

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Sunday after Ascension
May 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Episcopal Church in Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar

WELCOME

Visitors: We are delighted you have come to worship with us today! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the purple information card found in the slot in front of your seat and place it on the collection plate. We are excited to meet you and would love to get to know you!

This booklet contains the full order of service. If you are unfamiliar with our rituals and customs, just be present with us in this ancient liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The bold type indicates where the people are invited to respond or pray.

Coffee Hour: Whether you are just visiting or have been here many times, we would love for you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service. If you are visiting and are not sure where the Bishop's Hall is, please ask anyone and they will be happy to show you!

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

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

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

Out of consideration for your fellow worshippers, please either turn off or silence your cell phones

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père
from *L'Ascension*

OLIVIER MESSIAEN (1908-1992)

“Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you.”

Please see Notes on the Prelude at the end of the bulletin for more information.

The Word of God

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 214

Hail the day that sees him rise

LLANFAIR

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

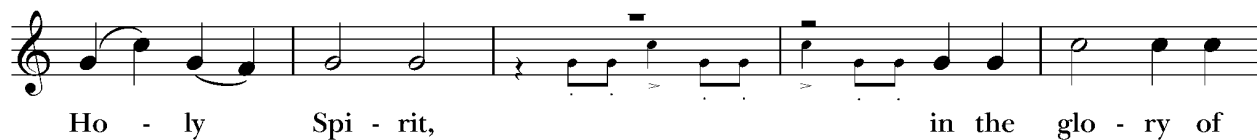
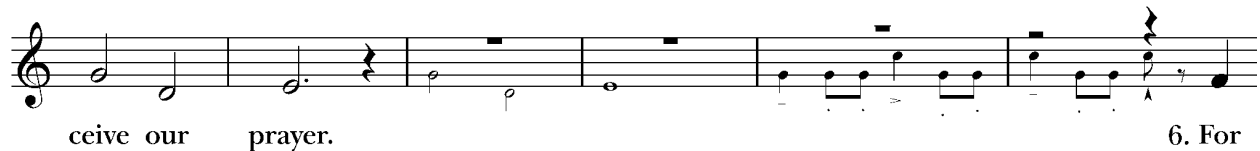
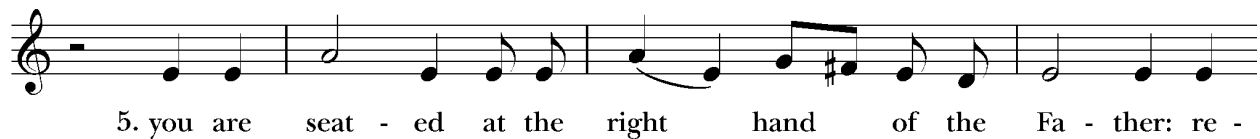
The following is sung, all standing.

Hymnal S-278

Glory to God in the highest

WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Acts 1:1-11

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 47 (sung by all)

Remain seated.



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- ¹Clap your hands, all you | peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of | joy.
- ²For the LORD Most High is to be | feared; *
he is the great King over all the | earth.
- ³He subdues the peoples | under us, *
and the nations under our | feet.
- ⁴He chooses our in|heritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he | loves.



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⁵God has gone up with a | shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the | ram's-horn.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing | praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing | praises.

⁷For God is King of all the | earth; *
sing praises with all your | skill.

⁸God reigns over the | nations; *
God sits upon his holy | throne.

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered to|gether *
with the people of the God of | Abraham.

¹⁰The rulers of the earth belong to | God, *
and he is highly ex|alted.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

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

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand as able.

Hymn 215

See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph

IN BABILONE

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

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

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

⁴⁴[Jesus said to his disciples,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing 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.

Rejoicing in the glorious Ascension, let us pray to the Risen Christ.

Make your Church a messenger of the gospel that has been revealed, and a witness to all nations of Christ, the highly exalted . . . Keep all Christian people open to receive the power of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let all nations know that Christ is ascended in glory . . . Bless all those who work to make Christ known . . . As his humanity was taken up into heaven, may the perfect image of God be restored to all humankind.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

As we look up to heaven in adoration, let us turn our eyes towards the needs that lie around us . . . Make us bearers of your word to those who share our lives, witnesses to our community of the divine glory.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Have mercy on those who cannot see beyond the clouds of sorrow and pain that cover them . . . Grant them that the knowledge of Christ, who has borne our suffering and forgiven our sin, will fill them with his light.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Mona, Kate J, Tom B, Dave, Nancy, and Georgia. We pray also for those who have requested our prayers but who prefer to remain anonymous as well as for those on our long-term prayer list.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the departed who have followed where Christ has led and have been lifted up to be with him in heaven . . . We pray that he will receive us to himself when he shall come again.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

May our prayers be accepted through Christ, risen, ascended, and glorified. **Amen.**

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

All stand as able.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of 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 ANTHEM Ascendit Deus

(sung by the Parish Choir)

*Ascendit Deus in jubilatione,
Et Dominus in voce tubae.
Alleluia.*

God has gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of the trumpet,
Alleluia.

TEXT: PSALLM 47:5

MUSIC: ORESTE RAVANELLO (1871-1938)

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

Hymn 460 (omit v. 5) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Presider and People

Hymnal S-128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)

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

The People stand or kneel.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for 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.**

**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.**

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM Be known to us, Lord Jesus

JAY WILCOX (B. 1954)

Fine

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

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

10

D.C. al Fine

mu - nion of the bo - dy of Christ.
ma - ny we share one bread.

INVITATION

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The 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



Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Je - sus Christ, ri - sen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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The hea - vens and the earth re - joice, Lord Je - sus,



raised from the dead, you are liv - ing. The hea - vens and the earth re -



joice, Lord Je - sus, raised from the dead, you are liv - ing.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

All stand and sing.

Hymn 494

Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

Llanfair

MALCOLM ARCHER (B. 1952)

Notes on the Prelude

Olivier Messiaen was one of the greatest composers of the 20th century, and was probably the most significant composer for the organ of his time. Messiaen developed his own unique musical voice, writing in what he called “Modes of Limited Transposition,” scales he developed himself. In the early 1930s, he wrote his first major work, *L’Ascension*, an orchestral suite of four movements on the theme of the ascension of Christ forty days after Easter. Shortly after its composition, he arranged the first, second, and fourth movements for organ; however, the transcription of the third orchestral movement proved so vexing that he wrote an entirely new third movement for the organ.

It is the first movement of the organ version of this suite, *Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père* (Christ’s majesty as he asks to be glorified by his Father), that we hear this morning. This movement is a meditation characterized by an extremely slow, almost static tempo. The overall feeling is one of timelessness, which calls the listener to leave the pace of life behind and surrender to an awareness of eternity. There is an ecstatic feeling in the phrases, which vary from short to long and back, with significant silences between them. The chant-like melody repeatedly rises and falls, and, as this movement progresses, yearns ever more upward until it reaches its triumphant conclusion.

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For the Week of Sunday, May 12, 2024

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| 5/12 | 9:45 a.m. | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Children in the Atrium |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Newcomers/Episcopal 101 |
| 5/13 | 7:00 p.m. | PFLAG |
| 5/14 | 6:30 p.m. | Young Adults (offsite) |
| 5/15 | 12:00 p.m. | Feeding the Spirit Bible Study |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Bishop's Committee Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Lectio Divina |
| 5/16 | 6:30 p.m. | Schola Rehearsal |
| | 7:45 p.m. | Parish Choir Rehearsal |
| 5/17 | 5:00 p.m. | RDV Happy Hour |
| 5/19 | 10:00 a.m. | Children in church |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Epiphany Youth Group |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Outreach Committee meeting |

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KAREN JAMES ORDINATION BUS



You're invited to Karen James' Ordination to the Diaconate on June 8, when after seven years of study, service, and prayer, she will become The Rev. Karen James. The ceremony will be at St. John's Cathedral (514 W. Adams Blvd, LA, CA 90007). **For joyful fellowship and ease to you, we will have a bus going. Please let us know if you plan on taking the bus. There is a signup sheet in the Founder's Hall or send an email to info@tcote.com.** We hope to see everyone at this sacred and momentous occasion. There will be a reception here at the church after the ordination. Details will follow.

RDV HAPPY HOUR



All are invited to the Red Door Vineyard Happy Hour on **Friday, May 17 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

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!

TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING



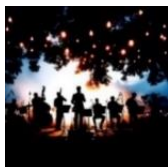
Our Rummage Sale is **Saturday, May 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Proceeds will be used to support Epiphany and its ministries. **Please bring donations to the Founders Hall on Sundays up to May 19.** We will gladly accept gently-used clothing, collectables, linens, jewelry, shoes, purses, toys, children's books, small

decorative items including Christmas items, and kitchen and household items *in working condition*. **Please** make sure ALL items are clean and in good repair. We are unable to accept furniture, carpeting, drapes or blinds, electronics, bookcases, building supplies, food, or hygiene items.

We are looking for hangers and stackable boxes. If you have extras, please bring them to the church.

For more information contact Claudia Dempster at claudiadempster@icloud.com.

DINE UNDER THE VINES – JUNE 22



We will have a local big band Phoenix playing a variety of musical genres, good food, dancing, raffles, and auctions. We ask you to reach out to the local business(es) you frequent to request a gift certificate or item that would help with the fundraising part. Donor forms and letters are on the website, in the newsletter and at the back of the church. “Dine Under the Vines” will be a great success with your support!

GENTLE REMINDER



Is your pledging up to date? Please remember that your pledges help pay our bills!

NAMES FOR MEMORIAL DAY

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR MAY

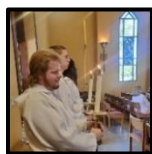


There will be a celebration of life in loving memory of **May Weidemann** (May 17, 1918 – April 20, 2024) on **May 25 at 3:00 p.m.** at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 1 Church Road, Thousand Oaks 91362. *In lieu of flowers May requested*

donations be made to American Cancer Society or Episcopal Relief and Development.

MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

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



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

kjames@tcote.org.



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

mizeinla@gmail.com



The 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



Interested in being a Coffee Host?

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



Creation Care at Epiphany is about helping each other to grow in care for God’s Creation. Seasonal Sacred Hikes help to create a personal bond and connection. Contact: Mari

Mendenhall mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net



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



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



The Epiphany Music Guild

further 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/



Epiphany Young Adults meet on the *second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30*. Please contact Karen:

kjames@tcote.org or Laurie:

lbtolunarbase@gmail.com if you are

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



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



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



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



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.



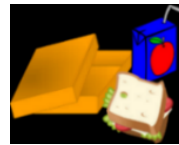
The **Interfaith Ministry's** mission is to involve members of Epiphany in the sharing of traditions among people of various faiths and cultures, to deepen and broaden mutual understanding, and to offer education and service opportunities that encourage and promote fairness and empathy through our actions,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



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



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.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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

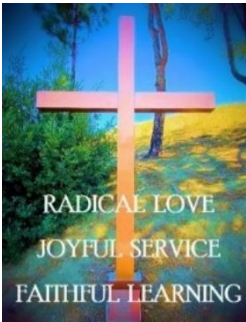
To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

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.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Bishop's Committee meeting is **Wednesday, May 15, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Founders Hall and open to all. If you have an issue to be brought forward, please inform Rev. Jamie Barnett or the Bishop's Warden, Susan Halligan, prior to the meeting.

Are you in our Parish Directory? Have you checked your information lately? Please contact info@tcote.org for any new listing or correction necessary. You can access the directory at www.tcote.org.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer

List: Mona, Kate J, Tom B, Dave, Nancy, Georgia

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish

Prayer List: Boyd, Kay, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, Judith, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, Paul, Madden, Norma, Hailey, John, Robyn, Bishop Michael Curry, Pat, Curt, Francisco, Susan K, Winnie and the Luppert family, Egan, Angela, Julie, Jane, Patrick, Joanne, Julia, Anna, Karl, the Mullins family, Madeline, Ellen, Judie, Hannah

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/.

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

