



# THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 - 10:00 a.m.**

## The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

### PRELUDE

### Voluntary

DOUGLAS E. WAGNER (b. 1952)

“God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.”

Psalm 67: 7

## The Word of God

### ACCLAMATION

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

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

### HYMN 371

Thou, whose almighty word

MOSCOW

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word      cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
2 Thou who didst come to bring      on thy re - deem - ing wing  
3 Spi - rit of truth and love,      life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three,      glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight;      hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
heal - ing and sight,      health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth thy flight!      Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might;      bound-less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man-kind, let there be light!  
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
full - est pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light!

## THE COLLECT FOR ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us pray.

*Silence is kept. The Collect is said, after which the people respond: Amen.*

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 56:1,6-8**

*Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.*

*All say together.*

## PSALM 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
    show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
    your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
    let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
    for you judge the peoples with equity  
    and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
    let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
    may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
    and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him

## SECOND READING

**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

*Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.*

## HYMN 470

There's a wideness in God's mercy

BEECHER

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major, common time. The top staff is for the treble voice and the bottom staff is for the bass voice. The music features a steady eighth-note pattern throughout. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first section of lyrics is:

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea-sure of the mind;

The second section of lyrics is:

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.  
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

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There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;  
 If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 and our life would be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

**† THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 15: 10- 28**

*Response before the reading: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*Response after the reading: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE HOMILY**

*We observe a time of silence after the homily.*

*All say together*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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.**

The Rev. Louise Macatee

**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 sin. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*We observe a time of silence after each petition for offering our own intercessions.*

**Leader** Lord, in your mercy,

**All** **hear our prayer.**

*The leader adds a concluding sentence, after which all respond: Amen.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Priest** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

**All** **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 concludes with an absolution or Collect.*

## THE PEACE

**Priest** The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

## 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.**

## PRAYER FOR THE START OF SCHOOL

**Priest** God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools, homes and all places of learning; we give you thanks for teachers and their students. We thank you for this new beginning, for new ideas and ways of learning, even if they feel very different. We thank you for keyboards, and computers, sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is as important as giving the right answers.

Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and wisdom. Help them to be responsible, respectful and safe. May their backpacks and devices be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school, home, and this faith community. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**SOLO**

On the willows

On the willows, there  
We hung up our lyres  
For our captors there  
Required  
Of us songs  
And our tormentors, mirth

Saying,  
Sing us one  
Of the songs of Zion.  
But how can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

TEXT: PSALM 139: 2-3  
MUSIC: STEPHEN SCHWARTZ (B. 1948)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

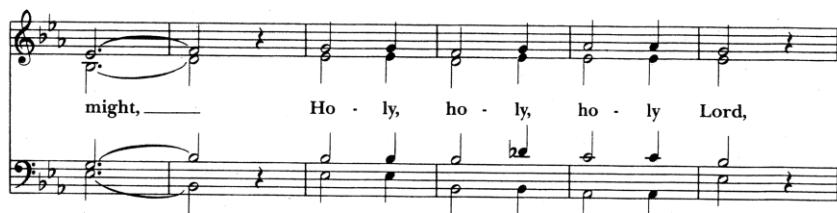
*The Priest continues with the prayer.*

**SANCTUS S-130**

FRANZ PETER SCHUBERT (1797-1828)  
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

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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 Priest continues the prayer.*

*Priest* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Priest continues with the prayer, at the end of which all respond: AMEN.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Priest* Now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray together.

*People* **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*In this time of social distancing, when we long for the physical Sacrament of Holy Communion but cannot - for safety - partake of it, it can be meaningful to pray for God's presence in our lives, express our desire for Communion, and name our hope of taking part in the Sacrament soon.*

*Priest* If you desire to receive Holy Communion, I invite you to pray with me this prayer of Spiritual Communion.

*People* **In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## HYMN 539

O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling

TIDINGS

1 O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
3 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;  
4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;  
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;  
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,  
pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious  
let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

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one soul should fail to know his love and might.  
and died on earth that all might live above.  
till God shall bring his king-dom's joyful day.  
through thy neglect, unfit to see his face.

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,  
ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion and re - lease.

## THE BLESSING

### THE DISMISSAL

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.



# EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

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## THIS WEEK: AUGUST 16- AUGUST 23

**Today** Morning Prayer, 10:00 a.m.

**Fri.** Private Prayer Time, Nave, 1 p.m.- 5 p.m.

## SUMMER BY EPIPHANY

SUMMER 2020

### *Summer by Epiphany*

Elizabeth Olson



Elizabeth Olson has been spending time in her courtyard creating art and exploring mixed medium techniques.

Thank you, Elizabeth, for sharing your photos and inspiring this writer to revisit her unused water color kit!

We want to see how your summer has been going. Send us your pictures of your summer activities. Have you picked up a new hobby? Did you take to the open road? Have you celebrated any accomplishments? Send us your pictures and we will feature them in our weekly email! Email your pictures to [info@tcote.org](mailto:info@tcote.org) along with a small caption.

## EFM MINISTRY

Interested in delving deeper into your faith? Want to learn what it means to live your beliefs in today's world? Join Epiphany's EFM group as we wrestle together with Christianity. EFM meets Monday nights from 7 pm - 9:15 Contact Elizabeth Bryant at [e.vana.bryant@gmail.com](mailto:e.vana.bryant@gmail.com) or (805) 498-4499 for enrollment information

## AUGUST COLLECTION FOR MANNA

As a result of staff inside the Manna pantry testing positive for COVID-19 in late July, the food bank has been temporarily closed. As a result, we will change our collection for August.

Many of you know that Harbor House has been providing sack lunches for the folks who previously joined us for hot meals at churches like Calvary Community. The lunches are made by volunteers and a number of churches have been meeting those needs. However, in addition to the lunch, bottled water is provided and that is usually not included by the people making the sack lunches. So we will collect cases or 6-packs of bottled water to be delivered to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks where the lunches are distributed. Please contact Karen Dyer ([kbdyer2@gmail.com](mailto:kbdyer2@gmail.com), or (818) 889-4915) if you can lend a hand.

We will need to have a few strong people to help lift the water cases. Karen James is making a truck from the United Methodist Church of Westlake Village available to transport the water but it would be nice to have a few folks follow the truck to help off-load.

**Our collection will be Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon at TCOTE.**

Thanks as always for your generosity for those less fortunate!

## THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

*The essence of the spiritual journey is not to be identified with psychological experiences of God, though these may occasionally occur. The essence of journey is trusting and loving faith in God.*

-Thomas Keating

### **Prayers have been requested for:**

Andrew, Cynthia, Micah, Paul and Rosalie, Susan, Donna, Don, David, Will, Josie, Penny, Ian, Katie, Declan, Rachel, Barbara, Laurie