

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

May 5, 2024

Church of the Epiphany
Vacaville, CA

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Liturgy of the Word

BCP 361

Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 292

“O Jesus, crowned with all renown...”

1. O Jesus, crowned with all renown,
since thou the earth hast trod,
thou reignest and by thee come down
henceforth the gifts of God.
Thine is the health and thine the wealth
that in our halls abound,
and thine the beauty and the joy
with which the years are crowned.

2. Lord, in their change, let frost and heat,
and winds and dews be given;
all fostering power, all influence sweet,
breathe from the bounteous heaven.
Attemper fair with gentle air
the sunshine and the rain,
that kindly earth with timely birth
may yield her fruits again:

3. that we may feed the poor aright,
and, gathering round thy throne,
here, in the holy angel's sight,
repay thee of thine own:
That we may praise thee all our days,
and with the Father's Name,
and with the Holy Spirit's gifts,
the Savior's love proclaim.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

Hymnal S-280

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 on 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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All children (ages 6 - 18) are now invited to join Dr. Michele Lee and Kathleen Moran for Sunday School in the back room of the Parish Hal, where they will have a fun time learning about the Bible and Bible stories. Parents are welcome, too. The children will rejoin our worship service just before Communion..

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity

Epistle

1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers

the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 488

"Be Thou My Vision ..."

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Holy Gospel

John 15: 9-17

All stand.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

After the Gospel is read, the people respond as follows:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Kevin Phillips

Nicene Creed

All stand.

**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

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Celebrant or Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader: For Megan our Bishop; Rev. John, our priest, Rev. Kevin, and for all the faithful who serve in spirit of your Resurrection, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For our President, for all the members of Congress, for our Governor and all those in power, that they might be guided by the spirit of your sacrifice to serve your people without thought of gain and without discrimination, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the Christians in the Holy Land, that they may be safe and their faith remain strong. We pray that the sites where Jesus was born, lived, and died may be accessible to all people, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and ability to conserve it and for the willingness to share the abundance of her harvest among all your people so that no one will hunger, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the farmers and those who feed the hungry, for the firefighters and the peace officers, for the military and the peacekeepers. For those on our prayers list [*Insert prayer list here*] Let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the poor, the unemployed, prisoners and refugees and those who suffer any kind of oppression, and for all who remember and care for them, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For those who are elderly and alone, for those who are affected by illness or despair and for those who have lost contact with you, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the newly baptized. For the children to be, that they may be well as they wait to be born. For the newborns that they may flourish under the care of parents who love them as you have loved us and for all

children, tweens and teens, that your Spirit will guide them in lives of active faith, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For those who have recently departed this life, that they may be safe in your arms. For those who lost loved ones, that their loss and pain will be lessened as they remember the promise of your Resurrection, let us proclaim:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, We pray to the Risen Lord

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Peace

All stand.

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.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements may be made at this point in the service

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Offerings: *Stephen Leonetti (5/5), Aydan Cocuzza (5/7), Cookie Clark (5/8), Marcus Mann (5/10), Allana Thompson (5/10), Evan Evans (5/11)*

Holy Communion

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Offertory Anthem

"All are Welcome"

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 can end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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 dream 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.

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.

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.

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 and 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.

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine,
and money or other gifts, to the Celebrant or celebrant. The people stand while the
offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

Doxology

Hymnal 380 v. 3

"From all that dwell below the skies..."

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Celebrant and People

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.
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 S154

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.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 602

"Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love..."

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *[Refrain]*

2 Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,
Neighbors are nearby and far away. *[Refrain]*

3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love,
All are neighbors to us and you. *[Refrain]*

4 Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we were slaves;
This is the way we should live with you. *[Refrain]*

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.***

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional

Hymnal 344

"Lord Dismiss Us"

1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful
to thy truth may we be found;

3 so that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with thee in endless day.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives and faithfulness of Dr Bob Farmer.

SANCTUARY LAMP burns to the Glory of God.

TODAY'S SERVERS:

Altar Guild: Laura Grimm, Kathleen Cocuzza

8:00 Lector & Prayers: Inge Dyrud, LEM & Acolyte: Kathleen Cocuzza,
Usher: Emma Green, Kate Hitchcock

10:00 Lector & Prayers: Emma Green, Lay Eucharistic Minister & Acolyte:
Kathleen Moran, Usher: Laura Grimm

NEWCOMERS please make yourself known to one of the Clergy. We have a gift for you – and thank you for visiting us.

Today at Epiphany

Sunday School! During the 10 a.m. service, children ages 6 to 18 will be excused to meet in the Parish Hall Sunday School Room, then returned to the Sanctuary for the Eucharist.

Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark: After the 10 a.m. service in Rev. John's office. Led by the Rev. Kevin Phillips.

Daughters of the King: 11:30 a.m. today in the Parish Hall

Sacred Ground Circle for Epiphany & Grace-Fairfield: Hybrid (Zoom & in person at Epiphany), 1:30-3:30 p.m. today.

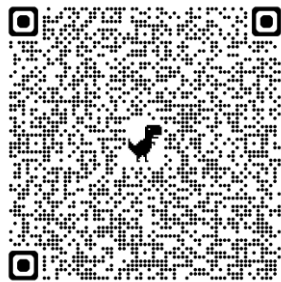
Upcoming Events

Confirmation Class: Hybrid (Zoom & in person at Epiphany) from 1:30-3:30 p.m. beginning May 12. Contact Rev. John for information.

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

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

Want to know more about the happenings in and around Church of the Epiphany? Read The Chatter, Epiphany's weekly newsletter that is sent out on Thursday afternoons. If you aren't already subscribed, you can sign up at the bottom of our web page (www.epiphanychurchvacaville.org/) or via this QR code:





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