

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 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.

Assisted listening devices: Available from the ushers in the back of the church.

Children: We welcome children in our worship. Their sounds are a gift from God – no need to subdue them! Our *playground* is located in the side chapel and has quiet activities for parents and younger children to use while still in worship. Children ages 3-11 are welcome to join the atrium for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday School program located in Mitchel Hall. Ask the ushers for directions. Children return to the service for communion.

Contact: Office hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and the sanctuary is open during these hours for private prayer or meditation. To speak with The Rev. Jamie Barnett, please call the office and make an appointment. Her office hours are Tuesday through Thursday.

Communion: By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact The Rev. Jamie Barnett to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Es ist das Heil uns kommen Her

DANIEL ERICH (1645-1712)

*“Salvation has come to us from grace and sheer kindness
Works never help, they cannot protect us.
Faith looks towards Jesus Christ
who has done enough for all of us.
He has become our mediator.”*

First verse of *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her*

The Word of God

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 686

Come, thou fount of every blessing

NETTLETON

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

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 S 96 *Lord, have mercy upon us (Schubert/Proulx)*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

The congregation remains seated for the singing of

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

At the beginning of the Psalm, the choir sings the Antiphon, which is then repeated by the congregation. All join with the choir in singing the Antiphon where indicated.



Give thanks to the LORD for his mer - cy, and the won - ders he does for his chil - dren.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south. **Antiphon.**

- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them
and saved them from the grave. *Antiphon.*
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. *Antiphon.*

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

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

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand as able.

Hymn 489

The great Creator of the worlds

TALLIS' ORDINAL

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

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

[Jesus said,] ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are

condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as able.

**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.

When our faith is weak and our hopes seem empty, come to us, Spirit, and fill us again. You are rich in mercy, and our need is deep.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lead us to let go of the burdens we carry: the guilt, the shame, the unrealistic expectations. Lead us to depend on you.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Guide each of us in the decision making of our common life: in our family relationships, our churches, and our communities.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pull us closer to your compassionate heart. We pray for those in pain, for those who worry, for those whose livelihood is fragile, for those who grieve. We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Anna and the Justiniano family, Dani, Joanne, Angela, Brian, Susan A, Julie, Jane. We pray also for those who have requested our prayers and who prefer to remain anonymous as well as for those on our long-term prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Push us into the world to be the advocates for your expansive love among all the creatures you have created.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Receive those who have died into the arms of your abundant mercy. We pray today especially for the repose of the soul of Daniel Bustamonte Trista on the anniversary of his birth.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider 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 when 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 God so loved the world *(sung by the Parish Choir)*
Sarah Pennywitt, soprano solo

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

TEXT: JOHN 3: 16
MUSIC: BOB CHILCOTT (B. 1955)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 671 We the Lord's people

NEW BRITAIN

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

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

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

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

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

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

SANCTUS S 129 Holy, holy, holy (Powell)

Presider and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

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

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

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

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

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

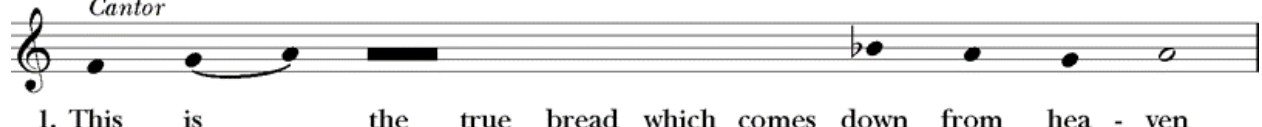
FRACTION ANTHEM

Antiphon
Cantor; then All




Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor

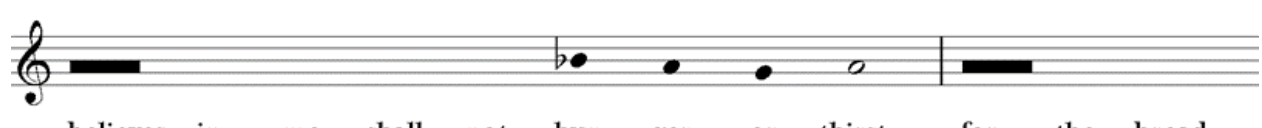


1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven


Cantor



and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er



believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread



which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

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

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

All who seek God and desire a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. When you come to the altar rail, you may either stand or kneel.

If you desire to receive the sacrament, please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Once you have received it, you may keep it there and the chalice bearer will take it, dip it in the wine and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the wafer and then you may place your hands on the base of the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider.

If you desire to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest at the altar rail.

COMMUNION MUSIC

All are invited to sing



God is for - give - ness. Dare to for - give and
4 God will be with you. God is for - give - ness.
7 Love, and do not fear.

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 473

Lift high the cross

CRUCIFER

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Präludium [in D minor]

FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1809-1847)

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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, March 10, 2024 EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

www.tcote.org

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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| 3/10 | 9:45 a.m. | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Children in the Atrium |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Outreach meeting |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Acolyte training |
| 3/11 | 7:00 p.m. | PFLAG |
| 3/12 | 6:30 p.m. | Young Adults (offsite) |
| 3/13 | 6:00 p.m. | Soup/salad before Lenten group |
| | 6:30 p.m. | A Case for Love Lenten Series |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Lectio Divina |
| 3/14 | 11:00 a.m. | Climate + Change (zoom) go to
www.tcote.org/adult-formation |
| | 12:00 p.m. | OWLs event |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Schola Rehearsal |
| | 7:45 p.m. | Parish Choir Rehearsal |
| 3/15 | 6:30 p.m. | RDV Happy Hour |
| 3/17 | 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. | Lector training |

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

GIVE



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

Have you put off making your pledge for 2024? It's never too late. You can fill out the card in the back of the pews or go to www.tcote.org/stewardship-2024/ today.

JOURNEY WITH US THROUGH HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Friday, March 29, at 12:00 noon

Tenebrae

Friday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m.

Vigil of the Light and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, at 4:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, March 30, at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, March 31, at 10:00 a.m.

LOOKING FOR USHERS



Due to our increasing attendance on Sunday and our return to Communion at the altar, we are looking for more people to serve as ushers. Ushers are indispensable to welcoming parishioners and facilitating a smooth service. We need your smiling face! **Open to all!** If you are willing to serve as an usher (about once a month) please let us know at info@tcote.org.

TAIZE - MARCH 17, 7:00 P.M.



A Service of Contemplation and Prayer in the Style of Taizé.

In the 1940s, a monastic community in Taizé, France, created a new form of prayer service that was designed to be ecumenical and non-denominational. Brief, easy songs are repeated to create a meditative atmosphere, and are interspersed with readings and silence to encourage contemplation. Led by the Parish Choir, this quiet, reflective service is patterned on the worship practices at Taizé. This service offers worshippers the opportunity to enter into a prayerful experience of God.

CALLING POTENTIAL ACOLYTES



The word acolyte means "one who helps". 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 at kjames@tcote.org. There is mandatory **training TODAY after church**. Grab a donut and come join the team!

YOUNG ADULT GROUP BEGINS



The Young Adult group meets on the **second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30**. Their next meeting will be March 12. Contact Karen:

kjames@tcote.org or Laurie: lburns@tcote.org if you are

between the ages of 18 and 30 and would like more information or to join in!

TENEBRAE



This year, we are adding the service of **Tenebrae** to Holy Week on **Good Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.** The name Tenebrae (the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows") has for centuries been applied to the ancient monastic night and early morning services of the last three days of Holy Week. Read more in our newsletter or at www.tcote.org. We hope you attend this profoundly moving service.

EASTER FLOWER GIFTS



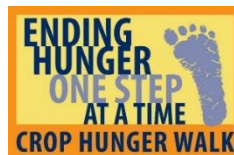
If you would like to contribute for Easter flowers either in thanksgiving for something or someone in your life, or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form in the back of the pews and place it on the offering plate with cash or check or mail it to the church office. You can donate at the website under Altar Flower Gifts www.tcote.org/epiphany-flower-guild/

RDV HAPPY HOUR



All are invited to the Red Door Vineyard Happy Hour on **Friday, March 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Read more in our newsletter or at www.tcote.org.

CROP WALK!



2024 – 46th Annual
CONEJO VALLEY CROP HUNGER WALK
SUNDAY MARCH 17

California Lutheran University
Start outside William Rolland Stadium
About 4 miles or 10-minute guided campus stroll

Registration: 12:00 – 1:00; Walk begins at 1:00

To participate as a walker or sponsor, please see **Jim Wilson** at TCOTE March 10 and 17. Walkups March 17 are welcome also! \$200 in donations by the day of the walk earns a CROP t-shirt (can also be purchased for \$15)

Funds go to fight hunger, provide disaster relief, and promote sustainable development throughout the world. 25% of funds promote food security locally

- Harbor House
- Manna Food Bank
- Harvest Food Bank
- Conejo Valley and WV Meals on Wheels

Join Conejo Valley Crop Hunger Walk at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/thousandoaksca>
Team: The Church of the Epiphany

THE LUNCH BUNCH



This month Harbor House has asked us for 80 lunches on **Wednesday, March 13**. Please let me know if you are able to help. Thanks!

yvonnellux@gmail.com. Read more in our newsletter or at www.tcote.org.

MARCH OWLS EVENT



Join us **Thursday, March 14** from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. for lunch, Irish songs, and fun. Jay Wilcox will tell us about our 1869 organ and answer questions about our music. \$15 donation to cover the cost of lunch. Please **RSVP by March 11** to Michelle Ponticelli at 805-320-5003 or email her at mponticelli@tcote.org.

OUR LENTEN SERIES



Our Lenten series is based on the movie *A Case for Love*. Meetings are **6:30 -7:30 p.m. in Ascension Chapel through March 20**. Soup and salad first this week! Read more in our newsletter or at www.tcote.org.

MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

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



Want to help on Sundays during the service? If you are interested in being an **usher, reader, or LEM**, please contact the church at info@tcote.org



Members of the **Altar Guild** prepare all that is necessary for the celebration of all of the sacraments of the church. Contact: Leigh Wallace mizeinla@gmail.com



Each week, talented and creative team members of the **Epiphany Flower Guild** purchase and arrange our altar flowers. No experience necessary; on-the-job training provided! Contact: Carrie Wilcox (703) 508-2628



Acolytes are a part of the team of ministers who lead the worship. This ministry is open to males and females aged 12 and up. If you would like to be involved, please contact Karen: kjames@tcote.org.



Do you like to entertain? The **Holy Hosts** are looking for people who are interested in cooking, serving, or helping to supply food for church events. If you are interested in participating, please contact Karen Listick by texting (preferable) or calling at 818-519-1763 or via e-mail at karen@listick.com.



The **Music Ministry** at The Church of the Epiphany offers a variety of opportunities for participation and welcomes all. You may join the choir at any time. Contact: Jay jwilcox@tcote.org



Coffee hour is a tradition of hospitality and fellowship, a time to catch up with friends and acquaint yourself with new people of the congregation. Interested in being a **Coffee Host**? Contact: info@tcote.org



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is highly child-centered and allows children to enter into a relationship with God in their own ways, and in their own time. All children are welcome. Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



At Epiphany, we embrace and appreciate the capacity and insight of our teen parishioners. **EYG** is a safe, encouraging space for spiritual exploration and asking important questions. We meet *every other Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.* Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



Meeting at noon for one hour on **Wednesdays, Feeding the Spirit** Bible study is focused on upcoming lessons for the week and the themes found within. **ON HIATUS DURING LENT.**



The **Lunch Bunch** prepares and delivers 70-80 brown bag lunches to Harbor House once a month for low income and homeless families and individuals. Join us! Contact: Yvonne Lux yvonnelix@gmail.com



The **Women's Interfaith Network (WIN)** has many opportunities to serve those in need in our community. Please check their page at www.tcote.org. Contact: Aggie Winston (805) 807-5001.



Creation Care at The Church of the Epiphany is about helping each other to grow in care for God's Creation. Seasonal Sacred Hikes help to create a personal bond and connection. Contact: Mari Mendenhall mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net



Deepen your faith while discussing the Bible, church history, and practical theology. **Education for Ministry (EfM)** meets *Monday nights from September to June*, enrollment for 2024 begins in July. Contact: Elizabeth at E.Vana.Bryant@gmail.com



Lectio Divina is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer opening to a deeper communion with God. We meet via Zoom *every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.* Link at www.tcote.org/lectio-divina or contact: Barry at burnscreative@gmail.com.



A grief shared meets *on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Ascension Chapel*. Wherever and however you are experiencing grief, we invite you to come and share your story in a safe and supportive space. Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



PFLAG's vision is to create a world where difference is celebrated, and all people are valued inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We meet on the *second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.* Contact: info@tcote.org



Laundry Love is a nationwide program that assists low-income families and individuals in doing their laundry. We meet on *the last Tuesday of each month from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.* Contact: Karen James

kjames@tcote.org



The **Pastoral Care Team** cares for parishioners who may be sick, recovering from surgery, or experiencing other life changes. We make phone calls, visit hospitals and homes, and help with their unmet needs, such as providing an occasional meal following surgery or illness. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, contact Sharon Schneider: sschneider@tcote.org



OWLS (Older Wiser Laity) strives to create community and fellowship opportunities among the more senior members of our church and the greater area, *meeting on the second Thursday of the month at noon* for lunch and enriching programs from October - May. Contact Michelle Ponticelli:

mponticelli@tcote.org



Red Door Vineyard's vision is to be a source of congregational growth, strength, and spirituality as we share in the journey of crafting wine in God's

name. In addition to ongoing vineyard activities, we gather monthly for Monday Night Fellowship and Friday Evening Happy Hour and arrange a variety of social and cultural experiences. Contact: Stacey Stephens

reddoorvineyard@tcote.org



The **Epiphany Music Guild** furthers the church's outreach mission to the community by providing a regular series of musical and other artistic events, enriching people's

lives, and giving them opportunities to encounter beauty in a sacred space. Contact: Jay at jwilcox@tcote.org or www.tcote.org/music/

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Anna and the Justiniano family, Dani, Joanne, Angela, Brian, Susan A, Julie, Jane

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

We pray today on the anniversary of his birth for the soul of Daniel Bustamonte Trista.

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/.

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



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