



# **The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:15 a.m.**

**August 23, 2026**

**Church of the Epiphany  
Vacaville, CA**

**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**

Proclamation

Hymnal 304 vv. 1 - 4

*"I come with joy to meet my Lord ..."*

1. I come with joy to meet my  
Lord,  
Forgiven, loved and free,  
In awe and wonder to recall  
His life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and  
near  
To find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love  
In Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids  
us share,  
Each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us  
one,  
And strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our  
Lord.  
His presence always near,  
Is in such friendship better known;  
We see and praise him here.

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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*

*(Note: Service music (S-) can be found in the front of the red hymnals in the pew racks.)*

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 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

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading**

**Exodus 1:8-2:10**

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to

oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the

Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 124**    *Nisi quia Dominus*

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

## Epistle

**Romans 12:1-8**

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

**Hymnal 536 v.4**

*"Open your ears ..."*

Open your ears, O faithful people,  
Open your ears and hear God's  
word.

Open your hearts, O royal  
priesthood,  
God has come to you.

God has spoken to his people,  
Hallelujah!

And his words are words of  
wisdom,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
God has spoken to his people,  
Hallelujah!  
And his words are words of  
wisdom,  
Hallelujah!

## **Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

*All stand*

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. John Heidel, *Rector***

**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

*Celebrant* Loving God, we give thanks for your healing love, for all that  
you do for us, known and unknown. We respond to our merciful  
God with "Lord, have mercy".

*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.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.***

*Celebrant:* 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.

**Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Offerings:** *Joan Heidel*  
(8/23)

## **Holy Communion**

**BCP 361**

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

## **Offertory Hymn**

*“He Will Raise You Up on Eagle’s Wings”*

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,  
My rock in whom I trust!”

*Refrain:*

And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear:  
Under his wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. (*Refrain*)

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. (*Refrain*)

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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.

## 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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

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.*

*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** (*Benoit*)

Book of Common Prayer

Based on "Where Charity and Love Prevail" by Paul Benoit OSB

Em D C D Em D C D Em G Am Em D Em

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Melody "Christian Love", CM

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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.

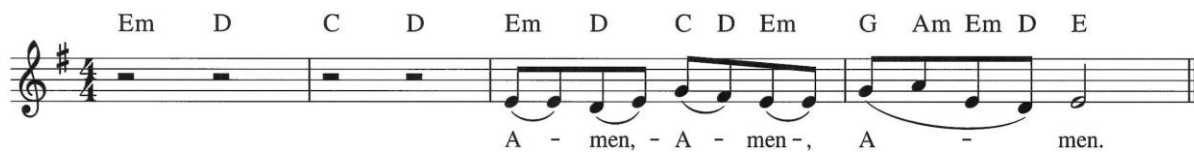
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your 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.

### **Great Amen** (*Benoit*)

Book of Common Prayer

Based on "Where Charity and Love Prevail" by Paul Benoit OSB



Melody "Christian Love", CM

*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.*

## **1<sup>st</sup> Communion Hymn**

*"One Bread, One Body; One Lord of All"*

*Refrain:*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless,  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
Woman or man no more. (*Refrain*)

2. Many the gifts, many the works,  
One in the Lord of all. (*Refrain*)

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and sown,  
Gathered to one for all. (*Refrain*)

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Communion Hymn**

*"You are Messiah, Savior and Lord"*

You are Messiah, Savior and Lord;  
You alone I adore.

You are Messiah, Savior and Lord;  
You alone I adore.

Let my prayer, like incense, rise to you;  
And the praise that you placed in my soul  
I give to you.

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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 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**

**Hymnal 525 vv. 1-3**

*"The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord..."*

1. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the word:  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;  
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

## **Dismissal**

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

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

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*After the service, please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee hour, this week provided by the Brotherhood of St Andrew*

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS and THE SANCTUARY LAMP** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Carol Graham.

**TODAY'S SERVERS:** Altar Guild: Mary Maloney, Kristen Jones; Lector: Kate Hitchcock and Prayers: Emma Green; LEM/Acolyte: Evan Evans; Usher: Mary Maloney, Kristen Jones

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**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.



*Today at Epiphany*

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

**Brotherhood of St. Andrew:** 11 a.m., 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, Sept. 6, in the Sunday School Room.



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**Baby Moses in the Nile** (*Exodus 2:1-10*)



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

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