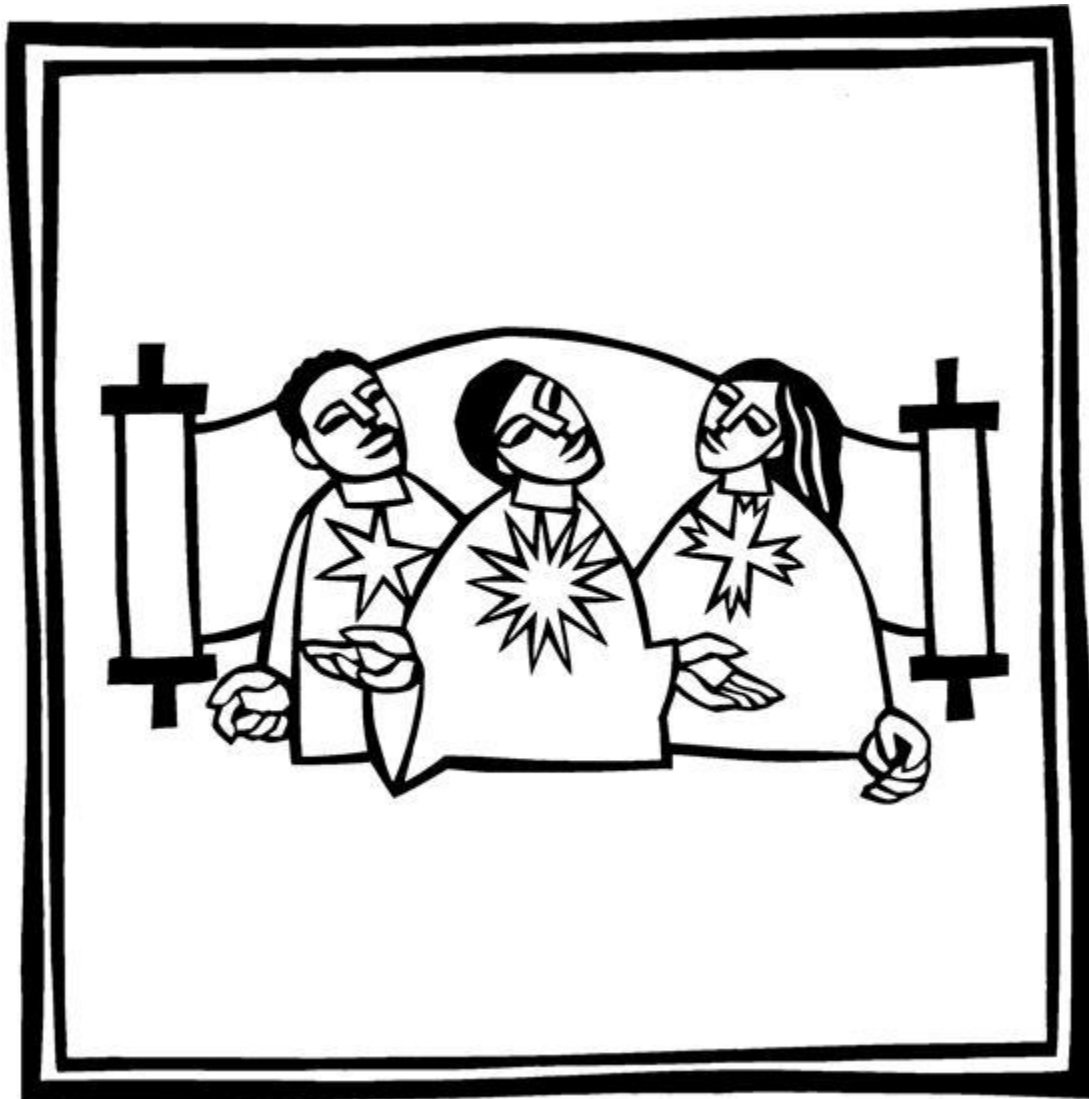


**The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**



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

Praeludium

A. Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

The Liturgy of the Word

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 381

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

TON-Y-BOTEL

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 - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God dwells in you
People **And also in you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Leviticus.

¹The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

PSALM 1
Sung by all



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- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the | wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the | scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the | Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and | night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not | wither; *
everything they do shall | prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the | wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows a|way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment | comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the | righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the | righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is | doomed.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
The people sit.

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

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

All stand and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 680

O God, our help in ages past

ST. ANNE

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

All stand as able

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

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²"What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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.

O Lord, who is our refuge from age to age, hear our prayers.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Antonio, our bishop, for our parish clergy; for this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place.

O God, hear us.

For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times.

O God, hear us.

For our communities and our neighbors near and far; for our families, companions, and all those we love.

O God, hear us.

For the sick and the suffering, for travelers, for immigrants...especially those fleeing peril, and all with heavy burdens.

O God, hear us.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Casie, Tony, Blair, Aubrey, Brian, Tracy, Sonny, Mike, and Kyle. 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.

O God, hear us.

For those who rest in Christ, we pray.

O God, hear us.

Let us pray for our own needs and for those of others.

Almighty God, whose gifts of blessing and grace have no end, write in our hearts your joy and zeal to tell the story of our faith by our words, by our deeds, and by offering all that you have given us: our lives, our gifts, our resources. Grant us also a portion of your never-ending generosity, that we may proclaim your love and mercy to the world around us through our parish community; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **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.**

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 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 ANTHEM A new commandment *(sung by the Schola)*

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord,
that ye love together as I have loved you,
that e'en so ye love one another.
By this shall every man know that ye are my disciples,
if ye have love one to another.

Text: John 13:34-35

Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585), missing bass part
reconstructed by Jay Wilcox

Hymn 602 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love CHEREPONI [JESU, JESU]

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

Celebrant and People

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

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

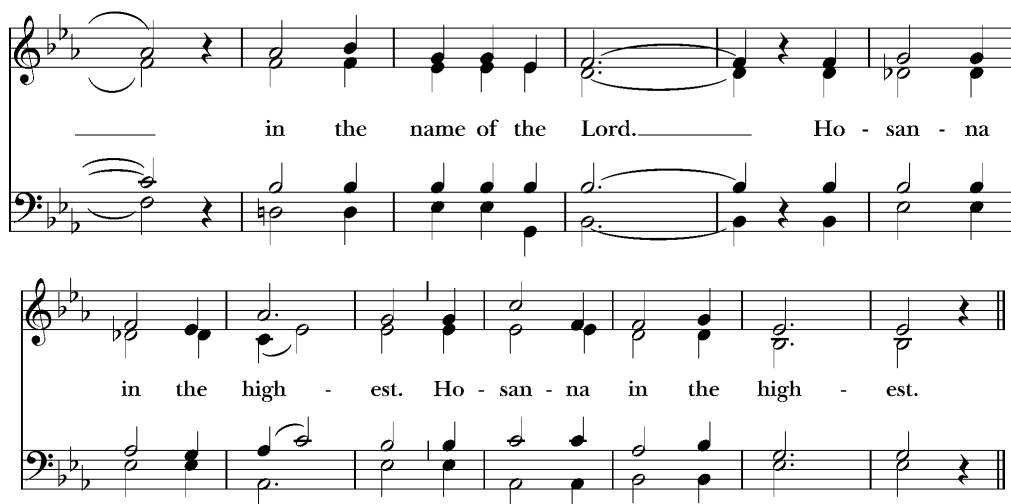
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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



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)

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

System 1:
Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

System 2:
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

System 3:
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



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



Love one an - o - ther as I have loved you, by this shall all know that

7 you are my dis - ci - ples. Love one an - o - ther as I have loved

12 you, by this shall all know that you are my dis - ci - ples. —

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 551

Rise up, ye saints of God

FESTAL SONG

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on St. Anne

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)





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

Stephanie, Marilyn, Don, Pat, Katie, Anna J, Joyal, Fred, Brian Z, Lori, Bill M, Dania, Brian M, Bill, Casey, John, Mary, Eileen, Daren, George, Marsha, Valorie, Michelle, Clara, Chad, Lori, Steve, Ken, Jennifer, Deb, Janine, Hazel, Nancy, Dave, and Pope Leo

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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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