

**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar
Jay Wilcox, Music Director

WELCOME

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

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 often, 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 new 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 are 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 at the back of the church and has quiet activities for parents and younger children to use while still allowing families to participate 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 Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-2 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.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the Church of The Epiphany, remember and honor the Indigenous people of the world, especially the Chumash, on whose ancestral land we now stand. This region was once their home, providing an abundance of resources, including fresh water, acorns, and wildlife. The Chumash are still here, having lived in harmony with the land for thousands of years prior to European contact.

We give thanks for the Chumash people and express our gratitude for their witness on how to live a life that is honorable, humble, and respectful to the environment. We have much to learn from our Chumash siblings.

May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that all peoples are relatives in life.

May we learn from past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants of this land.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BuxWV 220

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

"I shall not abandon God, who leads me in the right way"

Excerpt from verse 1 of VON GOTT WILL ICH NICHT LASSEN

The Liturgy of the Word

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

RATISBON

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

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

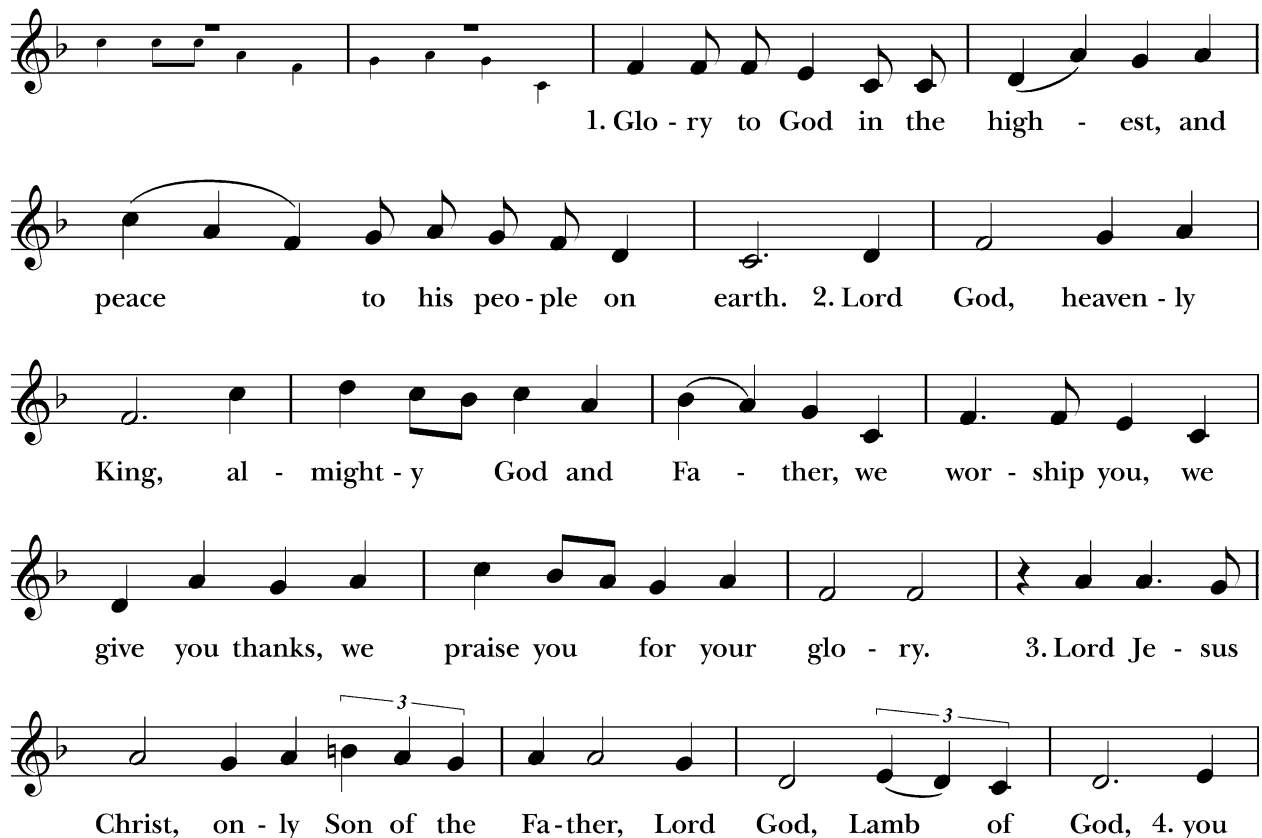
People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

Remain standing and sing

OPENING ANTHEM

Gloria in excelsis: S-280

Robert Powell (b.1932)



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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God dwells in you

People **And also in you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Hymn 664 My Shepherd will supply my need

RESIGNATION

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

The people sit.

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

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and sing.
SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 487

Come my Way, my Truth, my Life

THE CALL

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

All stand as able

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

THE CREED

All stand as able

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let us humbly approach our God, saying, "Remember us with favor, O Lord; visit us with your saving help."

God our Savior, strengthen your Church to stand firm in your love. May we struggle not with one another, but instead struggle beside one another in the work of the gospel.

Remember us with favor, O Lord;
Visit us with your saving help.

God our Savior, you make happy those who act with justice. May the leaders and people of the nations dedicate themselves to pure and honorable dealings. Let your justice reign on this earth.

Remember us with favor, O Lord;
Visit us with your saving help.

God our Savior, you are good to us. You have blessed us with a rich creation and a beautiful planet for our home. May we cherish the gifts you have given us.

Remember us with favor, O Lord;
Visit us with your saving help.

God our Savior, deliver our community from worry. Make us a people of prayer, a congregation who intercedes for our neighbors.

Remember us with favor, O Lord;
Visit us with your saving help.

God our Savior, you are always near. Assure the lonely; heal the sick; do mighty acts in the lives of the downcast. With thankful hearts, trusting in your mercy, we make our requests known to you. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Casie, Hazel, Nancy, Tony, Dave, Blair, Pam, Aubrey, Brian, and Tracy. 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.

Remember us with favor, O Lord;
Visit us with your saving help.

God our Savior, your mercy endures forever. May those who have died rest in glory and feast at your heavenly banquet for all eternity.

Remember us with favor, O Lord;
Visit us with your saving help.

May our prayers be accepted in the name of Christ, who calls us to sit at his table and be his guests. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Priest 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.**

All stand, as able.

All may greet one another in the name of the 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The King of love my shepherd is *(sung by the Parish Choir)*

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before it guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight, thy unction grace bestoweth:
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Text: Metrical paraphrase of Psalm 23 by Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

Music: ST. COLUMBA, traditional Irish melody,
arranged by John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God dwells in you.
People **And also in you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant 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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Hymnal S-130

Franz Schubert (1797-1828), arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Celebrant and People

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a piano part on the left and a vocal part on the right. The piano part is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The vocal part is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are". The vocal part is a simple melody with some rests. The piano part provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and some melodic lines.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. 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 Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

Celebrant 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 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.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God

Franz Schubert (1797-1828), arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION

Presider

Behold who you are.

People

May we become what we receive.

DISTRIBUTION

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.

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. If receiving a blessing, please come forward and simply cross your hands over your chest as you walk up to the priest.

To receive the host, hold your hands out with your palms facing up. If you wish to drink from the chalice, consume the wafer and the chalice bearer will come to you. If you wish to have the wafer intincted in the wine, leave the wafer in the palm of your hand and the chalice bearer will take it, dip it in the wine, and give it back to you for you to consume.

Should you need a gluten-free wafer, indicate that to the priest. It is sufficient for full communion to receive only the host, so if you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the wafer and 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



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, he leads me in - to life.



Sing prais-es, all you peoples, sing prais-es to the Lord; sing



prais - es, all you peo-ples, sing prais - es to the Lord!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says
Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

All stand as able and sing.

Hymn 556

Rejoice, ye pure in heart

MARION

DISMISSAL

Presider

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Canzon in G

Matthias Weckmann (1616-1674)



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for today's service have been generously donated by
the Hendrix family in loving memory
of Robert Hendrix.



Please remember in your prayers those on our long-term prayer list:



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All are invited to join our vibrant Coffee Hour in the Bishop’s Hall immediately following the service. Just follow the crowd for a chance to indulge in a donut and a cup of fresh brewed coffee, while you mix and mingle with the friendly and welcoming Epiphany community!

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