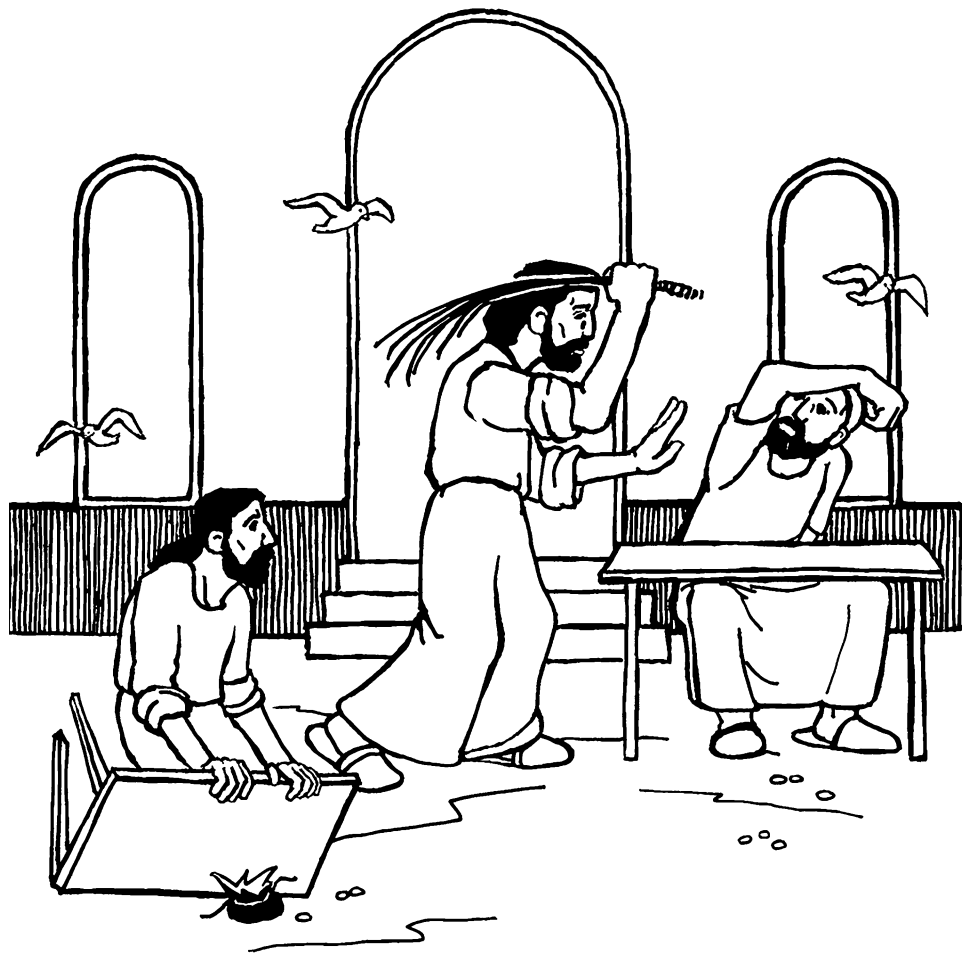


The Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024, 10:00 a.m.



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.

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.**

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Gebot, BWV 678
BACH (1685-1750)

Dies sind die heiligen zehn

JOHANN SEBASTIAN

ten commands,

gave to us,

true servant

Lord have mercy."

"These are the holy

which our Lord God

through Moses, his

high on Mount Sinai.

First verse of

Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 518
foundation
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Christ is made the sure

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

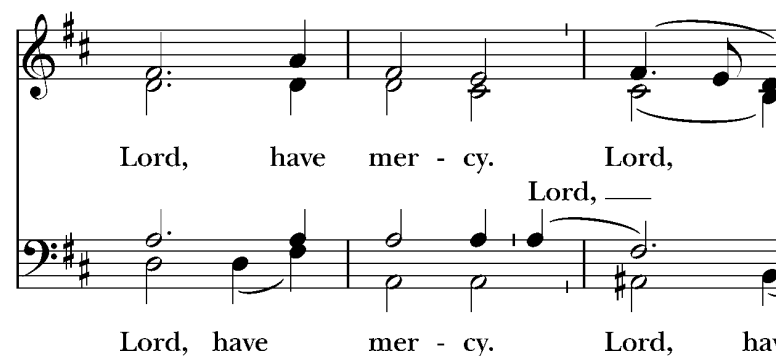
Presider Bless the Lord who forgives
all our sins.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Presider may say

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



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, Lord, —
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, ha



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

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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: Exodus 20:1-17

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹God spoke all these words [to Moses on Mount Sinai]:

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

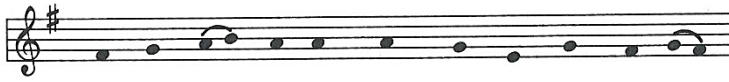
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

The congregation remains seated for the singing of

PSALM: Psalm 19

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.



Let the words of my mouth and the med - i - ta - t

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

Antiphon.

- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his
chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the
heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the
soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives
wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the
heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and
gives light to the eyes.

Antiphon.

- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for
ever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and
righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than
much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the
comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.

- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous
sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and
innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Antiphon.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand as able.

Hymn 431
declare his glory

ALDINE

The stars

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

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

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

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

THE SERMON

Karen James

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.

We come before you in our own brokenness, in need of your grace and favor. We trust in the promise you have made to hear our prayers in the name of your Son, Jesus.

We pray for wisdom, courage, and strength for all of your followers, especially those in leadership of your church. Set their hearts on you alone.

Silence

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that they protect and provide for their people and work for peace and justice.

Silence

We pray for those who struggle with disappointments, with financial insecurities, with grief over lost loved ones, or lost dreams. We pray for relief of pain for those whose bodies and hearts ache. We ask for healing for all who suffer. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Anna

and the Justiniano family, Dani, Winnie and the Luppert family, Joanne, Egan, Angela, Brian, Susan A, Julie; 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.

Silence

We pray for those who have died and now rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort the loved ones who mourn their loss.

Silence

All this we ask, O Lord, in Jesus's name, the one who lived and moved among us in our broken world, and who loves us still. *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

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

of my mouth
Choir

Let the words

(sung by the Parish

and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, O
Lord my Strength and my Redeemer.
Let the word of Christ dwell
in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and
admonishing one another with
psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing with hearts full of
thanks to the Lord. And whatever you do,
in word or deed, do all in the
name of our Lord, Jesus, giving thanks
to the Father through him.

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, O
Lord my Strength and my Redeemer.

TEXT:
PSALM
19:14;
COLOSSI

K. LEE SCOTT (B. 1950)

ANS
3:16-17
MUSIC:

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:

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 51
Lord's people
DECATUR PLACE

We the

SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy (Powell)*

Presider and People

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

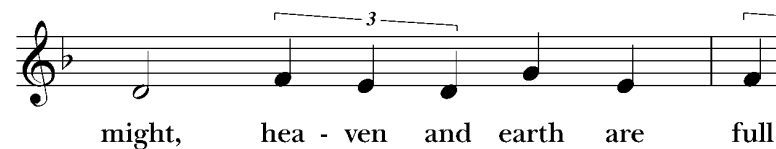
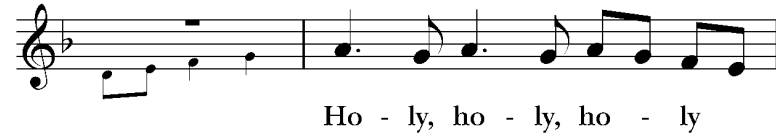
People **And also with you.**

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.**



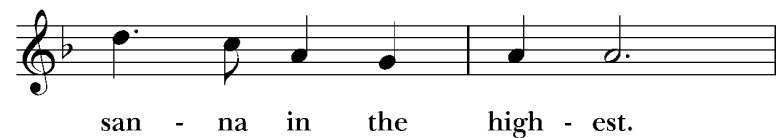
Facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

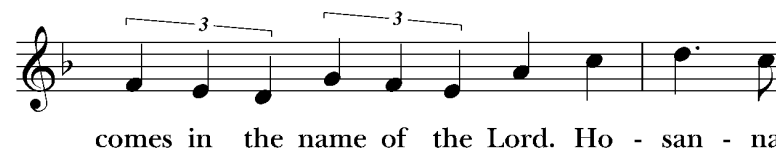
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

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

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,

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,

hallowed be thy Name,

santificado sea tu nombre,

thy kingdom come,

venga tu reino,

thy will be done,

hágase tu voluntad,

on earth as it is in heaven.

en la tierra como en el cielo.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día,

And forgive us our trespasses,

Perdona nuestras ofensas

as we forgive those

como también nosotros perdonamos

who trespass against us.

a los que nos ofenden.

And lead us not into temptation,

No nos dejes caer en la tentación,

but deliver us from evil.

y líbranos del mal.

For thine is the kingdom,

Porque tuyo es el reino,

and the power, and the glory,

el poder, y la gloria,


forever and ever. Amen.

ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Antiphon
Cantor; then All




Who - ev - er eats this brea

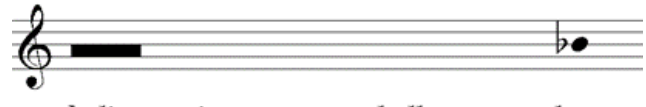
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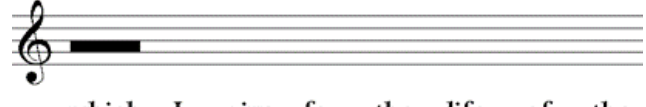
1. This is the true bread



and gives life to the world.



believes in me shall not hun -



which I give for the life of the

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. I



God will be with you. God is



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 436
mighty gates

Lift up your heads, ye

TRURO

DISMISSAL

Presider

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

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

sure foundation
HOBBY (B. 1962)

Christ is made the

ROBERT A.

Note on the Prelude

Over the course of his career as a reformer, Martin Luther wrote a series of German hymns for use in teaching the precepts of the Lutheran faith, which became known as Catechesis Hymns. Luther believed (correctly, I think) that words set to music were easier for people to remember, and, therefore, were a wonderful tool for teaching and retaining important matters of faith. One of those hymns was “Dies sind die Heiligen Zehn Gebot,” which was Luther’s paraphrase of the Ten Commandments.

In 1739, Bach published *Clavierübung III*, which included settings of Luther’s Catechesis Hymns. While writers at the time appreciated the mastery of Bach’s counterpoint, they criticized the work as being too difficult for common use. It is now considered Bach’s most significant and extensive work for organ. In it, Bach included some music that looked back to great musicians of the past and other music that used then-modern techniques. The music also reflected the influence of great composers from all over Europe.

In this setting, Bach set the melody of the hymn (frankly, not one of the most inspired melodies he set) as a canon for the left hand.

Because canons follow strict rules, Bach often used them to symbolize the law; indeed, in Greek, “kanon” means law. Interestingly, Bach treats each line of the melody as a distinct canon, which means that sometimes the higher voice enters first, and sometimes the lower. As Bach was interested in numerical patterns, by setting the five-phrase melody as a two-part canon, he ends up with *ten* phrases that could well represent the Ten Commandments. And perhaps by using a two-voice canon, Bach intended to parallel the law of Moses with the new Law of Christ. The melody is accompanied by two voices in the right hand and one in the pedal. In doing so he transforms a rather boring melody into a rich, pastoral tapestry.

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For the Week of Sunday, March 3, 2024

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 3/3 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
- 3/4 6:30 p.m. RDV Monday Night Fellowship
- 7:00 p.m. EfM meeting
- 3/6 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
- 3/7 11:00 a.m. Climate + Change (zoom) go to www.tcote.org/adult-formation
- 6:30 p.m. Schola Rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 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

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.

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 on March 10 after church. Grab a donut and come join the team!

YOUNG ADULT GROUP BEGINS



Five young adults of our church gathered to begin plans for their very own ministry. They will meet on the **second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30**. Their next meeting will be **March 12**. Please

contact Karen at kjames@tcote.org or Laurie at lbtolunarbase@gmail.com 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 [Tenebrae | The Church of the Epiphany \(tcote.org\)](http://Tenebrae | The Church of the Epiphany (tcote.org))

We hope you attend this profoundly moving service.

WELCOME KITS FOR REFUGEES

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES



The Epiphany Interfaith Ministry invites you to

participate in collecting new items or gift cards for Welcome Kits for Refugees from **February 11 - March 8**. Read more in our newsletter or at [Donations for Refugee Families | The Church of the Epiphany \(tcote.org\)](http://Donations for Refugee Families | The Church of the Epiphany (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 3, 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/thousandoakscsa>
Team: The Church of the Epiphany

SPIRIT OF GALILEE



On February 26, the Ventura County Interfaith Community had the wonderful privilege of hearing a trio of speakers from the **Spirit of Galilee Association (SOG)**, an interfaith organization in the Holy

Land: Ghadir Haney, Fr. Saba Haj and Rabbi Or Zohar serve as representatives of the greater SOG's inter-religious leadership group. They exemplify that "Peace in the Middle East" is not merely an unattainable dream, but a living reality

Read more and connect to a video of the event in our newsletter or at [Spirit of Galilee | The Church of the Epiphany \(tcote.org\)](#)

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/

CREATION CARE



It's hard to imagine how overconsumption — which so often exacerbates health problems and contributes to climate change — can be to the "glory of God." An estimated 735 million people went hungry last year according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. Here in the West we have a different problem. Almost two billion people were classified as overweight and 600 million as obese. An estimated 1 billion tons, a third of the food produced went to waste in 2023.

Read more on in our newsletter or on our website at [Holy Eating in a Climate Changed World | The Church of the Epiphany \(tcote.org\)](#).

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!

yvonnelix@gmail.com.

Read more in our newsletter or at [Outreach - Serving Others | The Church of the Epiphany \(tcote.org\)](#)

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 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 mponicelli@tcote.org.

OUR LENTEN SERIES



For Lent this year we are suggesting that rather than give something up, we take something on. Our Lenten series will be based on the movie *A Case for Love*. Meetings are **6:30 -7:30 p.m. in Ascension Chapel February 21 - March 20**. At the next two meetings join us at 6:00 for soup and salad first! Read more in our newsletter or at [Lenten Series Starting February 21 | The Church of the Epiphany \(tcote.org\)](#)

RDV MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP



Who surrounds us as we worship? Gather together to delve into a Bible verse, barrel taste RDV wine (optional) and explore the connections we have with one another at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. on **Monday, March 4**.

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



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at 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 jjwilcox@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 mmidsign@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, Winnie and the Luppert family, Joanne, Egan, Angela, Brian, Susan A, Julie

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, Carole, John, Holly, Robyn, Bishop Michael Curry, Steve, Jane, Norma, Pat, Anne, Curt, Francisco, Susan K, Irene, the Abbott family

To add yourself, family, or friends to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card or submit your prayer request online at www.tcote.org/prayer-request/.

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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