



# The Church of The Epiphany

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

**The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 - 10:00 a.m.**

## The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

### PRELUDE

Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ

EWALD HINTZ (1614-1668)

*"In you alone, Lord Jesus Christ, my hope on earth depends."*

## 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 381

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

TON-Y-BOTEL

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and  
3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right-eous; bright with thine own  
4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and

it was done; for cre - a - ted light we thank thee,  
deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,  
ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,  
hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,

while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light-Re -

lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
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lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

**THE COLLECT FOR TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*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**

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**

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

*All say together.*

**PSALM 1**

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 away.

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***Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.***HYMN 505****O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God**

O HEILIGER GEIST

1. O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God, in -  
2. O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God, in -  
3. O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God, make -  
4. O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God, en -  
(repeated for each line)  
crease our faith in our dear Lord; un - less thy us to love thy sa - cred word; the ho - ly light en us by that same word; teach us to  
forth from God's great throne, from God, the Fa - ther and the grace the power should give, none can be - lieve in Christ and flame of love im - part, that char - i - ty may warm each know the Fa - ther's love, and his dear Son, who reigns a -  
Son; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.  
live; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.  
heart; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.  
bove; O Spi - rit of Life, O Spi - rit of God.

**† THE HOLY GOSPEL****Matthew 22:34-46***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.*

The Rev. Greg Brown

*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.**

**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.**

**OFFERTORY****THE HOLY COMMUNION**

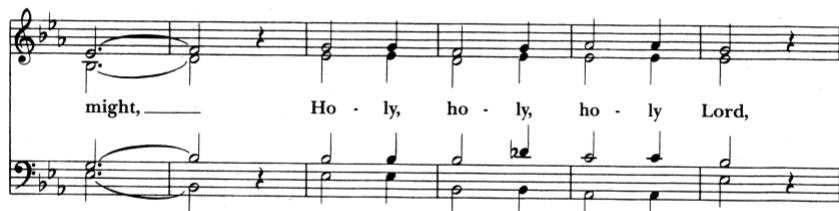
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JOHANN GOTTFRIED WALther  
(1684-1748)

*"Honor be to God on his highest throne,  
the Father of all goodness;  
and to Jesus Christ, his dear son,  
who at all times watches over us;  
and to God, the worthy Holy Spirit,  
so that we may be well pleasing to him,  
here in this time and following him forever."*

**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

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 according to his command, O Father,  
*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 336

## Come with us, O blessed Jesus

WERDE MUNTER

1 Come with us, O blessed Jesus, with us ev - er -  
 \* 2 Come with us, O might - y Sa-vior, God from God, and  
 \* 3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic

more Light to be; and though leave - ing now thine Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry voic es praised; in our hearts as in thy

al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.  
 veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.  
 hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - them raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy  
 Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as  
 Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has  
 through our prayer; grant us light to be seen and  
 ul - tant songs; let its hymn heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.  
 know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.  
 ev - er-- peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

### THE BLESSING

### THE DISMISSAL

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.



# EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

## THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 25- NOVEMBER 1

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

**Wed.** Bible Study, 12 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Prayer, 7:30 p.m.

**Fri.** Private Prayer Time, Nave 3 p.m.- 5 p.m.

**\*PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME FOR PRAYER ON FRIDAYS**

## STREAMING OUR SUNDAY SERVICE

As a reminder, we will have this week's services on these platforms and available on zoom for those who do not have internet access.

- On Zoom (connection information in our weekly email)
- Our own website (<https://www.tcote.org/online-worship/>)
- On our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EpiphanyOakpark/videos/>)
- On our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/TCOTEorg/videos>)

At 9:50, the services will start with a 10-minute welcome screen; the prelude will start at 10, so know that you've got a 10-minute window to wind your way to us!

Facebook and YouTube have commenting functions, so be sure to share your "Amens" and prayer requests during the services.

## FROM THE DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

These guides help voters through election process, reflect diocesan, and interfaith priorities:

[https://diocesela.org/news/2020\\_church\\_voter-guides/?fbclid=IwAR04UTQ-80eiMPhCUh-qkYGQ0fO\\_5ChtGCnBOYfDYQ0wzHLbc1kqgqb\\_12g](https://diocesela.org/news/2020_church_voter-guides/?fbclid=IwAR04UTQ-80eiMPhCUh-qkYGQ0fO_5ChtGCnBOYfDYQ0wzHLbc1kqgqb_12g)

## SAMARITAN CENTER COLLECTION

The folks at the Samaritan Center in Simi Valley (St Francis Episcopal Church) are very grateful for our donation coming up on October 29th. They have provided the following "Wish List" for us but will be pleased to have any items you donate.

- Canned Protein (tuna, chicken, ham)
- Peanut Butter
- Soup
- Pasta
- Canned pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Cases of water bottles

We will extend our collection hours to 12:30pm this month so you may drop items off at church anytime between **10:30am and 12:30 on Thursday, October 29th**.

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

The first Sunday in Advent this year is November 29th. We would like to continue the "Reverse Advent Calendar" boxes that Karen James and the EYG began last year. Since we are not meeting in person yet, please pick up a box at your grocery store or Trader Joe's so that you and your family can begin placing a food item each day in the Advent box beginning on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

## FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

St. John's Cathedral, Los Angeles  
invites you to  
A Service of Prayer for Our Nation  
Thursday, October 29  
7:00 p.m.

Bishop John Harvey Taylor will offer an electiontide message at this virtual service hosted by the cathedral, with music, prayers and readings calling us to be agents of hope and healing as we strive for peace and justice.

Join us as we lift our voices in common prayer and commit ourselves to living out God's values of love, justice and compassion in our beautiful and broken world.

The service will be livestreamed on the diocese's Facebook page and YouTube channel.  
No reservations are needed.

## GENTLY-USED JACKETS

We will be continuing the TCOTE jackets and sweatshirts collection this year. As you shop for new jackets for family at the holidays, please go through your closets and think about donating gently used items that you may be replacing. Of course, we would be happy to receive donations of new items as well. The collection will be delivered to Harbor House for our neighbors in the Conejo Valley who do not have housing at this time. Harbor House has requested large or extra large jackets/ sweatshirts for men and women and children's would be welcome too.

If you have those on hand at this time, you can drop them off at church on October 29th at the same time as the food collection. We will also be collecting them in December. Thanks for your generosity!

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

In order to have an accurate list of names during the prayers for birthdays and anniversaries, we are now asking all prayer requests be submitted by email. Please send us the name or names and birthday (month & day) or anniversary date to [eanguiano@tcote.org](mailto:eanguiano@tcote.org). Thank you!

## REFLECTION

*"The goal of the spiritual journey is interior freedom; freedom to do what God likes; freedom to be your true self and to be transformed in Christ."*

-Thomas Keating

### Prayers have been requested for:

Andrew, Cynthia, Micah, Paul and Rosalie, Susan, Donna, David, Will, Josie, Penny, Ian, Katie, Declan, Rachel, Barbara, Laurie, Joyce, Gwendolyn, Rick, Eric, Michael, Elizabeth, Bob, Dorothy, John, Jennifer, Bill, The Draper Family, Joanne, Carol, Ken, David, Laurie, Tony, Carrie, and Jay