

**The Feast of Pentecost**  
**May 19, 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.***

# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## PRELUDE

Feria Pentecostes (The Feast of Pentecost) CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS (1835-1921)

Again the slowly circling year brings round the blessed hour,  
when on the Saints the Comforter came down in grace and power.

translation of the first verse of the Pentecost hymn, *Beata nobis gaudia*, upon which Saint-Saëns' composition is based

## The Word of God

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

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 225

Hail thee, festival day

SALVA FESTE DIE

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Presider says*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

### SALUTATION FOR BAPTISM

*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD,

you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

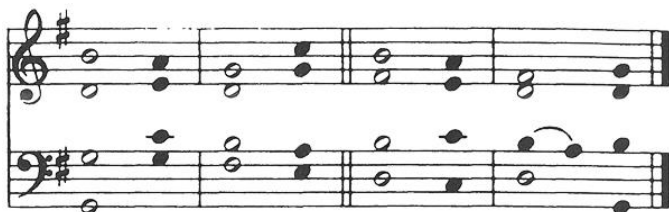
<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

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

*Silence may follow.*

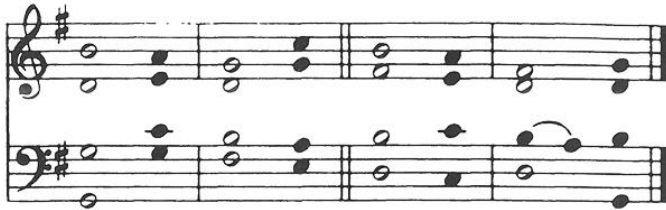
### **PSALM: Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

*The congregation remains seated and joins in singing*



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- 25    O Lord, how manifold are your | works! \*  
          in wisdom you have made them all;  
          the earth is full of your | creatures.
- 26    Yonder is the great and wide sea  
          with its living things too many to | number, \*  
          creatures both small and | great.
- 27    There move the ships, and there is that Le|viathan, \*  
          which you have made for the | sport of it.
- 28    All of them look to | you \*  
          to give them their food in due | season.



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- 29 You give it to them, they | gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good | things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are | terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their | dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are cre|ated; \*  
and so you renew the face of the | earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for | ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his | works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it | trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they | smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I | live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my | being.
- 35 May these words of mine | please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my | soul.\*  
Halle|lujah!

## SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares,  
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
 and your young men shall see visions,  
 and your old men shall dream dreams.  
<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
 and they shall prophesy.  
<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
 and signs on the earth below,  
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
 and the moon to blood,  
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*All stand.*

Hymn 512

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove

MENDON

**GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

*All stand.*

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] <sup>26</sup>"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

## **PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES**

*The Presider says*

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Evan Robert to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Presider asks the parents and godparents*

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

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Presider*

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

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents*

*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 all have been presented, the Presider addresses the congregation, saying*  
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

*People*            **We will.**

*The Presider then says these or similar words*  
Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* 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 CANDIDATES**

*The Presider says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this person 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 God 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 by name to the Presider who pours water upon the candidate, saying*

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

*Then the Presider places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*

Evan Robert, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*When this action has been completed, the Presider, prays over the candidate, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* 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.**

## **WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*When all have been 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.**

## **WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS**

*Presider* Dear Siblings in Christ, I present to you the following persons who have been grafted into the body of Christ through their baptism and whose names will now be recorded in this parish register.

*Each new member stands as his or her name is announced. When all names have been announced, the minister continues:*

*Presider* We welcome them into the Church of the Epiphany so that they may continue their journey of faith in this community.

*Congregation* **What do you seek?**

*Answer* Renewal of my life in Christ.

*Congregation* **Will you worship faithfully with us to hear God's holy word and to share in God's sacraments?**

*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*Congregation* **Will you join with us in our life of service to all who are in need?**

*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*Congregation* **Will you strive to recognize the gifts God has given you and to discern how to use them in the spreading of God's kingdom?**

*Answer* I will, with God's help.

*The congregation stands - all who are able. The Presider addresses the congregation:*

*Presider* Will all of you who witness this new beginning pray for these persons, share their ministry, bear their burdens, forgive, and encourage them?

*Congregation* **We will, with God's help.**

*Presider and People:*

**Blessed are you, our God, our Maker, for you form us in your image and restore us in Jesus Christ. In baptism, these your servants have been buried with Christ and have risen to new life in Christ. Renew them in your Holy Spirit, that they may grow to the fullness of the stature of Christ. Strengthen them as they join in our life of praise and service; through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

*Presider:* Please welcome home these new members of our community.

*People:* **We recognize you as members of the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim Christ's resurrection, and share with us in Christ's eternal priesthood.**

## THE PEACE

*The Peace is now exchanged*

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

*All*                **Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever they may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# The Holy Communion

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**        O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit *(sung by the Schola)*

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy name all the days of our life: that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

TEXT: LIDLEY'S PRAYERS, 1566

MUSIC: THOMAS TALLIS (c. 1505-1585)

*As the peoples' gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented for a blessing, all stand and sing.*

Hymn 516

Come down, O love divine

DOWN AMPNEY

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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

*Presider and People*

Hymnal S-128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)

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 Father,

*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 Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*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

JAY WILCOX (B. 1954)

*Fine*

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

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

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*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 Presider says*

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 MUSIC

*All are invited to sing*



Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.



Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us, come, O Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

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1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, 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.*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

*All stand and sing.*

Hymn 506

Praise the Spirit in creation

FINNIAN

**DISMISSAL**

*Presider*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE**

Hail thee, festival day

ROBERT A. HOBBY (B. 1962)

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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, May 19, 2024

# EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

[www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org)

## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

### Sunday, 5/19

10:00 a.m. Children in church  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group  
11:30 a.m. Outreach Committee meeting

### Monday, 5/20

7:00 EfM

### Wednesday, 5/22

12:00 p.m. Feeding the Spirit Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina

### Thursday, 5/23

6:30 p.m. Schola rehearsal  
7:45 p.m. Parish choir rehearsal

### Saturday, 5/25

8:00 a.m. Rummage Sale

### Sunday, 5/26

10:00 a.m. Children in church  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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



Subscribe to our *Epiphany Connections Newsletter* at [www.tcote.org/newsletter/](http://www.tcote.org/newsletter/)

## HELP NEEDED



Our Rummage Sale is **Saturday, May 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Proceeds will be used to support Epiphany and its ministries.

We are requesting help on Thursday, May 23 moving items from the trailer into Bishop's Hall. All hands on deck is needed! Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

For more information contact Claudia Dempster at [claudiadempster@icloud.com](mailto:claudiadempster@icloud.com).

## DINE UNDER THE VINES – JUNE 22



We will have a local big band Phoenix playing a variety of musical genres, good food, dancing, raffles, and auctions. We ask you to reach out to the local business(es) you frequent to request a gift certificate or item that would help with the fundraising part. Donor forms and letters are on the website, in the newsletter and at the back of the church. "Dine Under the Vines" will be a great success with your support! Questions? Contact Claudia Dempster at [claudiadempster@icloud.com](mailto:claudiadempster@icloud.com).

## KAREN JAMES ORDINATION DETAILS



You're invited to **Karen James Ordination to the Deaconate on Saturday, June 8**, where after seven years of study, service, and prayer, she will become The Rev. Karen James. The ceremony will be at St. John's Cathedral (514 W. Adams Blvd, LA, CA 90007) [www.stjohnsla.org](http://www.stjohnsla.org) For joyful fellowship and ease to you, we will have a bus going. Please let us know if you plan on taking the bus. There is a signup sheet in Founder's Hall.

**The bus will leave our church parking lot at 8:00 a.m.** The ceremony will begin at 10:00 and last approximately 2 hours with a short time for snacks and pictures at that time. The bus will leave the cathedral at 12:30 and **we should be back to Epiphany to celebrate around 1:30-1:45.** If you are planning on driving, there will not be parking available at the cathedral, but there are several parking lots nearby. We look forward to seeing everyone at this sacred and momentous occasion!

## EVENSONG



**SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 4 PM**  
**Choral Evensong: Epiphany Parish Choir and Schola**

The upsurge in popularity of Choral Evensong has led an Oxford University researcher to study how and why this service meets the varied needs of those who attend. Is it the beauty of the music? The quiet, reflective atmosphere? The evocative language and rhythm of the liturgy? Or maybe it is the mystery and wisdom, the

possibility of peace, meditation, and spiritual enrichment; a space for anonymity – a time to “lighten the darkness”? Answer these questions for yourself by joining us for this timeless service, led by Epiphany’s Parish Choir and Schola.

### NAMES FOR MEMORIAL DAY

For the upcoming Memorial Day, we will be listing the names in *Epiphany Connections* of Epiphany members, family members, or friends you want honored who were or are members of the military and died in service. If you would like a name listed, please send their name as you would like to see listed and their branch of the military to [info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org) by **Wednesday, May 22**.

### SPONSORING ALTAR FLOWERS



Sponsoring altar flowers on Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion, honor loved ones, or give thanks. If you would like to give, please fill out the card

found in the church pews or visit [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org)

### MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

For more information on these and other ministries, please visit [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org)



**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](mailto:kjames@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](mailto:mizeinla@gmail.com)



**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](mailto:lburns@tcote.org)



Interested in being a **Coffee Host**? 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. Contact: [info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org)



**Creation Care** at 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](mailto: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](mailto:E.Vana.Bryant@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



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](mailto:jwilcox@tcote.org) or [www.tcote.org/music/](http://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](mailto:kjames@tcote.org) or Laurie: [lbtolunabase@gmail.com](mailto:lbtolunabase@gmail.com) if you are between the ages of 18 and 30 and would like more info or to join in!



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](mailto: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.



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](mailto:lburns@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](mailto:karen@listick.com).



The **Interfaith Ministry's** mission is to involve members of Epiphany in the sharing of traditions among people of various faiths and cultures, to deepen and broaden mutual understanding, and to offer education and service opportunities that encourage and promote fairness and empathy through our actions, leading to a more harmonious society. Contacts: Aggie Winston [aggiew53@gmail.com](mailto:aggiew53@gmail.com) and Kerrie Sadler [sadlerkerrie@gmail.com](mailto:sadlerkerrie@gmail.com)



**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](mailto:kjames@tcote.org)



**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](http://www.tcote.org/lectio-divina) or contact: Barry at [burnscreative@gmail.com](mailto:burnscreative@gmail.com).



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 [yvonnellux@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnellux@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](mailto:jwilcox@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](mailto:mponticelli@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](mailto:sschneider@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](mailto:info@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](mailto:reddoorvineyard@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](mailto:info@tcote.org)

## 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

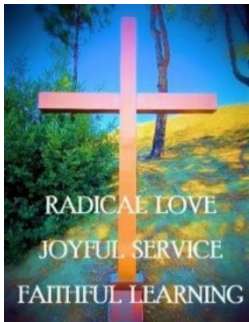
To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

### 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.

**Are you in our Parish Directory? Have you checked your information lately?** Please contact [info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org) for any new listing or correction necessary. You can access the directory at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org).

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### PRAYERS

**Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:** Mona, Nancy, Georgia, Ginny

**Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer List:** Boyd, Kay, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, Judith, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, Paul, Madden, Norma, Hailey, John, Bishop Michael Curry, Pat, Curt, Francisco, Susan K, Winnie and the Luppert family, Egan, Angela, Jane, Joanne, Julia, Anna, Madeline, Ellen, Judie, Hannah, Kate J, Tom B, Dave, the Mullens family

*To add yourself, family, or friends to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card or submit your prayer request online at [www.tcote.org/prayer-request/](http://www.tcote.org/prayer-request/).*

## NAMETAGS!

Hello, My Name is:

We're excited to announce that we'll be making name tags to help us feel more connected at The Church of the Epiphany. If you're interested in having your own personalized name tag, please visit the Epiphany website and complete the form (search "nametag") or list yourself on the clipboard in the back of church. In the meantime, stick on nametags are in the narthex along with a marker. Let's embrace this opportunity to grow closer as a community!

