

**The Last Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 11, 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

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr

NIKOLAUS VETTER (1666-1734)

## The Word of God

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

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 542

Christ is the world's true light

ST. JOAN

### 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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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: 2 Kings 2:1-12

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Second book of Kings.

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

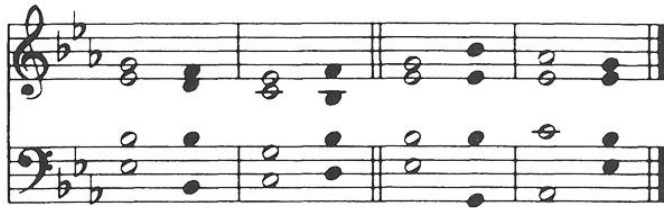
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 50:1-6** (*sung by all*)

*Remain seated.*



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- 1    The LORD, the God of gods, has | spoken; \*  
     he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its | setting.
- 2    Out of Zion, perfect in its | beauty, \*  
     God reveals himself in | glory.
- 3    Our God will come and will not keep | silence; \*  
     before him there is a consuming flame,  
     and round about him a raging | storm.
- 4    He calls the heavens and the earth from a|bove \*  
     to witness the judgment of his | people.
- 5    “Gather before me my loyal | followers, \*  
     those who have made a covenant with me  
     and sealed it with | sacrifice.”
- 6    Let the heavens declare the rightness of his | cause; \*  
     for God himself is | judge.

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

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

<sup>3</sup>If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*All stand.*

Hymn 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

RATISBON

**GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9**

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

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

<sup>2</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*Presider*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **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.*

Let us hear your voice as we kneel in awe before you. May we not be the same, after recognizing your glory.

*Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.*

Speak to us of peace. Call us to work for justice and to care for the welfare of all your children: in our homes, in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods, in your Church, in the world. Shine your light in the dark places of our lives and in this world.

*Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.*

Call us to be a compassionate and prayerful presence for those whose hearts ache from grief, whose souls are weary or wounded. Overshadow us with your awesome presence. Walk down from the mountaintop with us, and walk before us into the places you would have us serve as witnesses to your healing and love.

*Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Kay, Francisco, Susan K., and Dani. 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. And we ask that you will bring into your eternal glory all those who have died.

*Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer. 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

Christ upon the mountain peak

*(sung by the Parish Choir)*

Christ upon the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing.

Let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him—

Alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking,

all the prophets and the Law shout with them their joyful greeting—

Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder

Jesus as his Son by name! Nations cry aloud in wonder!

Alleluia!

This is God's beloved Son, Law and prophets fade before him,

first and last and only One. Let creation now adore him!

Alleluia!

TEXT: BRIAN A. WREN (B. 1936)

MUSIC: PAUL BOUMAN (1918-2019)

## PRESENTATION HYMN

*All stand as able and sing.*

Hymn 137

O wondrous type, O vision fair

WAREHAM

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Remain standing.*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

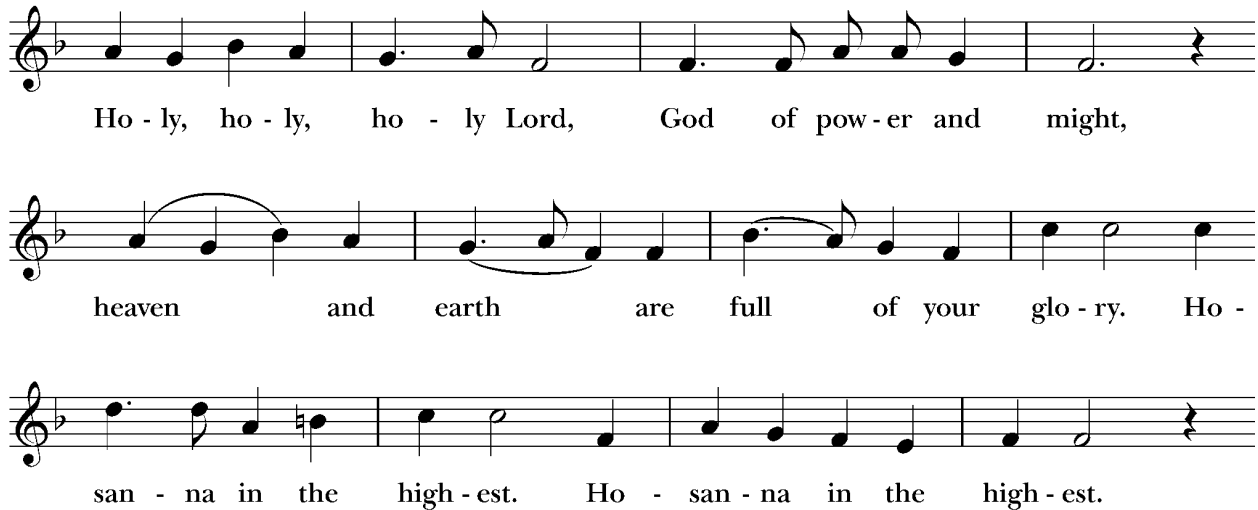


*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Presider*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

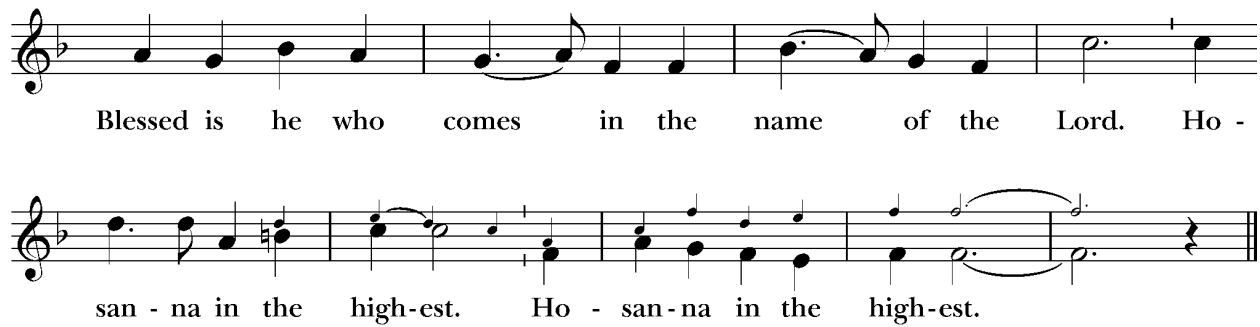
*Presider*  
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.  
From before time you made ready the creation.  
Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:  
sun, moon, and stars;  
earth, winds, and waters;  
and every living thing.  
You made 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** (*sung by all*)

**Hymn 324, verse 4 only**      Let all mortal flesh keep silence

PICARDY

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!”

*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 fullness, 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 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

SALZBURG

## **DISMISSAL**

*Presider*

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune in C

HENRY KIHLEN (1939-2017)

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For the Week of Sunday, February 11, 2024

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## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 2/11 9:45 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
- Children in the Atrium  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group  
11:30 a.m. Outreach meeting
- 2/12 7:00 p.m. PFLAG meeting
- 2/13 6:30 p.m. YEA (off-site)
- 2/14 **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
12:00 p.m. *Feeding the Spirit* Bible study  
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina
- 2/15 6:30 p.m. Schola Rehearsal  
7:45 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 2/16 5:00 p.m. RDV Happy Hour
- 2/18 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  
7:00 p.m. Compline



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## COMPLINE



**On Sunday, Feb. 18, 7:00 p.m.**, come, be refreshed by the beauty of this ancient liturgy, while enveloped in stillness, darkness, and the peace of God. The Epiphany Schola

will sing plainsong, Anglican chant, and motets by Tudor composers, whose music was said to be “more divine than human.”

## HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH!



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see our *Connections Newsletter* or go to [www.tcote.org/adult-formation/](http://www.tcote.org/adult-formation/)

## ATTENTION YOUNG EPIPHANY ADULTS



We invite you to **join Karen James and Laurie Burns for our first ever YEA (Young Epiphany Adults) gathering on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30** (Shrove

Tuesday) at Laurie's home. We will have a pancake supper, get to know each other, plan events, meeting times and places while joining in fellowship. You can text Laurie for address/directions or any questions you may have at (310) 948-1484 Hope to see you there!

## RDV HAPPY HOUR



All are invited to the Red Door Vineyard Happy Hour on **Friday, January 16 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.** BYO Beverage to share (or not)

Bring an appetizer (or not) to share (or not) Barrel tastings upon request. Drop in any time - stay as long as you'd like - no RSVP required. Hoping to provide a loose and lively end to your busy week!

## M&MS MISSION AND MINISTRY



Collect a tube of M&M's on Sunday and eat the candy before Ash Wednesday! Then, during Lent, refill the tube with quarters, folding money or checks and return on Palm Sunday. There will be a 50/50 split for Laundry Love and Children and Youth ministry. For more details contact Karen James at [kjames@tcote.org](mailto:kjames@tcote.org)

## OUR LENTEN SERIES



For Lent this year we are suggesting that rather than give something up, we as a church take something on. Our Lenten series will be based on the movie *A Case for Love*, which several of us have seen, using resources sent by the Diocese. The producers have provided a journal which you can link to through our *Connections Newsletter* or [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org). A few hard copies will be available at church. 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. It is not necessary to even do the journal. Come for fellowship and faithful learning.**

Meetings are **6:30 -7:30 p.m.in Ascension Chapel February 21 - March 20**. A special treat: from February 28 - March 13, there will be soup and salad in the Founder's Room from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

## WELCOME KITS FOR REFUGEES

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES**



The Epiphany Interfaith Ministry is inviting everyone of all ages to participate in collecting new items or gift cards for Welcome Kits for Refugees during Lent beginning **February 11 - March 8**. See the flyer in our *Connections Newsletter* or visit: [www.tcote.org/outreach-serving-others/](http://www.tcote.org/outreach-serving-others/) for details about very needed items, and a link to the WIN Sign Up Genius to participate. Collection bins will also be available at church for you to drop off your donations if that is more convenient. Need more information? Contact Interfaith Ministry co-chair, Aggie Winston at 805-807-5001 or [aggiew53@gmail.com](mailto:aggiew53@gmail.com).



The Conejo Valley Interfaith Refugee Team invites you to learn about helping local refugee families on **Sunday, March 3, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at a potluck dessert reception. RSVP required. See details in our *Connections Newsletter* or at [www.tcote.org/](http://www.tcote.org/)

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING



**Chris and Jim Lindauer** joyfully announce the birth of their granddaughter **Leighton Monroe Mokler** (named after Chris's mom) on February 1, 2024, to their daughter **Allison Lindauer and C.G. Mokler**.

## CREATION CARE



Disadvantaged communities are on the frontlines of climate change. As the planet continues to warm, projections show that they will feel an outsized impact of climate change and increasingly dirty air and water.

These communities are often within a few miles of petrochemical refining plants, compromising the air they breathe. An example is “Cancer Alley” in LA. Those living in these types of areas are vulnerable to extreme weather. Exposing them to extreme heat, hurricanes, flooding, and displacement.

Racial minorities in the United States will bear a disproportionate burden of the negative health and environmental impacts from a warming planet, the Environmental Protection Agency has said, including more deaths from extreme heat and property loss from flooding in the wake of sea-level rise. To read more see our *Connections Newsletter* or go to [www.tcote.org/creation-care/](http://www.tcote.org/creation-care/)

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



The last Sunday in Epiphany of each year is designated as World Mission Sunday – a time when the church comes together to focus on the global impact of our call to “seek and serve Christ in all persons” The Office of Global Partnerships invites Episcopalians to celebrate the **last Sunday in Epiphany—Feb. 11**—with a special sermon for World Mission Sunday. Learn more in our *Connections Newsletter* or at [www.tcote.org/adult-formation/](http://www.tcote.org/adult-formation/)

## THE LUNCH BUNCH



This month, Harbor House has asked us for 60 lunches on **February 14**. Please let me know if you are able to help. Thanks so much! Details in our *Connections Newsletter* or at [www.tcote.org/outreach-serving-others/](http://www.tcote.org/outreach-serving-others/) Contact: [yvonnlux@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnlux@gmail.com).



## SPIRITUAL RESOURCE – THE CHOSEN



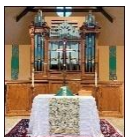
*The Chosen* Season 4 is being released episodically in theaters this month. If you don't know, *The Chosen* is an historical drama about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Set in Judea and Galilee in the 1st century, *The Chosen* centers on Jesus and the people who followed him. According to creator Dallas Jenkins, he wanted to present Jesus in a way more "personal, intimate and immediate." Rotten Tomatoes rates it 98%! The first three seasons are available on Amazon Prime, Netflix, Peacock TV, online for free at Angel.com, or [www.watchthechosen.tv](http://www.watchthechosen.tv). Go to our *Connections Newsletter* or [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org) to link to the trailer.

## 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



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 **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 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. 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 [yvonnelix@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 [E.Vana.Bryant@gmail.com](mailto: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/](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 [lurns@tcote.org](mailto:lurns@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 at [jwilcox@tcote.org](mailto:jwilcox@tcote.org) or [www.tcote.org/music/](http://www.tcote.org/music/)

### PRAYERS

**Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:**

Kay, Francisco, Susan K, Anna and the Justinian family, Dani

**Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list:**

Boyd, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, , Judith, Kathy Steve, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, Judie, Steve, Paul, Glenn and family, Madden, Norma, Hailey, Baby Noah, Benny, Carole, John, Holly, Robyn, Bishop Michael Curry, Steve, Jane, Norma, Pat, Dave B, Anne, Curt

*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/).*



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).

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



**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).