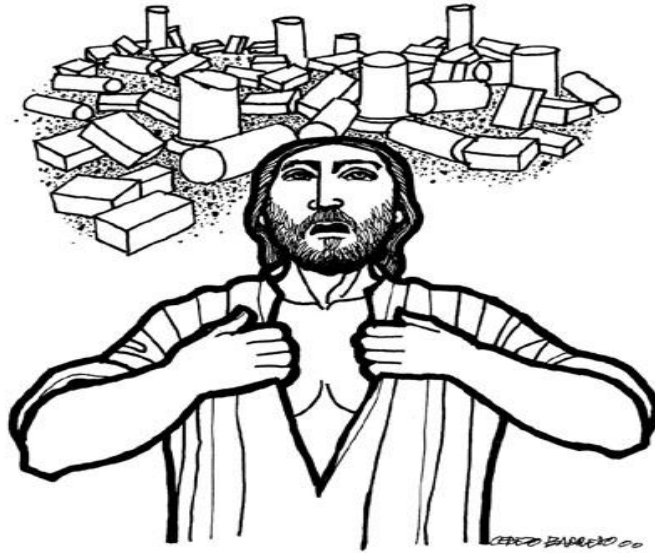




The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

9:15 a.m.

November 16, 2025

**Church of the Epiphany
Vacaville, CA**

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Holy Eucharist

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate!..."

1 O Christ, the Word Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from our dear Master
received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to thee.

3 O make thy Church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see thee face to face.

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Epistle

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to The Thessalonians

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

Living Epistle

The Rev. John Heidel

Sequence Hymn

"Open our hearts to make this vow..."

Refrain:

Open our hearts to make this vow:
To use our eyes to see you now,
To use our hands to do your work,
That we may be your love observed.

6. Shout now to the Lord all nations!
Proclaim all the Lord has done!
God remembers us with mercy;
Sing to God a brand new song! *[Refrain]*

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Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places

famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

Sermon

The Rev. John Heidel

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

Celebrant: Called as we all are to give Jesus to the world, in faith we gather as a Church in prayer, asking our Gracious God to hear our needs and the needs of all who asked us to remember them in our prayers:

Reader: As if speaking in tongues, let your spirit descend upon us.

People: ***Breathe on me, breath of God***

Reader: We pray for your Universal Church, its members and its mission.

We pray for Presiding Bishop Sean, for Bishop Megan, for our diocese and for this congregation. We pray for Rev. John, Rev. Katherine and for our church leadership.

People: ***God be in our faith, our mission, and our parish.***

Reader: We pray for our nation and those in authority. Help them align their spirit with yours and end division with a sincere, peaceful and helpful disposition.

People: God give us grace with a peaceful and helpful disposition.

Reader: We pray for the welfare of the world. Like the Spirit of God helped overcome the barriers of nationality, language, and social status, we pray that all the people of the world can overcome their differences with unity, peace and understanding.

People: God be in our heads and in our understanding.

Reader: We pray for the concerns of our local community and its resources. Let us be aware of opportunities to serve and not shut our eyes because we don't want to see protests, lines of hungry people, grieving families, and those who are different than ourselves.

People: God be in our eyes and in our looking.

Reader: We pray for those who suffer and those in any trouble. Let us not say hurtful, cynical or mean-spirited things. Let us speak as one body to find words of encouragement and faith, especially to our children and the vulnerable.

People: God be in our mouths and in our speaking.

Reader: We pray for peace from above, for your loving kindness, and for the salvation of our souls. We pray especially for (read Prayer List here). With all our heart and mind,

People: God be in our hearts and in our loving.

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 of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Bishop, when present, or 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

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: *Catlyn McCord (11/19), Thom Maloney (11/20), Emma Green (11/21), Leonardo Cocuzza (11/21)*

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, and offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory

"Sing to God a Brand New Canticle"

1. Sing to God a brand new, brand new canticle
And fill the valleys with a new song.
Fill the valleys, yes, and go fill the cities, too,
And sing the ancient allelu.
Israel, let your joy be God and sing:
Praise the Lord in everything.

Refrain:

Alleluia, praise the Lord,
And let the nations
Shout and clap their hands for joy.
Let the nations
Shout and clap their hands for joy. Oh...

2. Sing to God a brand new, brand new canticle
And fill the valleys with a new song.
Fill the valleys, yes, and go fill the cities, too,
And sing the ancient allelu.
For the Lord is a God of love,
Come to free all the poor with victory. (Refrain)

3. Sing to God a brand new, brand new canticle
And fill the valleys with a new song.
Fill the valleys, yes, and go fill the cities, too,
And sing the ancient allelu.
For the Lord is a King of Kings,
God on high in whose love we'll never die. (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.

Blessing of the Pledge Cards

The 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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

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 the Angels and
Archangels, and with the company of heaven, who forever 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. 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.

Celebrant and People

**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

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.

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 325

"Let us break bread together...!"

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees. *[Refrain]*

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees. *[Refrain]*

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.***

Collect for Transgender Awareness Week

God of glory, whose wisdom appears foolish to this world: illumine trans, non-binary, and two spirit people with the light of your love. Gather up our fervent prayers, entrusted to you in time of trouble. Give us the joy of your saving help and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit, for you are the source of our life in Christ Jesus who became Wisdom from God, and to you we give glory, one holy and undivided Trinity.

Priest's 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 482

"Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy...!"

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Don't be shy: Sing along!

At Church of the Epiphany, everyone is invited to sing with the ensemble during the service. Words are printed in the bulletin. When a hymnal number is listed, the music can be found in the red 1982 Hymnal located in the pews. (You are also welcome to attend rehearsals at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays.)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives and faithfulness of the Reed Squier

TODAY'S SERVERS:

Altar Guild: Maxine Wakefield, Lector: Dottie Schenk, Prayers: Kathleen Cocuzza, LEM/Acolyte: Kathleen Moran, Usher: Emma Green

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Changes to next Sunday's worship schedule

Epiphany's morning Eucharist service will be **at 8 a.m.** next Sunday, Nov. 23.

At 10 a.m., Epiphany will participate in an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Unity of the Valley Spiritual Center, 350 N Orchard Ave, Vacaville. A potluck meal will follow the service. Unity will provide the main course (ham and turkey) and we are asked to bring sides dishes or desserts.

Transgender Awareness Week

November 13-19 is Transgender Awareness Week, a time to increase understanding about transgender people and the issues they face. The week always precedes November 20, which is Transgender Day of Remembrance, an annual observance honoring the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

At a time when discrimination and violence are increasing against all LGBTQIA+ people – especially those who are transgender – Bishop Megan, our diocesan Commission for Intercultural Ministries and its Rainbow Ministry team have signed onto a proclamation commending both Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance “to the prayers and reflections of our congregations and communities.”

A link to the proclamation was included in the most recent Chit-Chat email. Today's service includes a special prayer for Transgender Awareness Week.

Volunteer Opportunity

Altar Guild: With extra services during the upcoming holidays, our Altar Guild needs help. If you can volunteer to “set the table” once or twice a month, please speak with Kathleen Cocuzza, or email her at kathycczz@gmail.com

Today at Epiphany

Coffee Hour: After the service in the Parish Hall. Please join us!

Vestry meeting: 11a.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: online: 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday on the Epiphany Facebook page.

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

Rite II Eucharistic Service: 8 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Epiphany.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service: 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Unity of the Valley Spiritual Center, 350 N Orchard Ave, Vacaville.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Epiphany.
(Note new time!)

Thanksgiving Day Service: 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, at Grace Episcopal Church, 1405 Kentucky St, Fairfield.

Advent Preparation/Greening of the Church: 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29.
Come help us clean and decorate Epiphany for the holiday season!

Merriment on Main: 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2. Epiphany will be serving hot chocolate.



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