

The Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024, 10:00 a.m.



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar

WELCOME

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

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

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

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.

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

*The flowers are given this
morning in living memory of
Michael Cahill Thomson by the
Bob and Tina Thomson family.*

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Christus, der ist mein Leben

JOHANN GOTTFRIED WALTHER (1684-1748)

The Word of God

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

TRURO

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

The following is sung, all standing

Hymnal S-278

Glory to God in the highest

WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the

presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 4

Remain seated.



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- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my | cause; *
 you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
 have mercy on me and hear my | prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my | glory; *
 how long will you worship dumb idols
 and run after false | gods?”
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the | faithful; *
 when I call upon the LORD, he will | hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not | sin; *
 speak to your heart in silence upon your | bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed | sacrifices *
 and put your trust in the | LORD.
- 6 Many are saying,
 “*Oh, that we might see better | times!*” *
 Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O | LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my | heart, *
 more than when grain and wine and oil in-| crease.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall a-| sleep; *
 for only you, LORD, make me dwell in | safety.

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

The people sit.

A Reading from the First letter of John.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand.

Hymn 295

Sing praise to our Creator

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

All stand.

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

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

^{36b}Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jonathan Timothy Stoner

THE 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.

You have no equal, God. We come before you humbled, asking for your healing presence. Heal us, raise us so that we may serve you.

We are amazed at your creative genius—how you have stretched the heavens like curtains, and yet you bend to be with us.

We are amazed, God. We raise our hearts in awe.

Our world and our lives are in need of healing and direction. We ask you to guide your church and heal it where it is weary and self-centered. Direct those who lead the church: bishops, priests and deacons; all those in positions of leadership.

We ask for direction. Raise our hearts to you, God.

We ask you to heal the relationships between nations, and neighbors. Give the leaders of the nations the courage to pursue justice and speak peace as an example for the world.

We ask for healing. Raise our hearts to you, God.

Many of us suffer from addiction, anxiety, and illness. Break the chains which bind them and heal them, God. Surround them with supportive people, the resources they need, and a tangible sense of your love. We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Tom, Karl, Caroline, the Mullins family, Madeline, Ellen, Judie, and Hannah; we pray also for those who have requested our prayers but who prefer to remain anonymous, and for those on our long-term prayer list.

We ask for healing. Raise our hearts to you, God.

We pray for those who have died, that they may know the fullness of your love in the life you have prepared for them. Comfort those who grieve their loss and give them the confidence of your love which knows no limits of time or space.

*We ask for assurance of your love.
Raise our hearts to you, God. Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Presider stands and says

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

THE PEACE

All stand, as able.

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

All may greet one another in the name of Lord.

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The strife is o'er *(sung by the Parish Choir)*

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won:
O let the song of praise be sung: Hallelujah!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Hallelujah!

On the third morn he rose again,
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain: Hallelujah!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee: Hallelujah!

TEXT: ANONYMOUS (18TH CENTURY?), TRANSLATED FRANCIS POTT (1832-1909)
MUSIC: MELODY BY MELCHIOR VULPIUS (C. 1570-1615), ARR. HENRY G. LEY (1887-1962)

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

Hymn 305

Come risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

EDSALL



Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy
We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou at the ta - ble,
One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one Church u - nit - ed
One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who art one Sa - vior



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guests; the feast is thine; thy - self at thine own board make man - i -
bless - ing, yet dost stand; "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est
in com - mun - ion blest; one Name we bear, one Bread of life we
and one liv - ing Head; then o - pen thou our eyes that we may



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fest in this thy Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
yet: faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
break, with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
see; be known to us in break - ing of the bread.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

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

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

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

SANCTUS

Presider and People

Hymnal S-128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)

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

The People stand or kneel.

The Presider continues

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Presider and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

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

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

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

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

People and Presider

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
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 Be known to us, Lord Jesus

JAY WILCOX (B. 1954)

Fine

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

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

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D.C. al Fine

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

INVITATION

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

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

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

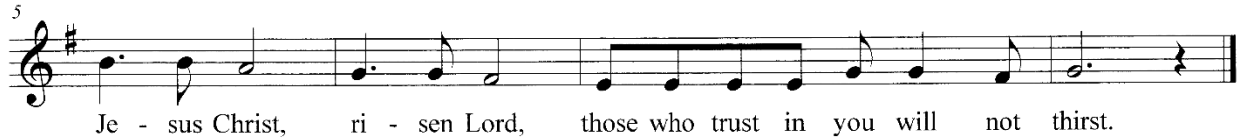
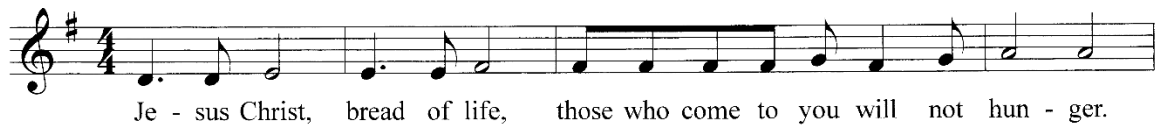
All who seek God and desire a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. When you come to the altar rail, you may either stand or kneel.

If you desire to receive the sacrament, please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Once you have received it, you may keep it there and the chalice bearer will take it, dip it in the wine and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the wafer and then you may place your hands on the base of the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider.

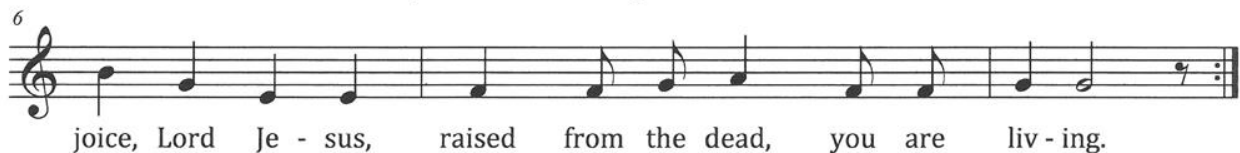
If you desire to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest at the altar rail.

COMMUNION MUSIC

All are invited to sing



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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

All stand and sing.

Hymn 193

That Easter day with joy was bright

PUER NOBIS

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

Allemande

TYLMAN SUSATO (C. 1510-AFTER 1570)

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask any member of our staff, our Wardens, or any member of our Bishop's Committee, and they will be happy to assist you.



For the Week of Sunday, April 14, 2024

EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

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| 4/14 | 9:45 a.m. | Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
– Children in the Atrium |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Outreach Committee meeting |
| 4/15 | 7:00 p.m. | EfM meeting |
| 4/17 | 5:00 p.m. | Bishop’s Committee meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Lectio Divina |
| 4/18 | 6:30 p.m. | Schola Rehearsal |
| | 7:45 p.m. | Parish Choir Rehearsal |
| 4/19 | 5:00 p.m. | RDV Happy Hour |
| 4/21 | 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 |
| | 4:00 p.m. | EMG event – Trio Celeste |

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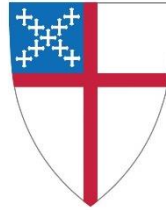
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RUMMAGE SALE MAY 25



Please save all your gently used resaleable items for collection in April and May leading up to the sale. No heavy items or books please! You can start bringing things in! For more info, contact Claudia Dempster at claudiadempster@icloud.com

NEWCOMERS/EPISCOPAL 101



“Episcopalians find comfort, nurture, fellowship, and encouragement in our communities of faith (especially true for us at Epiphany). And we believe the Almighty is not finished with us yet. We believe—now more than ever---that we provide a uniquely fulfilling and vital

role in the panoply of modern Christian experiences...”
The Episcopal Handbook

Want to know more about what is meant by that introduction and what it means to be an Episcopalian here at Epiphany? Good, because we are pleased to announce our **New Members/Episcopal 101 class series**. For three consecutive Sundays, **April 28, May 5, and May 12**, we will meet directly after church in the Bishop’s Hall for an opportunity to get to know Epiphany and one another better, while also learning more about the core beliefs of the Episcopal Church.

So, whether you are new to Epiphany, or to the Episcopal Church at large, new in town, **or a long-time member continuing to grow in your spirituality**, you are invited to join us. By participating in this offering, you will have the chance to connect with others who are also on a faith journey, forming bonds that will last a lifetime.

At the conclusion of the courses, you will also have the opportunity should you so desire, to be welcomed by our Vicar into our Church of the Epiphany family at our **Pentecost service, May 19**, where your name will officially be added to our register. Please RSVP if you will be attending so we can provide adequate seating and snacks!!! info@tcote.org

TRIO CÉLESTE APRIL 21 4:00 P.M.



**EMG and RDV Event
A Decade of Brilliance**

[Trio Céleste](http://www.triocelste.com) has pushed the boundaries of chamber music, redefining the art form with their exceptional virtuosity and passion. Their worldwide performances have won hearts and accolades from music enthusiasts and critics

alike. This marks their **10th consecutive appearance** performing here. Join us as they offer an extraordinary selection of their “greatest hits” - timeless masterpieces that have not only shaped their artistic journey, but have also been cherished by you, our beloved audience, throughout the past decade in our sanctuary. The program will include masterworks of Beethoven, Dvorak, and Mendelssohn, and will be a musical celebration like no other!

A discounted admission of \$10 is available for members of the EMG and the Red Door Vineyard; suggested donations for non-members are \$25 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for students. To ensure that there is sufficient food and wine, those who wish to attend are asked to make a reservation no later than Wednesday, April 17, by contacting jwilcox@tcote.org, or by calling (818) 991-4797, ext. 26.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



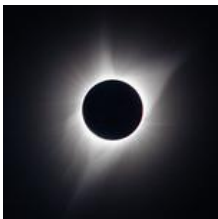
Is your household converting to a carbon neutral footprint? Have you installed solar panels, EV charging stations, etc.? If so, would you like to help us research options that we can implement here at The Church of Epiphany?

At the 2022 Episcopal Church General Convention, The Episcopal Church committed to carbon neutrality in all its 6,294 congregations by 2030.

We need to support the General Convention’s directive and are looking for your input.

Contact Catherine Hahn at catherinehahn@yahoo.com or 310-562-4847.

DONATE YOUR SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES



The solar eclipse is over for us here in the U.S., what will you do with your glasses? Do you really want to hang on to them for another 20 years? Please donate them! Put them in the box in Founder’s Hall or send them to:

Eclipse Glasses USA
PO box 50571
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They will be shipped to countries with upcoming eclipse events so school-aged children in South America with limited resources can safely experience a solar eclipse.

RING OUT FOR EARTH

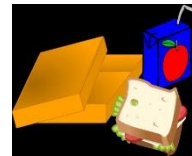


Every parish, mission, school, and institution within the six county Diocese of Los Angeles is invited to join together in “Ring Out for Earth” an all call to the urgent need for care of God’s creation as the global atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentration has reached **425 parts per million*** (ppm), a level unprecedented in all of human history. It is the CO₂ from our burning of fossil fuels that is the human-caused pollution responsible for blanketing and warming the planet.

Please join us as we “Ring Out for Earth” **after church on Sunday, April 21. Everyone, children included, is invited to ring the bell.**

Mobilizing the 55,000 in the diocese to pause and pay attention together for **425 seconds** is a powerful and unifying demonstration of Episcopal love-in-action.

THE LUNCH BUNCH – APRIL 17



Thanks to all who so faithfully provide lunches. This month Harbor House has asked us for 80 lunches on **Wednesday, April 17**. Please let me know if you are able to help this month. New lunch makers are much appreciated too. Thanks! yvonnellux@gmail.com.

Lunches for 10 people - Include sandwich - turkey, egg salad, lunch meat, or pb&j, three snacks, fruit, and a drink. Drinks and fruit should be separate. Drop-off is between 4:00 and 4:30 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at Avenida de las Flores and Mt. Clef. Parking is in the back.

BIRTHDAY BOXES



Many foster children never experience a birthday celebration. In April, during Global Youth Service month, we are collecting items to create a **Birthday in a Box** with all the necessary items for a Birthday party for a foster child.

EYG and youth from Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints will gather to assemble the birthday boxes on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to participate please contact Laurie Burns at lburns@tcote.org.

There will be collection boxes to drop off donated items located at the entrance of Epiphany through Sunday, April 21.

Read more in our *Connections Newsletter* or go to www.tcote.org.

RDV HAPPY HOUR



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

Drop in any time - stay as long as you'd like - no RSVP required. Hoping to provide a loose and lively end to your busy week!

MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

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



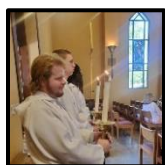
Want to help on Sundays during the service? If you are interested in being an **usher, reader, or LEM**, please contact the church at info@tcote.org



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



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



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 jwilcox@tcote.org



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



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. **Next meeting 4/24.**



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 yvonnelux@gmail.com



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



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



Deepen your faith while discussing the Bible, church history, and practical theology.

Education for Ministry (EfM) meets

Monday nights from September to June,

enrollment for 2024 begins in July. Contact: Elizabeth at E.Vana.Bryant@gmail.com



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/



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

kjames@tcote.org or Laurie:

lbtolunarbase@gmail.com if you are

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

Our Vision

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

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Tom, Karl, Caroline, the Mullins family, Madeline, Ellen, Judie, Hannah

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer List: Boyd, Kay, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, Judith, Steve, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, Steve, Paul, Madden, Norma, Hailey, John, Robyn, Bishop Michael Curry, Pat, Curt, Francisco, Susan K, Winnie and the Luppert family, Egan, Angela, Julie, Jane, Patrick, Joanne, Brian, Julia, Anna

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/.