more info or to join in.

## SUMMER CHOIR DATES



Your next opportunity to sing is **next Sunday, August 18**. Meet us at 9:00 a.m. in the church to learn an easy anthem to sing at that morning's service. Questions? Contact Jay at [jwilcox@tcote.org](mailto:jwilcox@tcote.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

## HARBOR HOUSE LUNCHES



Many thanks to those who volunteered to make lunches in July. They are much appreciated by the recipients. Harbor House is serving additional clients due to the closure of the Lutheran Social Services operation in TO so, if you can, please sign up to make and deliver 10 lunches on **Wednesday, August 14**. Questions? Email [yvonnlux@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnlux@gmail.com) More info at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org).

## NAMETAGS

Hello My Name is:

We wear nametags to help us feel more connected and so we can get to know each other better. If you're interested in having one, please fill out the form on the website (search for "nametag") or put your name on the clipboard in the narthex.

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



## FOCUS ON: CATECHESIS



**The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** has been described as a meeting place of two mysteries: the mystery of God and the mystery of children. We hope to lay a foundation of

faith which will sustain children through adolescence and into adulthood.

This program is highly child-centered and allows children to enter into a relationship with God in their own ways, and in their own time. We meet in the [atrium](#), a quiet, focused place - more like a children's chapel than a classroom. Everything in the atrium is designed with simplicity, beauty, and dignity, and all items are child sized.

Catechesis holds that children have a deep capacity to receive and experience the most essential elements of our faith, and offers a place where God is met through word and action. The catechist's role is to prepare the environment and to give selected presentations from scripture and liturgy that "call forth" the child's response rather than "pour in" information. The catechist listens with the child and together they ask, "God, who are you? How do you love us?" Each Sunday, a different presentation is offered in the atrium, for example: the Presentation of the Geography and Land of Israel, where the children find the very place where Jesus was born, or the Presentation of Liturgical Calendar and Colors, which shows the way our church year is structured.

The first three Sundays of each month, we meet in the atrium at 9:45 a.m. During the Peace, we bring your children back to the sanctuary for Communion.

On the fourth Sunday of each month, the children are in church; we encourage them to sit in the front pews so that they can see in the church for themselves what they have learned and experienced in the atrium.

### Guiding Principles

There are five underlying themes that we wish to share.

God loves you unconditionally and always.

God is with you at all times.

God wants you to recognize God in others.

God blesses you with special gifts and talents.

God empowers you to use your gifts to further His Kingdom.

To find out more about being involved, please contact Laurie Burns at [lburns@tcote.org](mailto:lburns@tcote.org) or come to our Open House after church on August 25.



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### PRAYERS

**Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:**

Arturo, Marilyn, Roberta, Carole, Pat, Don

**Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish**

**Prayer List:** Boyd, Kay, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, Judith, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, Norma, Curt, Francisco, Angela, Joanne, Madeline, Judie, Hannah, Kate J, Tom B, Dave, the Mullens family, Nancy, Georgia, Bill, Robert, Sarah and family, Madden

*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/).*

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