



The Third Sunday in Lent

9:15 a.m.

March 8, 2026

Church of the Epiphany
Vacaville, CA

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Processional

Hymnal 473

"Lift high the cross..."

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (*Refrain*)

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (*Refrain*)

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee (*Refrain*)

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (*Refrain*)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Celebrant then 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.*

Trisagion Hymn

Holy God, holy and mighty,
Holy Immortal One:
Have mercy; have mercy on us. *(Sing three times)*

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 17:1-7

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus*

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

Epistle

Romans 5:1-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a

good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

“Open our hearts, O Lord...”

Open our hearts, O Lord,
That we might live for you,
Hungry to hear your Word
All of our days.
Lord, let us walk with you,
Trusting in all you do,
Your pilgrim people who
Follow your Way. *(Repeat)*

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Holy Gospel

John 4:5-42

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to

the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

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 for Lent

Celebrant: Let us offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures. With penitent hearts we pray, "God of glory, guide us."

Reader: O God, we seek you eagerly, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. Guide us with your mighty hand and outstretched arm.

People: **God of glory, guide us.**

Reader: Jesus Christ, Son of God, guide us in truth. Guide us in love. We pray for your church throughout the world. We pray for Presiding Bishop Sean, Bishop Megan and our Rector, John. With penitent hearts we pray,

People: **God of glory, guide us.**

Reader: We pray for the leaders of nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and for the well-being of its peoples, creatures, and plants that dwell upon it. Where we live in righteousness strengthen us; whenever we have lost our way, guide us. With penitent hearts we pray,

People: **God of glory, guide us.**

Reader: We pray for your world that is fractured by greed and fear, and by privilege and discrimination; through your Christ make us one with yourself, not counting our trespasses, but grafting us to your gospel that we may be transformed. With penitent hearts we pray,

People: **God of glory, guide us.**

Reader: We pray for our family, friends and neighbors who are laboring beneath burdens too heavy to bear; for refugees, immigrants and for those without homes or adequate employment; for respectable households concealing domestic violence or addiction. Join our hearts and hands to yours, that together we may provide them a way out and give them strength to endure. With penitent hearts we pray,

People: **God of glory, guide us.**

Reader: We pray for those who have died and for those who suffer illness, want and need. We pray especially for (*Read prayer list here*). With penitent hearts we pray,

People: **God of glory, guide us.**

Reader: May everything that has passed away be gathered into Christ's new creation; may all see your goodness in the land of the living. Gracious

God, our refuge and stronghold, guide your people through our Lenten wilderness, have mercy on us. With penitent hearts we pray,

People: **God of glory, guide us.**

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.*

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: *Maxine Wakefield (3/9), John Goodwin (3/10), Ashley Barr (3/11)*

Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 686

"Come, thou fount of every blessing!"

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I find my greatest treasure;
Hither, by thy help, I've come;

And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Doxology

Hymnal 380 v3

Praise God, from who 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 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.**

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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:

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.

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-161

"Lamb of God..."

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

No matter who you are, whom you love, or where you are on your journey, we invite all people to join us at God's table for Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like a blessing, please come to the railing and cross your arms on your chest.

Communion Hymn

"Be fed and be known..."

1. People of faith, people of journey,
people still searching for where they belong:

Refrain:

Come to this house, come to this table;
love bids you welcome. Be fed and be known.

2. No more a stranger, no more an outcast,
no longer left to find your way alone. (*Refrain*)

3. Let those who thirst taste living water,
and share this bread till hunger is gone. (*Refrain*)

4. Your very life is invitation.
Let grace abound and all fear be gone. (*Refrain*)

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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.

Solemn Prayer over the People

The Celebrant says,

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Recessional

Hymnal 690

"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah..."

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.
Feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth
flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's
destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power
of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SANCTUARY LAMP burns to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for
the ministry of Billy and Rose Burton

TODAY'S SERVERS:

Altar Guild: Kaye Gehardt; Kathleen Cocuzza

Lector and Prayers: Marty VanZandt; **Acolyte:** Evan Evans

Usher: Kristen Jones

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. Please join us!

Vestry Meeting, 10:45 a.m. today in the Sunday School room and by Zoom

Upcoming Events

Daily Morning Prayer: 8 a.m. Mondays-Saturdays on Epiphany's Facebook Live page.

Nightly Compline Service: 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday on the Epiphany Facebook page.

Tuesday Feeding Program: Free lunch is served every Tuesday from 1-2:30 p.m.

The Gifts of the Jews book & Bible study: 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Parish Hall.

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

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

Worship Committee Meeting: 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, by Zoom.



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