

**The Feast of the Epiphany
Epiphany Pageant with Holy Baptism
and Holy Eucharist
January 7, 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! 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.

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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.

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Epiphany Pageant with Holy Baptism, and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Puer nobis nascitur

HEALEY WILLAN (1880-1968)

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

OPENING SENTENCES

Presider From you shall come forth a ruler.

People **Who is the Shepherd of my people Israel.**

Presider Happy are the people who put their faith in the Lord.

People **For they will praise God now and for ever.**

HYMN 117

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

MORNING STAR

THE COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Pageant

The hymns in the pageant are sung by all while remaining seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6, 9

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory shall appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.
For the coastlands shall wait for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from far away,
their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the LORD your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has glorified you.

HYMN 124, vss.1-3

What star is this, with beams so bright

PUER NOBIS

SECOND READING: Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMN 101, vss. 1-2

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed

CRADLE SONG

THIRD READING: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief Priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

HYMN 128

We three kings of Orient are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

All stand.

LITANY FOR EPIPHANY

Leader As the Magi of old followed the star:

People **Help us, O God, to follow the leading of your Spirit.**

Leader As they were led to the Savior:

People **Lead us, O God, to him who is the way, the truth and the life.**

Leader As they brought treasures to the King:

People **Empower us, O God, to offer our gifts of faith, hope and charity to the world.**

Leader As the shepherds fell down and worshipped the holy child:

People **Inspire us, O God, to serve him every moment of our lives.**

Leader As Mary kept all things and pondered them in her heart:

People **Enable us, O God, to remember and to love.**

Leader As your Son shines for ever as the light of the world:

People **Shine forth in us, O God, that we may be lights of the world in our own generation.**

Leader Holy Jesus, come from God:

People **Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit now and always. Amen.**

THE SERMON

Karen James

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Presider says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

The candidate is presented individually by his Sponsors.

Sponsor I present Devin to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider asks the candidate when presented

Presider Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

When all have been presented the Presider asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the candidate you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Sponsor

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you by your prayers and witness help Devin to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Sponsor

I will, with God's help.

Then the Presider asks the following questions of the candidate

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After the candidate has been presented, the Presider addresses the congregation, saying
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Devin in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Presider then says

Let us all join with Devin who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presider

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Presider says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Devin who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented to the Presider who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

Devin, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Presider, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over him, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Presider places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, saying
Devin, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

The Presider says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal Priesthood.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All 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

ANTHEM

Earth has many a noble city

(sung by the Parish Choir)

Earth has many a noble city, Bethl'hem, thou dost all excel:
out of thee the Lord from heaven came to rule His Israel.

Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told his birth,
to the world its God announcing seen in human form on earth.

Eastern sages at his cradle make oblations rich and rare;
see them give in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth, myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

Jesu, whom the Gentiles worshipped at thy glad Epiphany,
unto thee, with God the Father and the Spirit glory be.

TEXT: MARCUS AURELIUS CLEMENS PRUDENTIUS (348-410?), TRANSLATED
HYMNS ANCIENT AND MODERN, 1861, ALT.

MUSIC: DAVID ASHLEY WHITE (B. 1944)

As the people's offerings are presented and blessed, all stand and sing.

HYMN 119

As with gladness men of old

DIX

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.**

Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

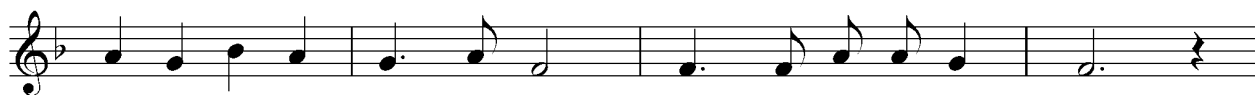
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS S 125 Holy, holy, holy

RICHARD PROULX (1937-2010)

Presider and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



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



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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

The People stand or kneel.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
 that she might conceive and bear a son,
 Jesus the holy child of God.
 Living among us, Jesus loved us.
 He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
 He yearned to draw all the world to himself
 yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
 Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
 the sacrifice of his life,
 and to be glorified by you.
 On the night before he died for us,
 Jesus was at table with his friends.
 He took bread, gave thanks to you,
 broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
 "Take, eat:
 This is my Body, which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."
 As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
 Again, he gave thanks to you,
 gave it to them, and said:
 "Drink this, all of you:
 This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
 which is poured out for you and for all
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Whenever you drink it,
 do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
 and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
 who was and is and is to come,
 we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
 and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
 Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts

that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and 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.**

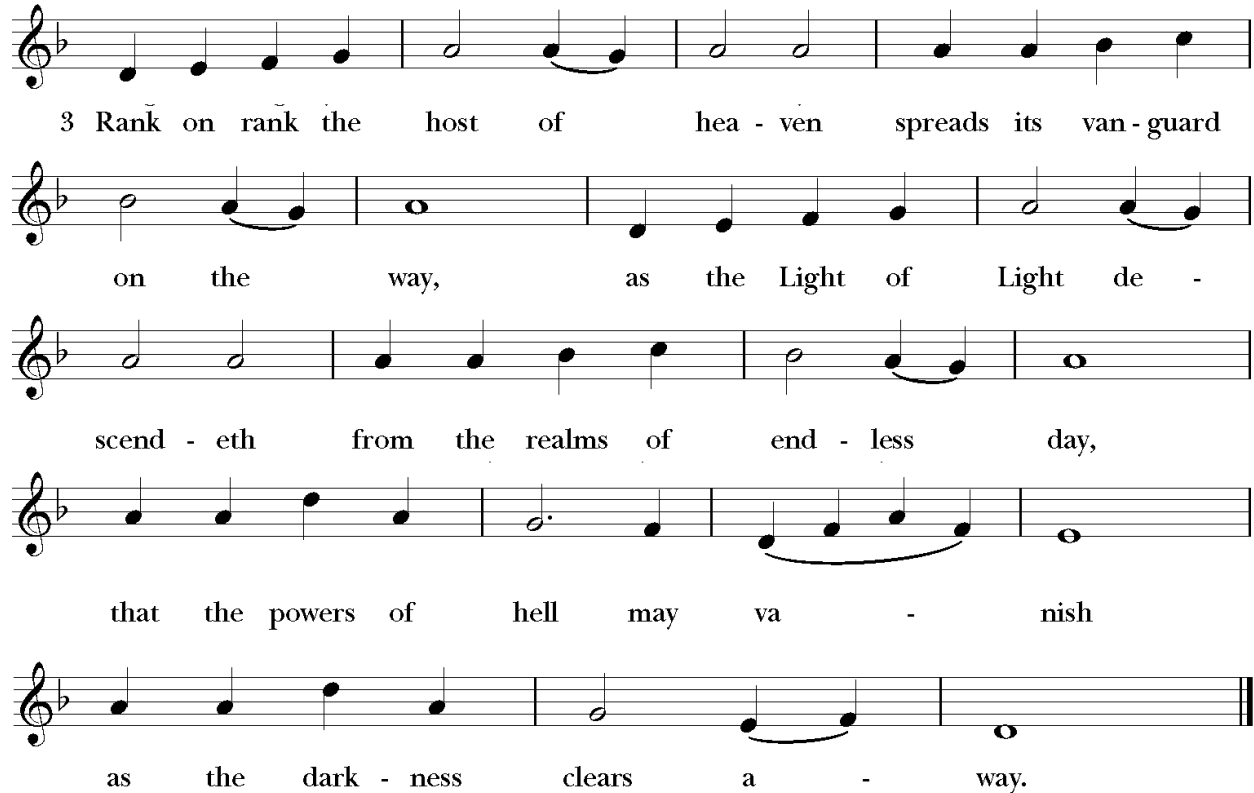
The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymn 324, verse 3 only

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

PICARDY



3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
that the powers of hell may va - nish
as the dark - ness clears a - way.

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.

During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. If receiving a blessing, please come forward and simply cross your hands over your chest as you walk up to the presider. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider when you reach the front.

Put your hands out one on top of the other, and the wafer will be placed in your hand. Leave the wafer in place and move to the chalice bearer, who will then take it, dip it in the wine, and hand it back 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

All are invited to sing

With you, O Lord

WORDS AND MUSIC: JACQUES BERTHIER (1923-1994)
AND THE TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, 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.

After Communion, all stand as the Presider says
Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

HYMN 109

The first Nowell the angel did say

THE FIRST NOWELL

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*The flowers this morning are
offered by Eileen Hannemann
in memory of her beloved
husband, Jerry Hannemann,
and by Lisa Barnes and
Catherine Hahn in celebration
of their first wedding anniversary.*

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THIS WEEK IN EPIPHANY

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| 1/7 | 10:00 a.m. | Children in church - Pageant |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Epiphany Youth Group |
| 1/8 | 6:30 p.m. | RDV Monday Night Fellowship |
| | 7:00 p.m. | PFLAG |
| 1/9 | 6:00 p.m. | <i>Feeding the Spirit</i> Bible study |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Lectio Divina |
| 1/11 | 12:00 p.m. | OWLs event |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Schola Rehearsal |
| | 7:45 p.m. | Parish Choir Rehearsal |
| 1/14 | 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 |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Outreach Committee meeting |



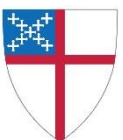
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CONFIRMATION CLASSES



LAST CALL If you are a baptized Christian and considering confirmation, whether or not you have let Rev. Jamie know, please consider joining our confirmation classes on **January 7, 14, and 21 after church services**. These are for anyone interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation into the Episcopal church who has a heart ready to "express a mature commitment to Christ and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop." (BCP)

FEEDING THE SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY



Our *Feeding the Spirit* Bible study will begin again on **January 10**. Due to many requests, **we are testing out a new evening time of 6:00 p.m. to make it easier for more people to attend**. The time could be a bit later on the third Wednesday of the month because of Bishop's Committee meetings, but will be communicated each time.

A VISIT FROM OUR ASSISTING BISHOP



The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr. will be leading our service on **Sunday, January 21**.

This will be a celebratory day, with multiple confirmations, and we hope everyone will be in attendance! Learn more about Bishop Brookhart at www.tcote.org.

RDV MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP



Who surrounds us as we worship?
Gather together to delve into a Bible
verse, barrel taste RDV wine
(optional) and explore the
connections we have with one
another at **6:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8**.

OWLS MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP



Happy 2024!!!! Please join us **Thursday, January 11 from noon to 2:00 p.m.** We will be having Michaela Crawford Reaves, Ph.D. from Cal Lutheran University as our speaker. It will be a fun, engaging presentation on *Rumors, Innuendos, and Presidents of the Past*. We ask for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of lunch. Please **RSVP by January 8** to Michelle Ponticelli at 805-320-5003 or email her at mponticelli@tcote.org.

DIAPERS AND WARM COATS & JACKETS



There is great need in the low-income and homeless community for both **diapers for infants** (#s 4, 5, 6 and 7) and gently-used **warm coats and jackets for adults**. There are boxes in the Narthex and the Bishop's Hall through January 14.

THE LUNCH BUNCH



This month Harbor House has asked us for 80 lunches on **January 17**. Lunches for 10 people. Details: www.tcote.org/harbor-house/ Please let me know if you are able to help.

Thanks so much! yvonnelix@gmail.com.

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BLOOD DRIVE



Because of you,
life doesn't stop.

Do something that is good for the heart. Donate Blood! It's good for our community and hospital patients AND good for you.

Our church will be holding a blood drive on **Sunday, January 28 from 11:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.** in the Bloodmobile.

Please sign-up at donors.vitalant.org using the Blood Drive Code: 3185190 or by calling 805-542-8500!

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



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 *weekly 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



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 Elizabeth.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 monthly for lunch and a variety of 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 jwilcox@tcote.org or www.tcote.org/music/

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

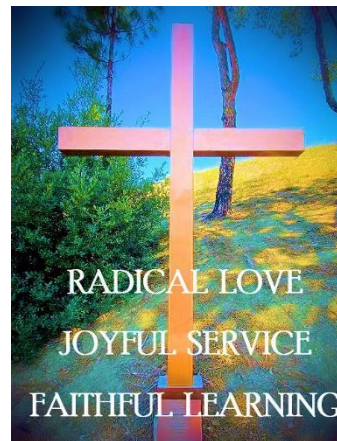
To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

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.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Pat, Kay, Steve, Charlie, and Jade

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Boyd, Neil and Sarah, Tom, Donna, Arturo, Judith, Kathy, Curt, Steve, Joe, Rhonda, Lynn, Dan, Amanda, Tabitha, Judie, Georgia, Steve, Paul, Peter, Glenn and Family, Madden, Norma, Hailey, baby Noah, Benny, and Carol, John, Holly, Debbi, Robyn, and Bishop Michael Curry

Please pray for the soul of the departed: George

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/.