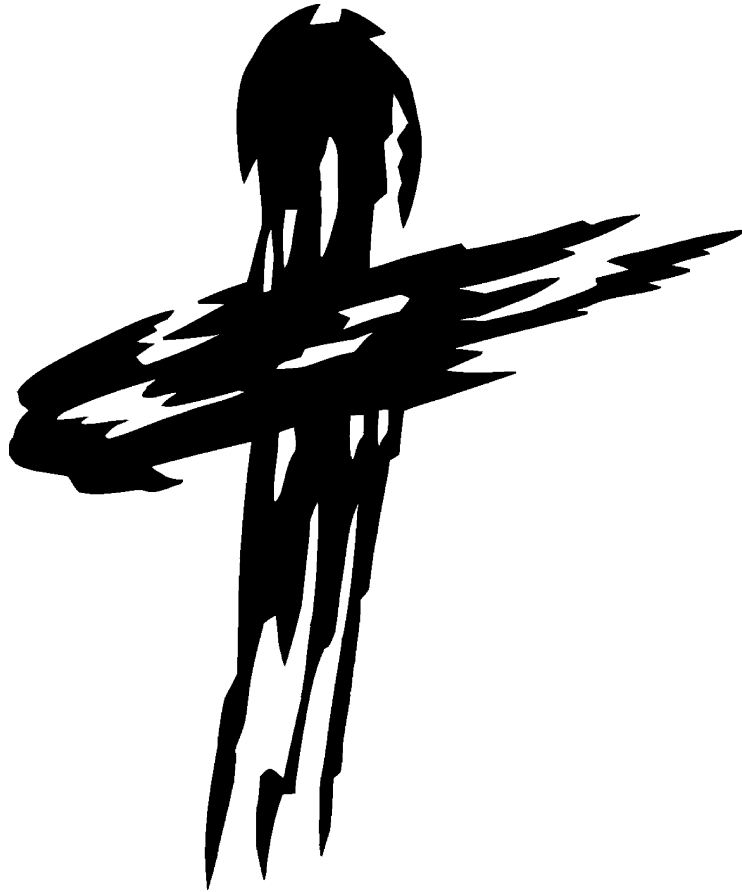


Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2024, 7:00 p.m.



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
The Episcopal Church in Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar

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! Please join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service.

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.

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 *playground* 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.

ABOUT ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of fasting, prayer, self-examination, and preparation for the Easter Feast. The imposition of ashes is an ancient sign of repentance and serves as a reminder of our mortality. As God said to Adam, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." As we are marked with ashes on our foreheads in the same manner that we are signed with the cross at Baptism, we are reminded that we are marked as Christ's own forever in a visible way.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

At the sound of the bell, all kneel, as able, as the Procession enters in silence.

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 hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Joel.

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—
²a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains
 a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
 nor will be again after them
 in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD,
 return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
 ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
 and relents from punishing.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
 and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
 for the LORD, your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
 ¹⁶gather the people.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

The people sit.

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

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 574 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

ST. PETERSBURG

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

All stand.

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

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

[Jesus said,] ¹⁴"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²⁴"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵⁴"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶⁴"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

LENTEN INVITATION

After the Sermon, all stand, and the Presider or Minister appointed invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.

BLESSING OF THE ASHES

The Presider says the following prayer

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The ashes are imposed with the following words

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

PSALM 51 *Miserere mei, Deus*

(sung by the Schola)

Ant. Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
 in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
 and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions, *
 and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned *
 and done what is evil in your sight.

⁵And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
¹⁰Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
¹²Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
¹⁴I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.
¹⁵Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.
¹⁶Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
¹⁸The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
Ant. Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

LITANY OF PENITENCE

The Presider and People together, all kneeling as able,

Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

The Presider continues

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Presider, stands and, facing the people, says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The People stand as the Peace is now exchanged.

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM In ieiunio et fletu

(sung by the Schola)

*In ieiunio et fletu
orabant sacerdotes:
Parce, Domine,
parce populo tuo,
et ne des hereditatem tuam
in perditionem.
Inter vestibulum et altare
plorabant sacerdotes, dicentes:
Parce populo tuo.*

With fasting and weeping
the Presiders prayed:
“Spare, O Lord,
spare your people,
and do not give your heritage
to destruction.”
Between the vestibule and the altar
the Presiders wept, praying:
“Spare your people.”

TEXT: JOEL 2: 12, 17; MATINS RESPONSORY FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MUSIC: THOMAS TALLIS (c. 1505-1585)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 559

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

DULCE CARMEN

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS S 129 Holy, holy, holy (Powell)

Presider and People

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 Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Presider, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

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


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 musical score is written on ten staves in a plainsong style. It features a single melodic line with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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 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 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 ANTHEM

Jesus, priceless treasure

(sung by the Schola)

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, friend most sure and true:
 long my heart was burning, fainting much and yearning, thirsting, Lord, for you.
 Yours I am, O spotless Lamb, so will I let nothing hide you, seek no joy beside you!

Hence, all worldly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.
 Hence, all empty glory! What to me your story told with tempting voice?
 Pain or loss or shame or cross shall not from my Savior move me, since he chose to love me.

Banish thoughts of sadness, for the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in;
 though the clouds may gather, those who love the Savior still have peace within.
 Though I bear much sorrow here, still in you lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

TEXT: JOHANN FRANCK (1618-1677), TRANSLATED BY CATHERINE WINKWORTH (1827-1878), ALT.
 MUSIC: *JESU, MEINE FREUDE*, MELODY BY JOHANN CRÜGER (1598-1662), HARMONIZED BY JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750), BWV 87(VII)

After Communion, the Presider says
 Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.

The Presider blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 475

God himself is with us

TYSK

The altar party and choir will depart in silence at the end of the hymn,

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

There is no Postlude on Ash Wednesday.

The Congregation is asked to depart in silence.

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For the Week of Sunday, February 18, 2024

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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

2/18	9:45 a.m.	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Children in the Atrium
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	11:30 a.m.	Epiphany Youth Group
	7:00 p.m.	Compline
2/19	7:00 p.m.	EfM meeting
2/21	5:00 p.m.	Bishop's Committee meeting
	6:30 p.m.	A Case for Love Lenten Series
	7:00 p.m.	Lectio Divina
2/22	11:00 a.m.	Climate + Change (zoom)
	6:30 p.m.	Schola Rehearsal
	7:45 p.m.	Parish Choir Rehearsal
2/25	10:00 a.m.	Children in church
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

TODAY
7:00 p.m.



OUR LENTEN SERIES



For Lent this year we are suggesting that rather than give something up, we take something on. Our Lenten series will be based on the movie *A Case for Love*, which several of us have seen, using resources sent by the Diocese. The producers have provided a journal that you can link to through our *Connections Newsletter* or www.tcote.org. A few hard copies will be available at church. You are invited to observe and note, not only what unselfish acts of love you do, but what you see around you, and the effects of unselfish love on yourself and others.

It is not necessary to have seen the movie. It is not necessary to even do the journal. Come for fellowship and faithful learning.

Meetings are **6:30 -7:30 p.m.in Ascension Chapel February 21 - March 20**. A special treat: from February 28 - March 13, there will be soup and salad in the Founder's Room from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN US

Please join members of the Epiphany Interfaith Ministry **Monday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.** to hear directly from Muslim, Jewish and Christian orthodox scholars and leaders and their thoughtful perspective and message of peace to our local faith communities.

In a world marred by divisive discourse, polarization, and escalating international tensions, the message delivered by this delegation resonates far beyond the slopes of the Galilee region.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



"Black history in the United States is a rich and varied chronicle of slavery and liberty, oppression and progress, segregation and achievement. Though captive and free Africans were likely present in

the Americas by the 1400s, the kidnapped men, women and children from Africa who were sold first to European colonists in 1619, and later to American citizens, became symbolic of the early years of Black history in the United States. The fate of enslaved people in the United States divided the nation during the Civil War. And after the war, the racist legacy of slavery persisted, spurring movements of resistance, including the Underground Railroad, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Selma to Montgomery March, and, later, the Black Lives Matter movement. Through it all, Black leaders, artists and writers have emerged to shape the character and identity of a nation."

Read more and watch several short videos. For your education and edification: [Black History Milestones - history.com](https://www.blackhistorymilestones.com) or go to www.tcote.org/adult-formation/

CREATION CARE AND LENT

Climate & Faith

Thursdays
11am
Online Only

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The Bishop's Commission on Climate
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Please join the Bishop's Commission on Climate Change Education Subcommittee for a very special "Love and Act" Lenten Study of reading, reflection, prayer, and

practice using the SALT Project offering, Climate + Faith.

Designed as a devotional, we'll make our way through this short 40-page booklet that includes weekly reflections, suggested activities/spiritual practices, and links to videos and enrichment resources. This offering will be led by the Rev. Josh Paget, St. Cross Episcopal Church in Hermosa Beach, assisted by Education Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Kate Varley Alonso and Paula Walker.

The Climate + Faith Lenten Study will be held on Zoom starting on **Thursday, February 22 at 11:00 a.m. and continue each Thursday in Lent** (2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21). To learn how to register and to get the book see our *Connections Newsletter* or go to www.tcote.org

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Bishop's Committee meeting is **Wednesday, February 21, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Founders Hall and open to all. If you have an issue to be brought forward, please inform Rev. Jamie Barnett or the Bishop's Warden, Susan Halligan, prior to the meeting.

WELCOME KITS FOR REFUGEES

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES



The Epiphany Interfaith Ministry is inviting

everyone of all ages to participate in collecting new items or gift cards for Welcome Kits for Refugees from **February 11 - March 8**. See the flyer in our *Connections Newsletter* for details and a link to the WIN Sign Up Genius to participate. Collection bins will also be available at church. Questions? Contact Aggie at 805-807-5001 or aggiew53@gmail.com.



The Conejo Valley Interfaith Refugee Team invites you to learn about helping

local refugee families on **Sunday, March 3, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at a potluck dessert reception. RSVP required. See details in our *Connections Newsletter* or at www.tcote.org/

MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

For more information on these and other ministries, please visit www.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



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



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



Do you like to entertain? 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 at 818-519-1763 or via e-mail at karen@listick.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



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. Interested in being a

Coffee Host? Contact: info@tcote.org



The Catechesis of the Good

Shepherd program is highly child-centered and allows children to enter into a relationship with God in their own ways, and in their own time. All

children are welcome. Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



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 Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.* Contact: Laurie Burns 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. Upcoming readings

will be found in our *Connections* newsletter or www.lectionarypage.net **ON HIATUS DURING LENT**



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

Lux yvonnelix@gmail.com



The **Women's Interfaith Network (WIN)** has many opportunities to serve those in need in our community. Please check their page at www.tcote.org. Contact: Aggie

Winston (805) 807-5001.



Creation Care at The Church of the 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 mmidsn@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



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/ or contact: Barry Burns burnscreative@gmail.com.



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



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



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 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Contact: Karen James

kjames@tcote.org



The **Pastoral Care Team** cares for parishioners who may be sick, recovering from surgery, or experiencing other life changes. We

make phone calls, visit hospitals and homes, and help with their unmet needs, such as providing an occasional meal following surgery or illness. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, contact Sharon

Schneider: sschneider@tcote.org



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 Ponticelli:

mponticelli@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



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 or www.tcote.org/music/

Are you in our Parish Directory? Have you checked your information lately? Please contact info@tcote.org for any new listing or correction necessary. You can access the directory at www.tcote.org.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Anna and the Justiniano family, Dani, Winnie and the Luppert family, Joanne

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Boyd, Kay, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, , Judith, Kathy Steve, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, Judie, Steve, Paul, Glenn and family, Madden, Norma, Hailey, Baby Noah, Benny, Carole, John, Holly, Robyn, Bishop Michael Curry, Steve, Jane, Norma, Pat, Anne, Curt, Francisco, Susan K., Egan

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/.

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission

We seek to ensure that all who enter our doors know that they are loved, welcomed, and celebrated unconditionally, that we serve the world with gratitude, humility, and courage, and that we continue to grow in faith, recognizing reason and exploring the profound mystery that is God's creation.

Vision

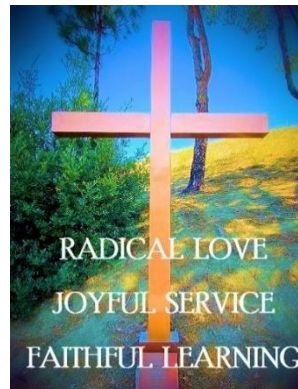
To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

Core Values

RADICAL LOVE

JOYFUL SERVICE

FAITHFUL LEARNING



Core Values guide us in carrying out our mission and realizing our vision. By their nature, core values are touchstones for prayer, discernment, ongoing conversation, and action. We seek a deep understanding and ongoing engagement with Epiphany's Core Values.

Over the years, we will continue reflecting on what they mean in their application; how they challenge and inform decisions and actions in Epiphany's ministries, and how they help our ministries be aligned with our mission and vision.

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

