



# The First Sunday after the Epiphany

9:15 a.m.

January 11, 2026

Church of the Epiphany  
Vacaville, CA

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

## Holy Eucharist

### Liturgy of the Word

#### Processional

Hymnal 76

*"On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry ..."*

1. On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let each heart prepare a home  
Where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge, and our great reward;  
Without thy grace we waste away  
Like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
And bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth, and let thy light restore  
Earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
Whose advent doth thy people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People*      **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may 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.*

*Celebrant:* Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,

*People:* **Have mercy upon us**

**Gloria**

**Hymnal S-280**

*The following is sung, all standing*

**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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## First Reading

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 29** *Afferte Domino*

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## **Epistle**

**Acts 10:34-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: "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.**

*All stand.*

**Sequence Hymn**

**Hymnal 714**

*Shalom, my friends!*

Shalom, my friends, shalom my friends,  
Shalom, shalom.  
Shalom, my friends, shalom my friends,  
Shalom, shalom.

Shalom chaverim, shalom chaverim,  
Shalom, shalom.  
Shalom chaverim, shalom chaverim,  
Shalom, shalom.

**Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*      **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

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

## The Homily

The Rev. John Heidel, Rector-elect

### 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

## Form IV

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

*Intercessor:* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;

give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for: (read prayer list)

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*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**

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 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**

*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, Birthday and Anniversary Offerings:** *Jessica Graham (12/1),  
Michael Maloney (12/4), David Deerfeeder (12/4)*

## **The Holy Communion**

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

### **Offertory Hymn**

*"Every Knee Shall Bow"*

He is Lord, he is Lord.

He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.

Every knee shall bow,

Every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord.

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*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, BCP 361**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Hymn

Hymnal S-130

*Celebrant and People*



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
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,

*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.] 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.

*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.*

### **Organ Voluntary**

### **Communion Hymn**

**Hymnal 544**

*"Jesus shall reign..."*

1. Jesus shall reign where're the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown his head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realm of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where' re he reigns:  
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen.

*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 Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*



May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *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 448, vv. 1,2,3 & 6**

*"O love, how deep, how broad, how high..."*

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
How passing thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake.

2. For us baptized, for us he bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptations sharp he knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.

3. For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
For us his daily works he wrought;  
By words and signs and actions, thus  
Still seeking not himself, but us.

6. All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
For ever and forever more.

### **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.]**

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** and the **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns in  
Thanksgiving for the life and faithfulness of the Harriet Williams  
**TODAY'S SERVERS:**

Altar Guild: Kaye Gehardt, Kathleen Cocuzza,  
Lector and Prayers: Marty VanZandt, LEM/Acolyte: Evan Evans; Ushers:  
Kirsten Jones

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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.



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**New book & Bible study begins Jan. 14**

Epiphany's own Paul Murgatroyd will lead a Wednesday book and Bible  
discussion based on "The Gifts of the Jews" by Thomas Cahill, starting at 5:30  
p.m. Jan. 14. See Paul for more information or contact the office.

**Annual Crab Feeds support our Feeding Ministry**

Mark your calendars for our beloved parish tradition! Our Annual Crab Feeds  
bring our community together for fellowship, delicious food, and a wonderful  
cause. All proceeds support our Feeding Ministry, providing meals to our  
neighbors in need throughout the year. This year's dinners will be on  
Saturday, January 24, and Saturday, February 28. Tickets are \$80 and can be  
purchased from Emma Green or Evan Evans. For more information, contact  
Evan at 707-430-7367.

## *Today at Epiphany*

**Coffee Hour:** Following the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall. This week's coffee hour is sponsored by the Fellowship of St. Andrew.

### *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.

**Bible & Book Study:** 5:30 p.m. Jan. 14, based on "The Gifts of the Jews" by Thomas Cahill. See Paul Murgatroyd for details

**Deadline to turn in annual reports:** Jan. 16 – or before. Please email them to Joan in the church office.

**Vestry Meeting:** 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, in the Sunday School Room and by Zoom.

**Crab Feed I:** Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. See Emma Green or Evan Evans for tickets.

**Annual Meeting & Potluck:** 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, in the Parish Hall

**Crab Feed II:** Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. See Emma or Evan for tickets.



# Church of the Epiphany

*Epiphany exists to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the community as we share God's love by feeding ALL.*

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*The Members of the Congregation are the Ministers of the Church*