

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 14, 2023, 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 to The Church of The Epiphany

**For our Visitors:** We are delighted you have come to worship with us today. There is coffee and fellowship in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service. Please join us!

**Worshipping with us:** 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.

During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. Additional information about communion is in that section of this booklet. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to an usher or other congregants.

**Additional assistance:** To locate the 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** are available from the ushers in the back of the church.

**Children in the church:** We welcome children at all our worship services. The sounds of children are a gift from God. Please do not feel you have to subdue them! In the chapel to the left of the altar, we have our *pray ground*. This space is for parents and younger children to use quiet activities such as books, coloring, soft blocks etc., while still participating in worship. We offer activity bags for older children. Children aged 3-11 are welcome to join us in the atrium for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday school program.

**Making Epiphany your spiritual home:** 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. Start by joining us for coffee after the service!

**When we are open:** The church is open Monday-Thursday for private prayer and meditation from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Our office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Our phone number is (818) 991-4797. The Rev. Jamie Barnett has office hours Tuesday through Thursday by appointment.

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# Baptism and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

All things bright and beautiful

AARON DAVID MILLER (B. 1972)

## The Word of God

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

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 405

All things bright and beautiful

ROYAL OAK

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the priest says*

*Priest* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

### OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)*

*The following is sung, all standing as able.*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty 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  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

<sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

<sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 66:7-18**

*Remaining seated, all sing*



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- 7      **Bless our God, you | peoples; \*  
          make the voice of his praise to be | heard.**
- 8      **Who holds our souls in | life, \*  
          and will not allow our feet to | slip.**
- 9      **For you, O God, have | proved us; \*  
          you have tried us just as silver is | tried.**
- 10     **You brought us into the | snare; \*  
          you laid heavy burdens upon our | backs.**
- 11     **You let enemies ride over our heads;  
          we went through fire and | water; \*  
          but you brought us out into a place of re|freshment.**
- 12     **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
          and I will pay you my | vows, \*  
          which I promised with my lips  
          and spoke with my mouth when I was in | trouble.**
- 13     **I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
          with the smoke of | rams; \*  
          I will give you oxen and | goats.**
- 14     **Come and listen, all you who fear | God, \*  
          and I will tell you what he has | done for me.**
- 15     **I called out to him with my | mouth, \*  
          and his praise was on my | tongue.**
- 16     **If I had found evil in my | heart, \*  
          the LORD would not have | heard me;**
- 17     **But in truth God has | heard me; \*  
          he has attended the voice of my | prayer.**
- 18     **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my | prayer, \*  
          nor withheld his | love from me.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

<sup>13</sup>Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence may follow.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*All stand.*

Hymn 455

O love of God, how strong and true

DUNEDIN

## GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

*All stand.*

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

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

Karen James

## **PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES**

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

*The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors.*

*Sponsor* I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Priest asks each candidate when presented*

*Priest* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

*When all have been presented the Priest asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Priest*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Priest asks the following questions of the candidate*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*Candidate* I do.

*Priest* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*Then the Priest addresses the candidate for reaffirmation*

*Priest* Do you renew your renunciation of evil and your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidate* I do.

*Priest* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has already given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon you the forgiveness of sins, keep you in eternal life by his grace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*After all have been presented, the Priest addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*The Priest then says these or similar words*

Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Priest*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Priest*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Priest*



Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Priest*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Priest*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Priest*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Priest*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES**

*The Priest says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this persons who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth,

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Priest says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

*The Priest blesses the water, first saying*

*Priest*           The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest*           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Priest*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Priest touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Priest, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

*N.*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to each one*

*N.*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

## **WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**



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 S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)**

*Priest 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 Priest 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,

*Priest and People*

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

*The Priest 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,

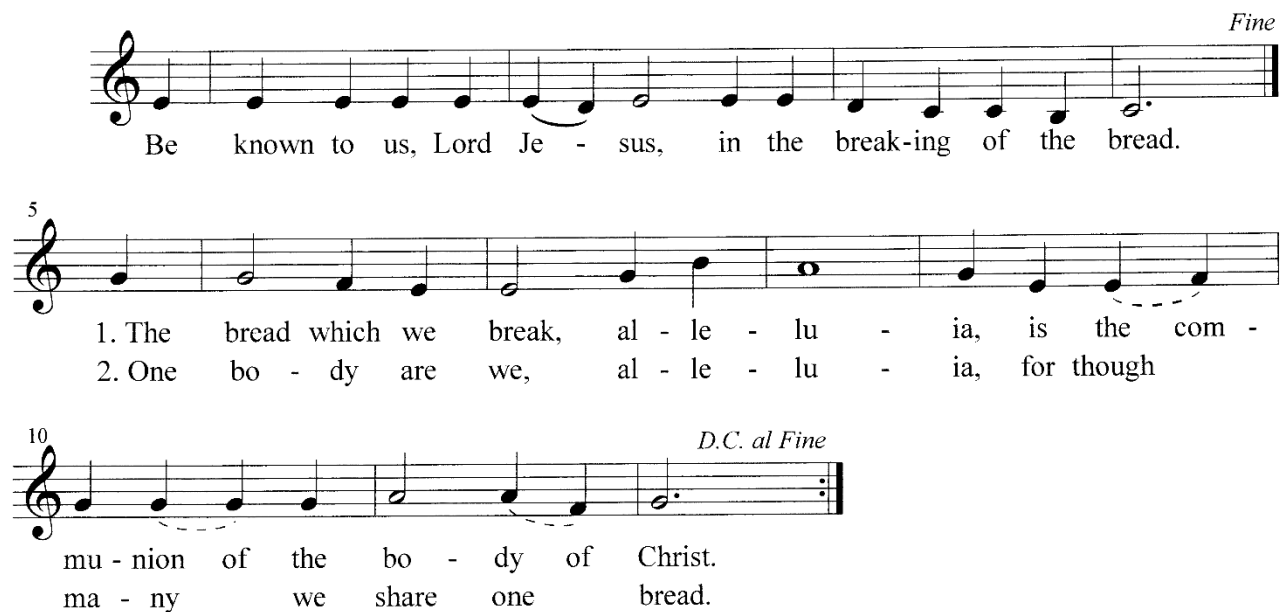
*People and Priest*

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

Sung by all.



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

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

## INVITATION

*The Priest 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 failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

*During Communion, all are welcome – even encouraged! – to come forward to receive the holy food of new and everlasting life in Jesus Christ. Simply put your hands out (one on top of the other), and the bread will be placed in your hand. (If needed, gluten-free wafers are available.)*

*You may then consume the wafer (if you do not wish to have it intincted in the wine) or leave the wafer on your palm and the chalice bearer will dip it into the wine for you and place it in your hand. If you aren't sure, or if you'd rather not receive the actual Sacrament, come up and cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. You may also cross your arms over your chest or touch the bottom of the chalice if you wish not to receive wine. Finally, if you'd like to receive Communion but mobility is an issue, alert an usher and Communion will be brought to you.*

Communion Anthem

If ye love me

*(sung by the Schola)*

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall send you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, ev'n

the spirit of truth.

TEXT: JOHN 14:15-17  
MUSIC: THOMAS TALLIS (1505-1585)

*All are invited to sing*

The hea - vens and the earth re - joice, Lord Je - sus,  
3 raised from the dead, you are liv - ing. The hea - vens and the earth re -  
6 joice, Lord Je - sus, raised from the dead, you are liv - ing.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Priest says*  
Let us pray.

*Priest 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 Priest blesses the people.*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 492                      Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness

FINNIAN

## DISMISSAL

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

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

## POSTLUDE

Praeludium septimum

JOHANN CASPAR FERDINAND FISCHER (1656-1746)

The flowers this morning are given in honor of the Rev. Jamie Barnett for Mother's Day with love from Mary Swisher (Aunt Mary).

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# EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 5/14 9:45 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Children in the Atrium
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (In-person and live-streaming at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org))
- 11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group meeting
- 5/15 7:00 p.m. EfM Meeting
- 5/17 5:00 p.m. Bishop’s Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina
- 5/18 6:30 p.m. Schola Rehearsal  
7:45 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 5/19 5:00 p.m. RDV Happy Hour
- 5/21 9:45 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Children in the Atrium
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- 11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group meeting
- 11:30 a.m. LEM Training

## ATTENTION 2023 GRADUATES



Please join us in church on **Sunday, May 21** as we recognize and celebrate our graduates! Graduates please RSVP to Karen James at [kjames@tcote.org](mailto:kjames@tcote.org) or Laurie Burns at [lburns@tcote.org](mailto:lburns@tcote.org).

## RDV HAPPY HOUR



All are invited to the **Red Door Vineyard Happy Hour on Friday, May 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

BYO Beverage {hopefully wine} 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 would like - no RSVP required. Hoping to provide a loose and lively end to your busy week!

## SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY – COFFEE HOSTS



**Hospitality and warmth** are the first things I think of when being a coffee host. Giving someone a hot cup of coffee and a donut brings a smile to their face and something to hold while mingling with other parishioners.

During Covid, one thing I missed was the casual banter during coffee hour. It was nice catching up with people you hadn’t seen in a week and meeting new people. Being a coffee host is a great casual way to participate in the church and add joy to others.

It’s an easy setup of coffee, supplies, and donuts. Clean up is a breeze and volunteers usually are assigned a Sunday once every 6-8 weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office at (818) 991-4797 or send an email to [info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org).

Ministry Leader Shay Hass

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING



Congratulations to **Jess Garner** who was recently inducted into the Crespi H.S. Athletics Hall of Fame. Jess was the head coach of the Crespi CIF Track and Field Championship and is the current strength and conditioning coach for Crespi athletics.

Jess is the son of long-time church members **Kay and Boyd Garner**, and he was a member of Epiphany while at Oak Park HS.

Well done, Jess.

## MAY BISHOP’S COMMITTEE MEETING

The Bishop’s Committee meeting will take place on **Wednesday, May 17 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Founders Hall. It is open to anyone who wishes to observe. As always, if have a concern, please contact a Bishop’s Committee member.

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



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## LUNCHES FOR DINNER – MAY 16



Thanks to all the generous folks who have been providing lunches for the homeless, and low-income families and seniors. Our May date is **Tuesday, May 16**, and this month we need 7 people who will each provide 10 lunches. If you can help this month e-mail: [yvonnelux@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnelux@gmail.com). For more details go to [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org).

## CREATION CARE



Genesis 2:7-8  
*Then the Lord God formed the human from the soil of the ground and breathed breath into its nostrils the breath of life and the human became a living being and*

*the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east and there God put the human whom God had formed.*

On Saturday, May 6, we walked and shared in the beauty of the God's garden, connecting with the gift of life other than human. The air crisp and clean, flowers bursting with delight, birds singing, creek flowing. It was a time of joy and celebration creating bonds of fellowship. **Join us next on Saturday, June 17** - details to come.

## "LOVE GOD, LOVE GOD'S WORLD"



**Coming in July: New small-group resource on faith, creation care, and eco-justice.**

"Love God, Love God's World" is a nine-session,

film-based curriculum, ideal for Episcopalians anywhere on the journey with creation care and environmental ministry—from newcomers looking to take their first step to seasoned leaders seeking a transformative small-group experience.

Go to [www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care) to learn more.

## EfM



**What Does It Mean to Love and Serve God?**

Each week we pray God "Send us now into the world in peace to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart." What does it mean to love and serve God in our everyday lives? **Education for Ministry (EfM)** is a four-year program of theological education that can help you answer that question. EfM is designed for lay people -- all of us! -- who are interested in deepening their understanding of the Christian faith and exploring their ministry as lay persons.

Through EfM, you will:

- Study the Bible, church history, and theology.
- Engage in theological reflection and discussion.
- Build deep relationships with other people of faith.

EfM is a great way to learn more about yourself, your faith, and your work in the world at large. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Elizabeth Bryant at (805) 469-8897 or [e.vana.bryant@gmail.com](mailto:e.vana.bryant@gmail.com) Enroll in EfM today and discover your call to everyday ministry!

## PRAYERS

**Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:** Carol, Lynn, Cynthia, Juan Carlos, and the Bonus and Thompson families

**Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list:** Kay, Boyd, Kristi, Neil and Sarah, Donna, Byron and Olivia, Susan, Arturo, Dave, David, Tommy, Judith, Matthew, Joann, Kathy, Ronnie, Mario, Curt, Claudia, Cenovio, Jana, Davis

*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/).*

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