



Morning Prayer
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 a.m.
July 26, 2026

Church of the Epiphany
Vacaville, CA

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Opening 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.

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People together, all kneeling

**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.**

Officiant (remains kneeling): Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory

All Stand

Leader Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Antiphon

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

BCP 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Then follows

The Psalm Appointed

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
 - 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
 - 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
 - 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
 - 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
 - 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
 - 7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.
 - 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
 - 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
 - 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
 - 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."
- 45b Hallelujah!

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Genesis 29:15-28

A Reading from Genesis.

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country — giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God**

First Canticle

"Give thanks with a grateful heart..."

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son. (x2)

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (x2)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

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Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Second Cantic

“The Spirit is a-movin’ all over this land.”

Refrain:

The Spirit is a-movin’ all over, all over this land.

The Spirit is a-movin’ all over, all over this land.

(Cantor/choir will sing verse)

1. Teach us your words, show us your ways;

Lord, we will follow you for all of our days. *(Refrain)*

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Verse based on Psalm 105:1,3*

The Third Reading

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Song of the Redeemed (*Revelation 15:3-4*)

BCP 94

Magna et mirabilia

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *

for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Homily

Kathleen Moran

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

Leader and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

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.

**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. Amen.**

The Prayers

BCP 97

Leader: God be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray

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.

Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Officiant then says the following Collect:

The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn

"I've got peace like a river..."

1. I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river.
I've got peace like a river
In my soul. *(Repeat)*
2. I've got joy like a fountain...
3. I've got love like an ocean...

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Intercessions

Leader: Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

Reader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to
conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and
the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those for whom our prayers have been requested [*read prayer list here*].
Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for
prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the
departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let
us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without
suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,
and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to
make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through
your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in
his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our
desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world
knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Then may be said

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 388 vv. 1-3

"O worship the King..."

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
Hath established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Concluding Prayer

Leader: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* (*Ephesians 3:20,21*)

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Offerings: *Elizabeth Heidel (7/26), Alexander Cocuzza (7/27)*

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God, and the **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life and faithfulness of the Epiphany Altar Guild

TODAY'S SERVERS:

Altar Guild: Mary Maloney, Kristen Jones

10:00 Lector: Kate Hitchcock; Prayers: Emma Green; Ushers: Mary Maloney, Kristen Jones

NEWCOMERS Please make yourself known to an usher. We thank you for visiting us.

THE OFFERING

Although there is no offering taken during Morning Prayer, all are invited to make a gift to support the Church of the Epiphany's sharing of God's love with our community. You may place your gift in the offering plate at the back of the church, by texting LIGHT to 73256, or by scanning the QR code.



Today at Epiphany

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

Fellowship of St. Andrew: 10:45 a.m. in the 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: 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday on the Epiphany Facebook page.

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

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

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

Daughters of the King: 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, in the Sunday School Room.

Vestry meeting: 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, in the Sunday School Room and by Zoom.



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of the community as we share God's love by feeding ALL.***

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