



# THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Episcopal Church of Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village

**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 13, 2022**

Welcome to the Church of the Epiphany! We are delighted you have come to worship with us today. We are part of the Episcopal Church; if you are unfamiliar with our rituals and customs, just be present with this ancient liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. Thanks for joining us today!

If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the information card and place it in 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!

In case you need one, Assisted Listening Devices are available from the ushers in the back of the Church.

## The Holy Eucharist

**PRELUDE**

Prelude on "Duke Street" and Prelude on "Moscow"

FLOR PEETERS (1903-1986)

## The Word of God

*At the sound of the bell, all stand and sing*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

Hymn 537

Christ for the world we sing

MOSCOW

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

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

**COLLECT OF PURITY**

*The Celebrant 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.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

Hymn 421

All glory be to God on high

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -  
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who  
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,  
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*All sit for the readings.*

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD: “Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup>I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.”

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord.

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

*All remain seated and say together*

### PSALM: Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>**Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>**They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.**

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>**Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

**6For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

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

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

*All stand and sing*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

Hymn 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

DUKE STREET

**GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26**

*All stand.*

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

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with [the twelve apostles,] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. <sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

*All sit for the Homily*

## **THE HOMILY**

**The Reverend Jamie Barnett**

*All stand and say together*

### **THE NICENE CREED**

**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 sin. 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.*

Let us pray to God for his blessing on the Church and on the world.

Guard the Church in holiness and keep her safe from the snares of worldly power and success... May she herself receive, and also bring to many, the blessings promised in the gospel.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

Come in mercy to those in authority, to the rich and to those who hold themselves in high esteem... Save them from the errors of pride; give them the humility which works in love and service for others... Grant to the poor of the world relief to enable them to live with full human dignity.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

Keep us mindful of the many blessings we have received and give the same grace to our families, friends and neighbours and those with whom we work... Grant clear vision and right judgement to all in this community.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy,

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the sorrowful, the hungry and those in need... We pray for those who are slandered and persecuted for their faith... Have mercy on their affliction and grant them the healing touch of your love.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy,  
*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who after the joys and the sorrows of this life have found their reward in heaven... Grant that our lives here may be pure and holy and that at last we may be joined with them.

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy,  
*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers in the name of Christ, the divine Healer of all ills. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Celebrant 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 Celebrant concludes with an absolution*

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**

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

*Then the Ministers 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

The Apple Tree

*(sung by the Parish Choir)*

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:  
the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:  
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

TEXT: ANONYMOUS, COLLECTION OF JOSHUA SMITH, 1784  
MUSIC: K. LEE SCOTT (B. 1950)

### PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

ST. DENIO

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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 S-125**

RICHARD PROULX (1937-2010)

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people remain standing or may kneel, as the Celebrant continues the prayer*

Holy and gracious Father: 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymn 324, v. 3 only

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

PICARDY

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

This is Christ's banquet. It is made ready for those who love God and 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.

### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome and encouraged to come forward to receive the holy food of new and everlasting life in Jesus Christ. As you come forward, the bread will be placed in your hand for you to consume. Those who prefer not to receive the Sacrament may receive a blessing or prayer (please cross your arms across your chest). If you would like to receive the Sacrament and mobility is an issue, please let an usher know so that Communion may be brought to you.*

### COMMUNION HYMN



With you, O Lord, is life in all its fullness, and  
in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is  
life in all its fullness, and in your light we shall see true light.



## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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 Celebrant blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

AZMON

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Canzonetta in G major, BuxWV 171

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE (1637-1707)

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Week of Sunday, February 13, 2022

# EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

2/13	9:45 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (In-person and livestreaming@tcote.org)
2/16	7:00 p.m.	Education for Ministry (EfM)
2/16	7:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina (Zoom)
2/17	6:30 p.m.	Schola rehearsal
	7:45 p.m.	Parish Choir rehearsal
2/20	9:45 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (In-person and livestreaming@tcote.org)
	11:30 a.m.	Epiphany Youth Group (EYG)

## COVID-19 UPDATE

*Masks are required at church services regardless of vaccination status. Surgical, N95 or KN95 mask are strongly recommended.*

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BETTY WILSON

Memorial Service to Honor the Life of  
**Betty Wilson**  
**February 19, 2022 at 11am.**  
All are welcome

## THE ATRIUM IS OPEN, PLEASE COME JOIN US!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has been described as a meeting place of two mysteries: the mystery of God, and the mystery of the children. 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.

For more information <https://www.tcote.org/childrens-program/>.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Please join Outreach and Red Door Vineyard in celebrating Mardi Gras (Shrove Tuesday). We will have wine and individual charcuterie plates available and plenty of good company to enjoy on the last evening before Lent begins. Come join the fun on Tuesday March 1st from 5pm to 6:30pm on the patio under the lights. Dress warm as we will be outdoors. Suggested donation \$10 will support Holy Family Adoption and Foster Services.

**\*\*This is an adults only event.\*\***

## LUNCHES FOR HARBOR HOUSE

In February Epiphany will continue to help Harbor House provide bag lunches to senior citizens, homeless individuals, and very low-income families. **Our date in February is Tuesday, the 15th** and we have been asked to provide 80 lunches.

**To Help:** Prepare bag lunches for 10 people. Include sandwich- turkey or ham appreciated or pb&j, granola bar, chips, fruit/raisins, cookies and a drink. Drinks and fruit should be separate. If you can add more snacks to the lunch, even better. Drop off is between 4:00 and 4:30 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at Avenida de las Flores and Mt.Clef. **Sign up with Yvonne Lux,** [yvonnlux@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnlux@gmail.com).

## FOOD IN-GATHERING

This month Epiphany is collecting food for Food Share Ventura County in the church parking lot on **Thursday, February 24th** between **10:30 am and 12 noon**. Items may be dropped off in the church office in advance.

These are the most needed items:

- Canned soup
- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Canned beans
- Canned pasta sauce (no glass)
- Pasta

## A SERVICE OF CONTEMPLATION AND PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

Please join us on Sunday, February 20, at 7 p.m., for this special service. The ecumenical community in Taizé, France, has developed a style of contemplative worship that allows those present to enter into a prayerful experience of God. It is quiet, meditative, reflective, and characterized by simple yet meaningful music. This service offers a time to calm our souls and experience peace in the presence of God.

### PRAYERS



**Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:** Angela, Diane, Sharon Schneider and family, The Wilson family, Michelle, Mark, Dave, Steve, Donna, Jacky and Harris

**Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list:** Susan, Maria, Ken, Pam, Neil, Olivia, Jan Barnes, Bob, Meg

**Please pray for the repose of the souls** of those who have died from COVID-19.

*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 otherwise.*

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