



Easter Sunday

9:15 a.m.

April 5, 2026

Church of the Epiphany
Vacaville, CA

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Liturgy of the Word

Processional

Hymnal 207

"Jesus Christ is risen today..."

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia, 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

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.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

"Give thanks to the risen Lord!"

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen. (*Refrain*)

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Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

All stand.

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

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you
fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News
of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your

neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant then says

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The People are sprinkled with the water.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Risen Lord, stay with your people in this holy place as we pray saying, *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 pray:

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord**

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

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 pray:

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord**

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

Let us pray:

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord**

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

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord**

Reader: For the children to be, that they may be well as they wait to be born. For the newborns and newly baptized that they may flourish under the care of parents who love them as you have loved us and for the children, the tweens and the teens, that your Spirit will guide them in lives of active faith, let us pray:

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 pray:

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

All remain standing.

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.

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Offerings: *Mary Williams (4/5), Chelsea Breaw (4/10), Lucia Morgan (4/11)*

Flowering of the Cross

Children, parents, and all others are invited to come to cross at the side of the altar and use flowers to decorate it, while music is played.

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 204

"Now the green blade riseth ..."

1. Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain.
Thinking that never would he wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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

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.

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 him thanks and praise.**

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:

Sanctus

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!

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The people stand or kneel.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. (3X)

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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,

People and Celebrant

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed
for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!**

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that
Christ Died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

*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 Choir Anthem

"This is the day of Kingdom Come!"

Refrain:

Roll away the stone from the empty tomb:

This is the day of Kingdom Come!

Tell ev'ryone what God has done:

This is the day of Kingdom Come!

1. The One who came in innocence

Has taken on our sin;

He sacrificed to pay the price;
He died and rose again. (*Refrain*)

2. Jesus who was crucified
Is not among the dead;
Some will meet him on the road,
Some in the broken bread. (*Refrain*)

3. Alleluia to the Lamb,
Our Savior and our King!
Praise to the One who's overcome!
Lift up your voice and sing! (*Refrain*)

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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

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 Hymn

Hymnal 208

"The strife is o'er, the battle done..."

Antiphon: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

2. The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shout of holy joy out-burst. Alleluia!

3. The three sad days are quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

4. He closed the yawning gates of hell,
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell! Alleluia!

5. Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
From death's dread sting they servants free,
That we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

Antiphon: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit. Alleulia, Alleluia!

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS and THE SANCTUARY LAMP are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all our blessings.

TODAY'S SERVERS: Altar Guild: Kathleen Cocuzza; Lector: Inge Dryud; Prayers: Lucia Morgan; LEM/Acolyte Kathleen Cocuzza; Ushers: Emma Green and Chloe

To make a donation ...

Envelopes are available in the narthex and at the end of the pews to make donations to the Church of the Epiphany.

Offerings may also be left in the plate by the baptismal font at the church entrance. To give online, text LIGHT to 73256 or scan the QR code. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us extend God's love to our community.



Easter Flowers

The lilies in front of the altar were given by the following parishioners in memory of their loved ones:

Nicholas Carlson – Earl Gauger

Nancy Donnelly – Tina, Phyllis, Elmer and Eva Donnelly

Dotty Schenk – John and Margurite Schenk

Joan Tucker – William and John Tucker

Marty VanZandt – Ben & Alicia and Rocky & Avis

Kay Gerhardt – James & Eva Worrell

Today at Epiphany

Coffee Hour: After the service in the Parish Hall, provided this week by Daughter of the King. Please join us!

Upcoming Events

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.

Tuesday Feeding Program: Free lunch is served every Tuesday from 1-2 p.m.

Friday Feeding Program: Free dinner is served every Friday from 4:30-6 p.m.

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

Vestry Meeting, 11 a.m. Sunday, April 12, in the Sunday School room and by Zoom



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