

**The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 4, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**



**THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**

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

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar

# WELCOME

**Visitors:** We are delighted you have come to worship with us today! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the purple information card found in the slot in front of your seat and place it on the collection plate. We are excited to meet you and would love to get to know you! Please join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service.

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

**Restrooms:** Proceed through the office door to the right of the church and go straight down the hall and to the left. Both restrooms have baby changing tables.

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

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

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

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

# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Slow Air I

HERBERT HOWELLS (1892-1983)

## The Word of God

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

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 401

The God of Abraham praise

LEONI

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Presider says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Presider may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

*The following is sung, standing as able*

Hymn 421

All glory be to God on high

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
 and my right is disregarded by my God”?  
<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
 The LORD is the everlasting God,  
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
 He does not faint or grow weary;  
 his understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
 and strengthens the powerless.  
<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
 and the young will fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
 they shall run and not be weary,  
 they shall walk and not faint.

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

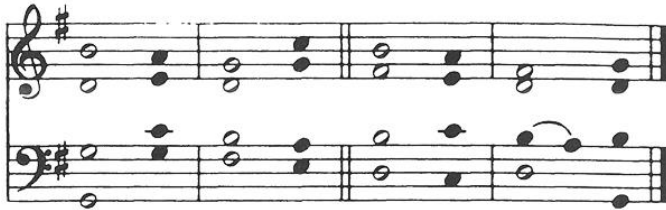
*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 147:1-12, 21c** (*sung by all*)  
*Remain seated.*



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- 1    Hallelujah!  
       How good it is to sing praises to our | God! \*  
           how pleasant it is to honor him with | praise!
- 2    The Lord rebuilds Je|rusalem; \*  
       he gathers the exiles of | Israel.
- 3    He heals the broken|hearted \*  
       and binds up their | wounds.
- 4    He counts the number of the | stars \*  
       and calls them all by their | names.
- 5    Great is our Lord and mighty in | power; \*  
       there is no limit to his | wisdom.
- 6    The Lord lifts up the | lowly, \*  
       but casts the wicked to the | ground.
- 7    Sing to the Lord with thanks|giving; \*  
       make music to our God upon the | harp.
- 8    He covers the heavens with | clouds \*  
       and prepares rain for the | earth;



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- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the | mountains \*  
and makes green plants to serve man|kind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and | herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they | cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a | horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a | man.
- 12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who | fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.  
Halle|lujah!

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

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

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence may follow.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*All stand.*

Hymn 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

ST. DENIO

## GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

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

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

<sup>29</sup>[When Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.<sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

## **VICAR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

### **THE NICENE CREED**

*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All remain standing.*

*Presider:* To whom will we compare you, Holy One, the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain: Be near to us in our weakness and uphold us with your might, as we pray: Great is our God and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

*Litanist:* Holy One, who never faints or grows weary: Heal and empower your Church, entrusted with a commission to bear the Good News to all the earth, that we may be equipped to serve all for the sake of the gospel.

Great is our God and mighty in power;  
***there is no limit to God's wisdom.***

Holy One, who loves the world you have created: Guide our nation and all who lead in the whole earth, that they may be servants of healing and may cast out all forms of oppression throughout your creation.

Great is our God and mighty in power;  
***there is no limit to God's wisdom.***

Holy One, who gives power to the faint and strength to the powerless: Reach out your hand and lift up all who suffer from illness or fear, violence or threat, that those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, mount up with wings like eagles, run and not be weary, walk and not faint.

Great is our God and mighty in power;  
***there is no limit to God's wisdom.***

Holy One, whose understanding is unsearchable: Hear our gratefulness for all the blessings of our lives. Touch with your healing compassion those for whom we pray, especially for those on our parish prayer list: Pat, Kay, Francisco, Dave B., Norma, Anna and the Justiano family, Susan K., Cody, Kate, and Anne. We pray also for those who have asked for our prayers, but who prefer to remain anonymous, as well as those on our long-term prayer list. And, finally, enfold into your eternal love all those who have died.

Great is our God and mighty in power;  
***there is no limit to God's wisdom. Amen.***

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**



**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Presider stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Presider*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS**

*All*                    **Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever they may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# The Holy Communion

## **OFFERTORY**

Those who wait on the Lord

*(sung by the Parish Choir)*

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary. God's understanding is unsearchable. The Lord gives power to the powerless and newfound strength to the weak at heart. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted.

*Refrain:* Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength and soar. They shall fly as eagles, they shall walk and not grow tired. When your strength is almost gone, in God's power you will be strong. You shall fly on eagle's wings, you will walk and not be faint as you wait upon the Lord.

I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, my rock, my shield, my strength forevermore.

*Refrain.*

Text: based on Isaiah 40: 28-31 and Psalm 121: 1-2

Music: Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

## **PRESENTATION HYMN**

*All stand as able and sing.*

Hymn 567

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

ST. MATTHEW

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Remain standing.*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Presider*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

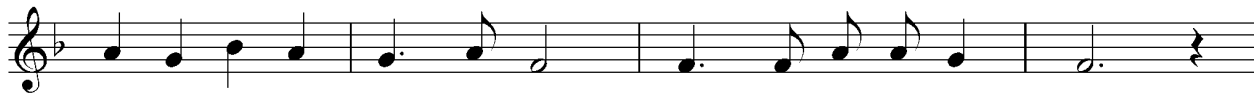
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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

*Presider and People*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
 that she might conceive and bear a son,  
 Jesus the holy child of God.  
 Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
 He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
 He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
 yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
 Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
 the sacrifice of his life,  
 and to be glorified by you.  
 On the night before he died for us,  
 Jesus was at table with his friends.  
 He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
 broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
 "Take, eat:  
 This is my Body, which is given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me."  
 As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
 Again, he gave thanks to you,  
 gave it to them, and said:  
 "Drink this, all of you:  
 This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
 which is poured out for you and for all  
 for the forgiveness of sins.  
 Whenever you drink it,  
 do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
 and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
 who was and is and is to come,  
 we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
 and ourselves, a living sacrifice.  
 Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts

that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.  
In the fullness of time bring us,  
with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.  
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the language of our hearts,

*People and Presider*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día,  
Perdona nuestras ofensas  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en la tentación,  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
el poder, y la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

# The Breaking of the Bread

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymn 324, verse 3 only      Let all mortal flesh keep silence

PICARDY

3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
that the powers of hell may va - nish  
as the dark - ness clears a - way.

*The Presider says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## DISTRIBUTION

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

*Presider*

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

*During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. If receiving a blessing, please come forward and simply cross your hands over your chest as you walk up to the presider. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider when you reach the front.*

*Put your hands out one on top of the other, and the wafer will be placed in your hand. Leave the wafer in place and move to the chalice bearer, who will then take it, dip it in the wine, and hand it back to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the wafer and then you may place your hands on the base of the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*All are invited to sing*

With you, O Lord

WORDS AND MUSIC: JACQUES BERTHIER (1923-1994)  
AND THE TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

With you, O Lord, is life in all its full - ness, and  
in your light we shall see true light. With you, O Lord, is  
life in all its fullness, and in your light we shall see true light.

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

*Presider and People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Presider blesses the people.*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 529

In Christ there is no East or West

MCKEE

## ANNUAL MEETING

### DISMISSAL

*Presider*

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

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

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For the Week of Sunday, February 4, 2024

# EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

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## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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| 2/4  | 9:45 a.m.  | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd<br>- Children in the Atrium |
|      | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist  |
|      | 11:30 a.m. | Annual Meeting  |
|      | 11:30 a.m. | Epiphany Youth Group  |
| 2/5  | 6:30 p.m.  | RDV Monday Fellowship                                       |
|      | 7:00 p.m.  | EfM meeting   |
| 2/7  | 12:00 p.m. | <i>Feeding the Spirit</i> Bible study                       |
|      | 7:00 p.m.  | Lectio Divina   |
| 2/8  | 12:00 p.m. | OWLs event  |
|      | 6:30 p.m.  | Schola Rehearsal  |
|      | 7:45 p.m.  | Parish Choir Rehearsal                                      |
| 2/11 | 9:45 a.m.  | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd<br>- Children in the Atrium |
|      | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist  |
|      | 11:30 a.m. | Epiphany Youth Group  |
|      | 11:30 a.m. | Outreach meeting  |



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## 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](http://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/](http://www.tcote.org/stewardship-2024/) today!

## COMPLINE



**Sunday, Feb. 18,  
7:00 p.m.**

Come, be refreshed by the beauty of this ancient liturgy, while enveloped in stillness, darkness, and the

peace of God. The Epiphany Schola will sing plainsong, Anglican chant, and motets by Tudor composers, whose music was said to be "more divine than human."

*In pace*

John Blitheman

*Te lucis ante terminum*

Thomas Tallis

*(ferial setting)*

*Christe qui lux es et dies*

*(fourth setting)*

Robert White

*In manus tuas*

John Sheppard

*Nunc dimittis*

*(Gradualia, Vol. 1, No. 4)*

William Byrd

*Ave Regina Caelorum à 5*

Peter Philips

## VALENTINE OWLS EVENT – FEB 8



We would LOVE for you to join us for a fun-filled afternoon with a wonderful Valentine's lunch on **February 8**. We will be showing a movie, *TCOTE at Its Beginnings*,

edited by our very own **Bob Schneider**. We will also have founding members of our church answering questions about how it all began. We ask for a \$15 donation to cover the cost of lunch. **Please RSVP by February 5** to **Michelle Ponticelli** at 805-320-5003 or email her at [mponticelli@tcote.org](mailto:mponticelli@tcote.org).

If you would like to donate to or underwrite an OWLs program, please go to [www.tcote.org/give/](http://www.tcote.org/give/)

## HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH!



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Black History Month is a time to honor the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U.S. history and society. For a quick overview and short video visit [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org).

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING



Joyfully **Claudia Dempster** announces the birth of her grandson, **Evan Robert Dempster Ritthaler** who was born January 26, to daughter **Chris** and her husband **Chris Ritthaler**.

## OUR LENTEN SERIES



On January 23, Episcopalians from all over the country gathered in theaters to watch *A Case for Love*, including a large group from Epiphany. Based on the writings of Bishop Michael Curry, the film

makes the case that unselfish love, a love that crosses the boundaries of religion, race, sexual orientation, and class, has the power to heal the divisions everyone is experiencing. It “asks what unselfish [radical] love looks like in today’s world, at a time when division, estrangement, and hatred seem to be as strong as ever. The 13 stories in the movie invite us on a personal journey, reflecting on ways in which we may experience sacrificial love, and then embody it for others in our lives, communities, and the world.”

It was an invitation to an ongoing journey. The producers have provided a journal (find it at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org)) and a study guide. For Lent this year we are suggesting that rather than *giving something up*, we as a church *take something on* - specifically, the journal. Start the journal now. Our Lenten series will be based on the study guide. You are invited to observe and note, not only what unselfish acts of love you do, but what you see around you, and the effects of unselfish love on yourself and others. **It is not necessary to have seen the movie.** Rev. Jamie was “so moved by the film and the reaction and the message was so powerful that other ideas for a Lenten study and practice seemed less important.”

We will also have some hard copies of the journal available.

## HOLY HOSTS RETURN!



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

## TOM AND CAROL FOSTER



It is with heavy hearts that we inform you of the passing of **Tom Foster**. Tom’s wife Carol was the organist and choirmaster here at Epiphany from 1994-2004.

She was instrumental in procuring our beautiful organ from its original home at Green Street United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. Tom served as Director of Music at All Saints Beverly Hills for close to 25 years. He and Carol helped organize our existing hymnal back in 1982. Some of Tom’s music graces its pages. Rest in peace, Tom.

## THE LUNCH BUNCH



This month, Harbor House has asked us for 60 lunches on **February 14**. Please let me know if you are able to help.

Thanks so much! Details at

[www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org) Contact: [yvonnellux@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnellux@gmail.com).

## 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, February 5.**

## MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

For more information on these and other ministries, please visit [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org)



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



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



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

Carrie Wilcox (703) 508-2628



The **Music Ministry** at The Church of the Epiphany offers a variety of opportunities for participation and welcomes all.

You may join the choir at any time. Contact: Jay [jwilcox@tcote.org](mailto:jwilcox@tcote.org)



Deepen your faith while discussing the Bible, church history, and practical theology. **Education for Ministry (EfM)** meets *Monday nights from September to June*, enrollment for 2024 begins in July.

Contact: Elizabeth at [E.Vana.Bryant@gmail.com](mailto:E.Vana.Bryant@gmail.com)



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

[info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org)



**Lectio Divina** is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer opening to a deeper communion with God. We meet via Zoom *every*

*Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.* Link at [www.tcote.org/lectio-divina/](http://www.tcote.org/lectio-divina/) or contact: Barry Burns [burnscreative@gmail.com](mailto:burnscreative@gmail.com).



**The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

program is highly child-centered and allows children to enter into a relationship with God in their own ways, and in their own time. All children are welcome.

Contact: Laurie Burns [lburns@tcote.org](mailto:lburns@tcote.org)



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](mailto:lburns@tcote.org)



At Epiphany, we embrace and appreciate the capacity and insight of our teen parishioners. **EYG** is a safe, encouraging space for spiritual exploration and asking important

questions. We meet *every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.* Contact: Laurie Burns [lburns@tcote.org](mailto:lburns@tcote.org)



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

[info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org)



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

found in our *Connections* newsletter or [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)



**Laundry Love** is a nationwide program that assists low-income families and individuals in doing their laundry. We meet on *the last Tuesday of each month*

*from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.* Contact: Karen James [kjames@tcote.org](mailto:kjames@tcote.org)



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

Lux [yvonnelix@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnelix@gmail.com)



The **Pastoral Care Team** cares for parishioners who may be sick, recovering from surgery, or experiencing other life changes. We

make phone calls, visit hospitals and homes, and help with their unmet needs, such as providing an occasional meal following surgery or illness. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, contact Sharon Schneider: [sschneider@tcote.org](mailto:sschneider@tcote.org)



The **Women's Interfaith Network (WIN)** has many opportunities to serve those in need in our community. Please check their page at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org). Contact: Aggie

Winston (805) 807-5001.



**Creation Care** at The Church of the Epiphany is about helping each other to grow in care for God's Creation. Seasonal Sacred Hikes help to create a

personal bond and connection. Contact: Mari Mendenhall [mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net)



**OWLS (Older Wiser Laity)** strives to create community and fellowship opportunities among the more senior members of our church and the greater area, *meeting on the second Thursday of the*

*month at noon* for lunch and enriching programs from October - May. Contact Michelle Ponticelli: [mponticelli@tcote.org](mailto:mponticelli@tcote.org)



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

God's name. In addition to ongoing vineyard activities, we gather monthly for Monday Night Fellowship and Friday Evening Happy Hour and arrange a variety of social and cultural experiences. Contact: Stacey Stephens [reddoorvineyard@tcote.org](mailto:reddoorvineyard@tcote.org)



The **Epiphany Music Guild** furthers the church's outreach mission to the community by providing a regular series of musical and other artistic events, enriching people's lives, and giving them opportunities to encounter beauty in a sacred space.

Contact: Jay at [jwilcox@tcote.org](mailto:jwilcox@tcote.org) or [www.tcote.org/music/](http://www.tcote.org/music/)

### PRAYERS

**Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:** Pat, Kay, Francisco, Dave B, Anna and the Justiniano family, Cody, Kate, Susan K, Anne

**Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list:** Boyd, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, Arturo, Judith, Kathy, Curt, Steve, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, Judie, Steve, Paul, Peter, Glenn and family, Madden, Norma, Hailey, Baby Noah, Benny, Carole, John, Holly, Robyn, Bishop Michael Curry, Steve, Jane, Norma

*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/).*

**Are you in our Parish Directory? Have you checked your information lately?** Please contact [info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org) for any new listing or correction necessary. You can access the directory at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org).



Sponsoring altar flowers on Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion, honor loved ones, or give thanks. If you would like to give, please fill out the card found in the church pews or visit [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org).

## 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

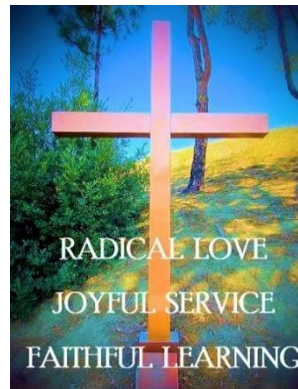
To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

### 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.

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