

Trinity Sunday
June 4, 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

O lux beata Trinitas (secundus versus)
O Trinity of blessed light

MATTHIAS WECKMANN (C. 1616-1674)

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 370 (verses 1, 2, 6, & 7)

I bind unto myself today

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE; DIERDRE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)*

The following is sung, all standing

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the

waters.”⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

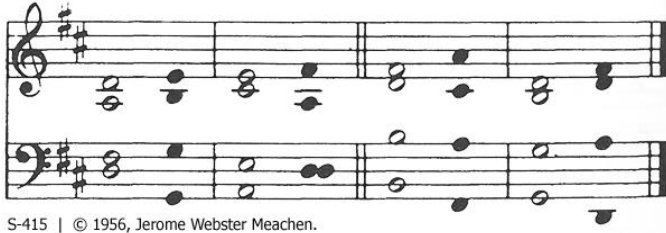
^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 8

Remain seated.



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- 1 **O LORD, our | Governor, ***
how exalted is your name in all the | world!
- 2 **Out of the mouths of infants and | children ***
your majesty is praised above the | heavens.
- 3 **You have set up a stronghold against your | adversaries, ***
to quell the enemy and the a|venger.
- 4 **When I consider your heavens, the work of your | fingers, ***
the moon and the stars you have set in their | courses.
- 5 **What is man that you should be | mindful of him? ***
the son of man that you should seek him | out?
- 6 **You have made him but little lower than the | angels; ***
you adorn him with glory and | honor;
- 7 **You give him mastery over the work of your | hands; ***
you put all things under his | feet:
- 8 **All sheep and | oxen, ***
even the wild beasts of the | field,
- 9 **The birds of the air, the fish of the | sea, ***
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the | sea.
- 10 **O LORD our | Governor, ***
how exalted is your name in all the | world!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand, as able, and sing

Hymn 365

Come, thou almighty King

MOSCOW

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

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

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

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Jay Wilcox

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.

Brothers and sisters, live in peace. With gracious hearts appeal to the Lord, saying, “Glory to you, Holy Trinity; *we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.*”

Holy Trinity, you separated the light from the darkness: may your Church ever dwell in your radiance and walk in the light of your love.

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Holy Trinity, you placed the same sky above all people: may people all over the world live in peace with one another.

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Holy Trinity, you created all things good: give us the will to respect and preserve your creation, that future generations may experience the goodness of all you have made.

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Holy Trinity, you created the sun to give us light: shine your light on our city, that the shadow places may be exposed. May your justice and peace reign in our neighborhoods.

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Holy Trinity, from your hand comes forth creatures great and small: as you care for even the smallest creature, show your loving-kindness to all who call out to you for help. Grace the lives of your children with healing and strength. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: the Rowe family and Baby Noah, Shirley, Jasmine, and David. 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.

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Holy Trinity, you created humankind in your image and you promised to be with us always: may those who have died take comfort in your eternal presence.

Glory to you, Holy Trinity;
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever. 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.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And 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 ANTHEM

All stand, as able, and sing

Now the eleven disciples

(sung by the Schola and Parish Choir)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped

him; but some doubted. And Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand, as able, and sing
Hymn 366 (verses 1-4 only)

Holy God, we praise thy name

GROSSER GOTT

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

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 our 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

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

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

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

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Sung by all.

Fine

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

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1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com -
2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

10 *D.C. al Fine*

mu - nion of the bo - dy of Christ.
ma - ny we share one bread.

INVITATION

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

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 HYMN



God of cre - a - tion, Lord of all beau - ty, all crea-tures join
Christ of the out - cast, com - fort of mourn - ers, neigh - bor to stran -
9 Spi - rit of kind - ness, breath of for - give - ness, faith - ful com - pan -
in sing - ing your love; ho - ly com - pas - sion, joy of our
gers, love with - out end; bear - er of bur - dens, grace ev - er -
17 ion, just as Christ said; God's lit - tle child - ren ga - thered to -
morn - ings, fill us with grace which comes from a - bove.
with - us, bless - ing our child - ren, bro - ther and friend.
ge - ther, drink of sal - va - tion, feast on your bread.

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 362

Holy, holy, holy

NICAEA

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O lux beata Trinitas (primus versus)

MATTHIAS WECKMANN (c. 1616-1674)

O Trinity of blessed light

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EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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| 6/4 | 9:45 a.m. | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Children in the Atrium |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at www.tcote.org) Choir Appreciation |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Epiphany Youth Group meeting |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Choral Evensong |
| 6/5 | 6:30 p.m. | RDV Fellowship |
| | 7:00 p.m. | EfM meeting |
| 6/7 | 7:00 p.m. | Lectio Divina |
| 6/11 | 9:45 a.m. | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Children in the Atrium |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist with baptisms (In-person and live-streaming at www.tcote.org) |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Epiphany Youth Group meeting |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Outreach Committee meeting |

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY



TODAY 4:00 p.m. The most popular service in the Church of England, Choral Evensong combines ancient liturgy and beautiful choral music. Heard in the sublime acoustics of the Church of the Epiphany, this service allows the individual to experience a sense of space, mystery, and God's

quiet presence. The choral music will include a beautiful Magnificat and Nunc dimittis by Herbert Sumsion and an exciting anthem by Fred Gramann. The organ prelude and postlude will be the three large settings of the German Kyrie from Bach's Clavierübung III.

STAY CONNECTED



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SAVE THE DATE!

**Save Saturday, September 16
for our Annual Epiphany Party!**
It will be a **fiesta!**

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY – EPIPHANY FLOWER GUILD



Do you love flowers? Would you like a new way to connect with others while serving the church? Joining the Epiphany Flower Guild is a fun and creative way to do just that. Each week one of our teams meets to arrange the flowers that beautify our sanctuary

each Sunday morning. The Flower Guild also works with the clergy and pastoral care ministers by creating small vases of flowers from the arrangement after each Sunday service for distribution to those they are visiting.

A long time member of the Guild says: *"It's always a joy to see the small miracle of how the bunches of flowers selected and arranged with care become something more than the sum of their parts. And on Sunday when I enter the sanctuary it is so satisfying to see the beauty of God's creation gracing our worship space, and know I had a small part in making that happen!"*

New members are welcome at any time. An experienced Flower Guild member will be happy to mentor you.

Come join our happy "bunch"! Contact Carrie Wilcox at carrie.wilcox08@gmail.com or 703-508-2628.

RDV MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP



Who surrounds us as we worship? Gather together to delve into a Bible verse, barrel taste RDV wine (optional) and explore the connections we have

with one another at **6:30 – 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, June 5.**

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



PRIDE MONTH



In 1969, when homosexuality was illegal in 49 states, NYC police raided the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village – a popular hangout for the LGBTQ+ community.

This sparked gay liberation riots - the beginning of modern-day activism for LGBTQ+ equality. The first Pride March took place a year later, and the movement continued to grow. **Pride Month** is a celebration of love (*love is love is love*) commemorating the contributions of LGBTQ+ people and drawing attention to the continuing struggle for rights.

The rainbow flag is recognized around the world as a symbol of joy, pride and the persistence of the LGBTQ+ community in the face of discrimination and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation. The colored horizontal stripes from top to bottom represent life, healing, sunlight, nature, peace, and spirit. The Progress Pride flag above, designed in 2018, expanded the colors for more inclusivity. The added brown and black represent marginalized LGBTQ+ people of color and also all victims of AIDS/HIV, while the pink, light blue, and white are representative of transgender and intersex people.

The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles has been in the forefront of the struggle for LGBTQ+ inclusion in our church and equality in our nation for decades. Our *Connections* newsletter and website www.tcote.org will be publishing resources throughout the month for further reading and inspiration.

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.
- Engage in theological reflection and discussion.
- 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 e.vana.bryant@gmail.com or visit www.tcote.org (Want a group that meets at another time? Elizabeth can help you to find an EfM group that suits your needs.)

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: yvonnellux@gmail.com.

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.

SPIRITUAL RESOURCE



Stillpoint

Explore and deepen your spiritual journey by visiting **Stillpoint: The Center for Christian Spirituality** at www.stillpointca.org. They offer programs in spiritual direction and contemplative living. Their programs are open to, and draw from, all forms of faith and secular study. There are long-term study programs, residential intensives and one-day retreats. They offer daily online centering prayer, weekly Bio-spiritual focusing, a monthly blog, Wisdom Chanting and Taize - at no cost.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: the Rowe family and baby Noah, Shirley, Jasmine, David

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

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