



The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

9:15 a.m.

October 26, 2025

**Church of the Epiphany
Vacaville, CA**

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Holy Eucharist

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn

"All are welcome in this place..."

1. Let us build a house where love
can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children
tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and
visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end
divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where
prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to
seek

To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of
Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

3. Let us build a house where love is
found
In water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground,
Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that
frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

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All standing, the Celebrant says

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

People

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

The Celebrant and People say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The following is sung, all standing

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world
Have mercy upon us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most high
Jesus Christ

With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father.
Amen

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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

Sirach 35:12-17

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.

For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;

for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.

He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-6

Quam dilecta!

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of
springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and

all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Living Epistle

Emma Green

Sequence Hymn

"Open our hearts to make this vow..."

Chorus:

Open our hearts to make this vow:
To use our eyes to see you now,
To use our hands to do your work,
That we may be your love observed.

3. You have called us by your Name, Lord;
Faithfully we run this race.
When at last we kneel before you,
You will be our dwelling place. [*Chorus*]

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Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax

collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Sermon

The Rev. John Heidel

Nicene Creed

BCP 326

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

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Called as we all are to give Jesus to the world, in faith we gather as a Church in prayer, asking our Gracious God to hear our needs and the needs of all who asked us to remember them in our prayers:

Reader: As if speaking in tongues, let your spirit descend upon us.

People: ***Breathe on me, breath of God***

Reader: We pray for your Universal Church, its members and its mission. We pray for Presiding Bishop Sean, for Bishop Megan, for our diocese and for this congregation. We pray for Rev. John, Rev. Katherine and for our church leadership.

People: ***God be in our faith, our mission, and our parish.***

Reader: We pray for our nation and those in authority. Help them align their spirit with yours and end division with a sincere, peaceful and helpful disposition.

People: ***God give us grace with a peaceful and helpful disposition.***

Reader: We pray for the welfare of the world. Like the Spirit of God helped overcome the barriers of nationality, language, and social status, we pray

that all the people of the world can overcome their differences with unity, peace and understanding.

People: God be in our heads and in our understanding.

Reader: We pray for the concerns of our local community and its resources. Let us be aware of opportunities to serve and not shut our eyes because we don't want to see protests, lines of hungry people, grieving families, and those who are different than ourselves.

People: God be in our eyes and in our looking.

Reader: We pray for those who suffer and those in any trouble. Let us not say hurtful, cynical or mean-spirited things. Let us speak as one body to find words of encouragement and faith, especially to our children and the vulnerable.

People: God be in our mouths and in our speaking.

Reader: We pray for peace from above, for your loving kindness, and for the salvation of our souls. We pray especially for (read Prayer List here). With all our heart and mind,

People: God be in our hearts and in our loving.

The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to Your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that You are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant 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 Bishop, when present, or 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace

Candy Collection: *During the greeting, please bring your candy donation to the
altar rail and place it in the receptacle so Rev. John can bless it.*

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Offerings: *David Bowen 10/24,
Kenzie Dunning (10/30)*

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, and
offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory

"All That We Have"

Chorus

All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need,
All done in His name.

1. Some would rely on their power;
Others put trust in their gold;
Some have only their Savior,
Whose faithfulness never grows old. [*Chorus*]

2. Sometimes the road may be lonesome;
Often we may lose our way;
Take courage and always remember
Love isn't just for a day. [*Chorus*]

3. Sometimes when troubles are many,
Life can seem empty it's true;
But look at the life of the Master
Who lovingly suffered for you. [*Chorus*]

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Doxology

Hymnal 380 v.3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with 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.**

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 the Angels and Archangels, and with the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125



Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. 🛎

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

Celebrant and 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore
let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

At Church of the Epiphany, we welcome everyone equally as children of God created in the image of God. Whether you are visiting from out of town, "shopping for a church," seeking God, or hoping to learn more about Jesus Christ, we welcome you to our worship services. Whatever your religious background, age race, gender,

sexual orientation, or economic status, we welcome you. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, please join us at the altar for Communion.

Organ Voluntary

Communion Hymn

Hymn 686

Tune my heart to sing thy grace!

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! oh, fix me on it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I find my greatest treasure;
Hither by thy help, I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

Priest's Blessing

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn

"All are welcome in this place..."

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face:
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard,
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed

As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries of laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

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Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Don't be shy: Sing along!

At Church of the Epiphany, everyone is invited to sing with the ensemble during the service. You'll find the words printed in the bulletin. When a hymnal number is listed, the music can be found in the red 1982 Hymnal located in the pews. (You are also welcome to attend rehearsals at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays.)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives and faithfulness of the Carol Graham

TODAY'S SERVERS:

Altar Guild: Kathleen Cocuzza Lector: Kate Hitchcock , Prayers: Emma Green, LEM/Acolyte: Nick Carlson, Usher: Kristen Jones

Today at Epiphany

Coffee Hour: After the service in the Parish Hall. Please join us!

Vestry Meeting: Following today's service, about 10:45 a.m., in the Parish Hall Sunday School Room.

Upcoming Events

Daily Morning Prayer: 8 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays on Facebook Live or Epiphany Vacaville's YouTube channel.

Nightly Compline Service: online: 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday on the Epiphany Facebook page.

Music Rehearsal: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays. Come make a joyful noise!

Halloween Stroll: Friday, Oct. 31, 4-6 p.m. in downtown Vacaville. Epiphany will participate!

TIME CHANGE: Sunday, Nov. 2: Don't forget to set your clock back 1 hour!

All Saints Day/Dia de los Muertos: Sunday, Nov. 2. Bring memorial items and/or photos for the ofrenda.

Diocese of Northern California Convention: November 6-8 in Redding.

Volunteer Opportunities!

Looking for a way to get more involved at Epiphany or to serve the church community? Here are some current opportunities. To volunteer, contact the person listed or let the church office know you are interested.

Sunday Counters

After the Sunday service, a team documents the pledge payments and donations that Epiphany has received. If you can help with this one Sunday a month, please talk to Eric or email him at erjones@gmail.com.

Live-stream operator

Each week, our 9:15 a.m. service is livestreamed by a team that is looking for a few more people to fill in or take a regular turn operating the system. To volunteer, talk to Tony or email him at echistorian@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour

If you can help set up, clean up or provide goodies for Coffee Hour, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

Wingfield Deanery seeks Board of Trustees representative

Would you like to get more involved with The Episcopal Church at the Diocesan level? Here's an opportunity:

The Wingfield Deanery (it includes Epiphany) needs a representative to sit on the Board of Trustees. Delegates to next month's Diocesan Convention will choose that person during a caucus on Nov. 7.

If you are interested in being considered for this position, contact Senior Warden Karen Nolan, 707-321-5103 or karen.s.nolan@gmail.com, as soon as possible. Names and a one-paragraph biography must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 31.



Church of the Epiphany

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