

**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 28, 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.

**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.

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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.

**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.

*The flowers this morning are  
given in loving memory of Peter  
James Thomson by the Bob and  
Tina Thomson family.*

# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## PRELUDE

Partita on *Azmon*  
(Theme and 3 variations)

PAUL BOUMAN (1918-2019)

## The Word of God

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

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Presider says*

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

*People*

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Presider may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

*The following is sung, standing as able*

Hymn 421

All glory be to God on high

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

[Moses summoned all Israel and said to them,] <sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: ‘If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.’ <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: ‘They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.’”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 111** (*sung by all*)

*Remain seated.*



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- 1 Hallelujah!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole | heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congre|gation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the | LORD! \*  
they are studied by all who de|light in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and | splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for | ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be re|membered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of com|passion.
- 5 He gives food to those who | fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his | covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his | works \*  
in giving them the lands of the | nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and | justice; \*  
all his commandments are | sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and | ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and | equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for | ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his | Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of | wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praises endure for | ever.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

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

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

*Silence may follow.*

### SEQUENCE HYMN

*All stand.*

Hymn 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

AZMON

### GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

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

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

### THE SERMON

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

### THE NICENE 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.*

We gather in your name, Jesus, because we know who you are. You know our deepest needs and weaknesses, and we look to you in hope.

*Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.*

The world is hurting and restless for you, Lord. The earth is stressed and cries out for protection. Its peoples cry out in hunger and fear. We turn to you in need of deliverance.

*Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.*

We pray for your Church as it walks your Way of Love. May your people and their leaders know deeply your loving, liberating life-giving presence.

*Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.*

We pray for those who govern all over the world, that they may pursue justice and practice peace. Equip them with the courage and resources to respond to the needs of their people.

*Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.*

For those who have lost their freedom to addiction, for those who wrestle with worry, for those who struggle with mobility, communication, and relationship. For those who are ill and facing surgery or treatments. For those who will soon give birth, and those who have lost a pregnancy. We look to you for care of all these to give them hope through your presence. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Pat, Kay, Francisco, Dave B., Norma, Anna and the Justiano family, Susan K., Cody, Kate, and Anne. We pray also for those who have asked for our prayers, but who prefer to remain anonymous, as well as those on our long-term prayer list.

*Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.*

We commend to you the souls of those who have died and ask you to comfort those whose hearts ache with grief.

*Hear our prayers, Holy One of God. Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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

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

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

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



# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY

O almighty God

*(sung by the Schola)*

O almighty *and everlasting* God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TEXT: COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY, *BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, 1559*  
(NOW PRESCRIBED FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY)

MUSIC: GEORGE BARCROFTE (c. 1555-1609/10)

(Note: the text in italics is sung only by the basses.)

## PRESENTATION HYMN

*All stand as able and sing.*

Hymn 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word

GOTT SEI DANK

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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 (Proulx)*

*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.

*The Presider says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*Presider*

This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have gotten lost. Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

*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, the Presider says*  
Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Presider blesses the people.*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 535

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

PADERBORN

## DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Partita on *Azmon*  
(Variations 4 and 5)

PAUL BOUMAN (1918-2019)

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For the Week of Sunday, January 28, 2024

# EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

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## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 1/28 10:00 a.m. Children in church
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 11:15 a.m. Blood Drive
- 11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group
- 1/30 5:00 p.m. Laundry Love
- 1/31 12:00 p.m. *Feeding the Spirit* Bible study
- 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina
- 2/1 6:30 p.m. Schola Rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 2/4 9:45 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Children in the Atrium
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group



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## OUR LENTEN SERIES



On January 23, Episcopalians from all over the country gathered in theaters to watch *A Case for Love*, including a large group from Epiphany. Based on the writings of Bishop Michael Curry, the film makes the case that unselfish love, a love that crosses the boundaries of religion, race, sexual orientation, and class, has the power to heal the divisions everyone is experiencing. It “asks what unselfish [radical] love looks like in today’s world, at a time when division, estrangement, and hatred seem to be as strong as ever. The 13 stories in the movie invite us on a personal journey, reflecting on ways in which we may experience sacrificial love, and then embody it for others in our lives, communities, and the world.”

It was an invitation to an ongoing journey. The producers have provided a journal (find it at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org)) and a study guide. For Lent this year we are suggesting that rather than *giving something up*, we as a church *take something on* - specifically, the journal. Start the journal now. Our Lenten series will be based on the study guide. You are invited to observe and note, not only what unselfish acts of love you do, but what you see around you, and the effects of unselfish love on yourself and others. **It is not necessary to have seen the movie.** Rev. Jamie was “so moved by the film and the reaction and the message was so powerful that other ideas for a Lenten study and practice seemed less important.”

We will also have some hard copies of the journal available.

## ANNUAL MEETING



Our Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 4**. If you are interested in serving on the Bishop's Committee or attending the Diocesan Convention in November, please let us know at [info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org).



## HOLY HOSTS RETURN!



Do you like to entertain? Karen Listick and Kim Seegan are starting up the **Holy Hosts** again and 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 by texting (preferable) or calling at 818-519-1763 or via e-mail at [karen@listick.com](mailto:karen@listick.com). The first event will be the Annual Meeting on February 4 so better sooner than later! please fill out the card found in the church pews or visit [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org).

## OAK BAROQUE ROCKED



Thank you to the **Epiphany Music Guild** and the supremely skilled and talented members of **Oak Baroque** for a wonderful evening of Baroque

Rarities (and a bit of Bach) last Sunday. Many attendees were experiencing one of our high-quality programs for the first time, and they were not disappointed!

## BLOOD DRIVE TODAY

### BLOOD DRIVE



Because of you, life doesn't stop.

Every 2 seconds, a patient in the U.S. receives a blood or platelet transfusion. Together, we can ensure every patient, friend and family member has the blood they need when they need it. **Red Door Vineyard** and **Epiphany Outreach** are once again organizing a blood drive **TODAY** from **11:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.** in the Bloodmobile. Walk-ins are accepted as space allows.

## MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

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



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)



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.lectionarypage.net)



**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 [yvonnlux@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnlux@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](http://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](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 [Elizabeth.Vana.Bryant@gmail.com](mailto: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/](http://www.tcote.org/lectio-divina/) or contact: Barry Burns [burnscreative@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jwilcox@tcote.org) or [www.tcote.org/music/](http://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

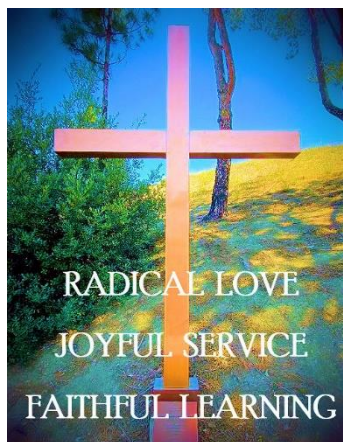
To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

### 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.

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



### PRAYERS

**Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:** Pat, Kay, Francisco, Dave B, Norma, Anna and the Justiniano family, Cody, Kate, Susan K, Anne

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

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

*Please note: After two weeks on the Parish Prayer List, the names of those for whom we have prayed are moved to the Long-Term Prayer List for two more months, unless stated otherwise.*

**Are you in our Parish Directory?** Would you like to be? Please send your information to [info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org) so we can enter it. If you are already listed, please make sure everything is correct and if not, send us any changes. You can access the directory at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org).



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).