

**The Sunday of the Resurrection
Easter Sunday
March 31, 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

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 '25

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Fugue in C major, BWV 547(ii)

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, at stand, as able, and sing

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

EASTER HYMN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and the other Gentiles]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed

him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

ANGLICAN CHANT BY JOHN GOSS (1800-1880)

Remaining seated, all sing.



S-409 | © 1979, Robert Knox Kennedy.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is | good; *
 his mercy endures for|ever.
- 2 Let Israel now pro|claim, *
 “His mercy endures for|ever.”
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my | song, *
 and he has become my sal|vation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and | victory *
 in the tents of the | righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has | triumphed! *
 the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
 the right hand of the LORD has | triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but | live, *
 and declare the works of the | LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me | sorely, *
 but he did not hand me over to | death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of | righteousness; *
 I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the | LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the | LORD; *
 he who is righteous may | enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me *
 and have become my sal|vation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
 has become the chief | cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s | doing *
 and it is marvelous in our | eyes.
- †24 On this day the LORD has | acted; *
 we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The people sit.

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

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

All stand and sing.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CALVIN HAMPTON (1938-1984)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -". The second staff starts with a measure rest marked with a '5' above it, followed by the continuation of the melody. The lyrics below are: "lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia. Al - le-".

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

All stand.

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

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

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and found the body of Jesus had been lying there, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

THE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to work of reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, in awe of your glory.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair. We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Brian, Caroline, Joanne, Julia, Karl, and Tom; we pray also for those who have requested our prayers but who wish to remain anonymous as well as for those on our long-term prayer list. Lead us to find ways to be present with them and reflect your love for them.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of light, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider 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 stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand, as able.

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

All may greet one another in the name of Lord.

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 O risen Lord

(sung by the Choirs)

O risen Lord, O glorious Son,
now is the mighty battle won:
songs of praising we are raising: Alleluia!

On the third morning he arose,
shining in victory o'er his foes;
earth is singing, heaven is ringing: Alleluia!

After the death that him befell,
Christ our Lord has harrowed hell.
Sing with gladness, gone is sadness: Alleluia!

The Lord of all things lives anew,
and all his saints are rising, too:
may our living be thanksgiving: Alleluia!

TEXT: JOHN MASON NEALE (1818-1866), ALT.
MUSIC: K. LEE SCOTT (B. 1950)

As the peoples' gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented for a blessing, all stand and sing.
Hymn 210 The day of resurrection

ELLACOMBE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 128 *Holy, holy, holy (Mathias)*

Celebrant 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.

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 Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, 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.
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.**

**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.
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 *Be known to us, Lord Jesus (Wilcox)*

Fine

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

5

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.

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 Lift your voice, rejoicing, Mary

(sung by the Choirs)

Lift your voice, rejoicing, Mary, Christ has risen from the tomb;
on the cross a suffering victim, now as victor he has come.

Whom your tears in death were mourning, welcome with your smiles returning.
Let your alleluias rise.

Raise your weary eyelids, Mary, see him living evermore;
see his countenance, how gracious, see the wounds for you he bore.
All the glory of the morning pales before his wounds redeeming.\

Let your alleluias rise.

Life is yours for ever Mary, for your light is come once more
and the strength of death is broken; now your songs of joy outpour.
Ended now the night of sorrow, love has brought the blessed morrow.
Let your alleluias rise.

TEXT: LATIN, TRANSLATED ELISABETH RUNDLE CHARLES (1828-1896), ALT.
MUSIC: THOMAS FOSTER (1938-2024)

COMMUNION HYMNS

All are invited to sing

Hymn 316	This is the hour of banquet and of song	CANTICUM REFECTIONIS
Hymn 174	At the Lamb's high feast we sing	SALZBURG

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

All stand and sing.

Hymn 208	The strife is o'er	VICTORY
----------	--------------------	---------

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C major, BWV 547 (i)

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

Music rights

“Glory to God in the highest (Gloria)” and “Holy, holy, holy Lord” (Sanctus) by William Mathias, © 1976, Oxford University Press. Reproduced under OneLicense.net License No. A-717483. All rights reserved.

“Be known to us, Lord Jesus” © 2003, 2004 Jay Wilcox. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Music for this service is livestreamed pursuant to OneLicense.net License No. A-717483.

THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Episcopal Church in Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village
5450 Churchwood Drive, Oak Park, California 91377
(818) 991-4797 · tcote.org

Connect to the Staff

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar, *ext. 21*, jbarnett@tcote.org
Jay Wilcox, Director of Music, *ext. 26*, jwilcox@tcote.org
Karen James, Postulant, *ext. 28*, kjames@tcote.org
Laurie Burns, Director of Formation, *ext. 24*, lburns@tcote.org
Michelle Ponticelli, Bookkeeper/OWLs Coordinator, *ext. 22*, mponticelli@tcote.org
Sharon Schneider, Pastoral Care Coordinator, *ext. 30*, sschneider@tcote.org
Nicholas Ponticelli, Livestream Coordinator
Maria Aguilar, Sexton
Arturo Morales, Maintenance

THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE

Bishop's Warden – Susan Halligan
People's Warden--Bob Schneider
Treasurer –Shay Hass
Clerk – Laura Paden

Eileen Hannemann '24
Gabriel Rueda '24
Bob Thomson '24

Claudia Dempster '25
Linda Loomis '25
Bob Schneider '25

Joseph Cooper '26
Catherine Hahn '26
Severin Peck '26

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, March 31, 2024

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

www.tcote.org

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 3/31 10:00 a.m. Children in church
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 4/1 6:30 p.m. RDV Monday Night Fellowship
7:00 p.m. EfM
- 4/3 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina
- 4/4 6:30 p.m. Schola Rehearsal
7:45 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 4/7 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

Are you new here? Please fill out the purple card in the pews, so that we may get to know each other!

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING



It is with great pride and joy that we announce that our Postulant **Karen James** has officially been chosen as a Candidate for Ordination. She will be ordained to the Diaconate on **June 8 (SAVE THE DATE!)** and to the priesthood in January of 2025.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DINNER PARTY



Save the date!

Our annual fundraiser dinner party is on June 22 this year, including a **live band** that's sure to please!

RUMMAGE SALE MAY 25



We're having a **Rummage Sale Saturday, May 25!** Please save all your gently used resaleable items for collection in April and May leading up to the sale. *No heavy items or books please!* More information to come or contact Claudia Dempster at claudiadempster@icloud.com for more details.

SHEPHERD'S CUP GOLF CLASSIC



The Diocese of Los Angeles' second annual Shepherd's Cup Golf Classic and Dinner will be held on **Monday, April 29** at the Industry Hills Golf Club and Pacific Palms Resort in the City of Industry. The day will begin with fellowship and registration at 9 a.m.; golfers will take to the course at 11 a.m. Read more in our newsletter or at www.tcote.org. Contact: Steve Stephens: 213-760-7002 or docstephens@sbcglobal.net

Subscribe

Subscribe to our *Connections Newsletter* at www.tcote.org/newsletter/

GIVE



Your ongoing financial support allows us to embrace and engage in the mission and ministry of The Church of the Epiphany. You may give at www.tcote.org/give or scan the QR code.

FEEDING THE SPIRIT – APRIL 24



After the Lenten series, our Bible Studies will be taking a short break. Feeding the Spirit Bible Study will begin again on **April 24 at noon**. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

RDV FELLOWSHIP



Gather together to delve into a Bible verse, and explore the connections we have with one another 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. on **Monday, April 1**.

DESMOND IN THE NYT



Desmond Thors, 8-years-old, and a member of The Church of the Epiphany, is now a published author! On December 31, 2023, he was published in *The New York Times for Kids*. "Reporters...talked to hundreds of young people around the country...to hear their opinions." Desmond was one of those with an opinion, and his article was chosen.

People should should not kill any animal for fun even if they are dangerous. This is why I sometimes chant, "Hey hey, ho ho, poaching lions has got to go!" by the flagpole at school. If a lion is old and dies, that's one thing, but someone killing a lion is sad and scary. Every lion has a right to live their life. Maybe that lion was somebody's best friend!

We couldn't agree more, Desmond! See the video at www.tcote.org

INTRODUCING OUR COMMUNITY CORNER



Welcome to our new "Community Corner," where you'll find community-related events and items of note that may be of particular interest to Epiphany members.

Please email your submission to Kerrie Sadler at sadlerkerrie@gmail.com at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Space is limited and the information will appear in the subsequent print or online newsletter in the order it is received, possibly with links to further information posted on our website. Please keep submissions brief and include your name, email, and phone.

Coming Up: *Handel's Messiah* originally premiered in Dublin, Ireland on April 13, 1742. Beloved, reassuring, and familiar, it offers living proof that "great art is for all people, in all times, and in all places." Five members of Epiphany's choir and schola will perform with the New West Symphony Chorus in the New West Symphony's presentation of *Handel's Messiah* on **Saturday, April 6** at 7:00 p.m. in Thousand Oaks, and **Sunday, April 7** at 3:00 P.M. in Camarillo. Tickets and info are available at www.newwestsymphony.org or by calling 866-776-8400. Use **discount code Choir20** to receive a 20% discount!

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is holding a fundraiser pickle ball tournament on May 18 in Moorpark. All proceeds will help fund student leaders' attendance at their annual leadership summit this summer. Learn more in our *Connections Newsletter* or at www.tcote.org. Any questions, please text Steve Stephens at (213) 760-7002.

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



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 Karen: kjames@tcote.org.



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 other 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. **Next meeting 4/24.**



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 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



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 at 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/



Epiphany Young Adults meet on the **second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30**. Please contact Karen: kjames@tcote.org or Laurie: lbtolunarbase@gmail.com if you are between the ages of 18 and 30 and would like more information or to join in!

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Joanne, Brian, Julia, Tom, Karl, Caroline

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Boyd, Kay, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, Judith, Steve, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, Judie, Steve, Paul, Madden, Norma, Hailey, John, Holly, Robyn, Bishop Michael Curry, Norma, Pat, Curt, Francisco, Susan K, Winnie and the Luppert family, Egan, Anna and the Justiniano family, Angela, Julie, Jane, Patrick

Please pray for the soul of the departed: Glenn Stuck

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

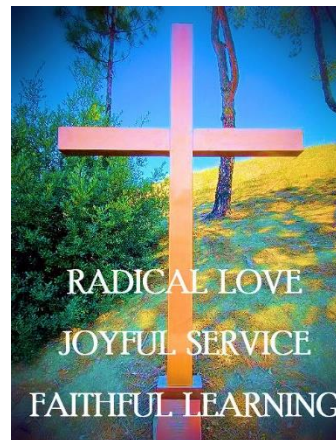
To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

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

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!