

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 a.m.
November 8, 2026

Church of the Epiphany
Vacaville, CA

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Liturgy of the Word **BCP 355**

Processional Hymn **Hymnal 433**

"We gather together…"

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning"
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah

and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-7 *Attendite, populе*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

Epistle **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Reader: A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the

archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Living Epistle

Sequence Hymn
"Canticle of the Sun"

Refrain:

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and all creation is shouting for joy.
Come, dance in the forest,
come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

6. Praise for our death that makes our life real,
The knowledge of loss that helps us to feel;
The gift of yourself, your presence revealed
to lead us home. *(Refrain)*

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Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:1-13

All stand

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of

them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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: *Carol Marshall (11/8), Helen Blood (11/10)*

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 **Hymnal 411, vv. 1-5**

"O bless the Lord, my soul …"

1. O bless the Lord, my soul!
His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join
to bless his holy Name!

2. O bless the Lord, my soul!
His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits!
The Lord to thee is kind.

3. He will not always chide;
He will with patience wait;
His wrath is ever slow to rise
And ready to abate.

4. He pardons all thy sins,
Prolongs thy feeble breath;
He health thin infirmities
And ransoms thee from death.

5. He clothes thee with his love,
Upholds thee with his truth;
And like the eagle he renews
The vigor of thy youth.

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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image and called us to new life in 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 **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.

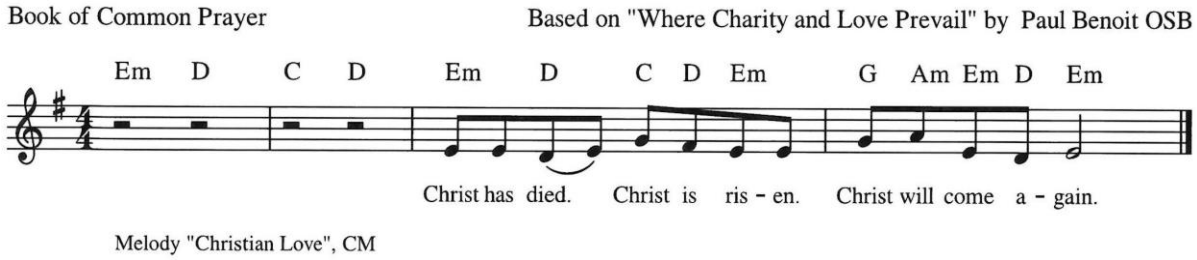
At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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)*



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The Celebrant continues

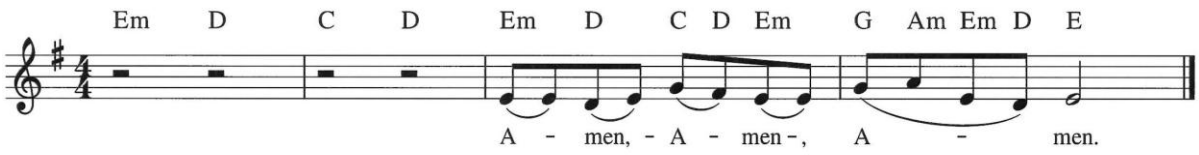
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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.

1st Communion Hymn **Hymnal 410**

"Praise, my soul, the King of heaven…"

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Ever more his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favor
To his people in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

2nd Communion Hymn
"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me,
Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.

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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 Lord bless and keep you; may He make His Face shine upon you and be merciful to you; may He turn His Countenance toward you and give you His Peace! 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 423**

"Immortal, Invisible, God only wise …"

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all,
We blossom and flourish like leaves on a tree,
Then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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!**

After the service, please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee hour, this week provided by Epiphany's Vestry.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS and THE SANCTUARY LAMP are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Harriet Williams.
TODAY'S SERVERS: Altar Guild: Kathleen Cocuzza, Kaye Gerhardt; Lector & Prayers: Marty VanZandt; LEM/Acolyte: Evan Evans; Usher: 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.

Church of the Epiphany is blessed to offer a chance to earn or renew a CPR/AED Certification for Adults and Children. The cost is only $13, which covers the American Heart Association certification card. Classes will be held:

- Friday, November 13, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at MOR Safety Services, 669 Merchant Street, Vacaville. (The office is in the shopping center behind Pietro's #2, across from City Hall.)
- Sunday, November 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Church of the Epiphany.

Each class is limited to 10 people and is first-come, first-served, with priority given to Feeding Program leaders. Pre-registration is required and may be done online: https://forms.gle/PpxFGUyrCHmnmFtL6

Attendees are asked to borrow or purchase the American Heart Association's Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider Manual (2025 edition) and review it before the class. Epiphany has five copies available to borrow. Details on purchasing the books are in this week's Chit-Chat newsletter and on the registration page.

Today at Epiphany

Coffee Hour: After the service in the Parish Hall, provided this week by Epiphany's Vestry. Please join us!

Epiphany Vestry: Meets at 11 a.m. in the Sunday School Room and on Zoom.

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, Nov. 15, in the Sunday School Room.

CPR/AED "Heartsaver" Training: Sunday, Nov. 15, at Epiphany. Cost: $13. Preregistration required: https://forms.gle/PpxFGUyrCHmnmFtL6

Brotherhood of St. Andrew: Meets at 11 a.m. the fourth Sunday of the month in the Sunday School Room. The next meeting will be Nov. 22.

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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