



# **The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**9:15 a.m.**

**September 14, 2025**

**Church of the Epiphany  
Vacaville, CA**

**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**

## Holy Eucharist

### Liturgy of the Word

#### Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 470

*"There's a wideness in God's mercy..."*

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
2. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.  
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
3. For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;  
And our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

*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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully  
grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **First Reading**

**Exodus 32:7-14**

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 51:1-11**     *Miserere mei, Deus*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Epistle**

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I

received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn**

*Holy Spirit, Come, Inspire...*

Holy Spirit, Come, Inspire...

Holy Spirit, come, inspire.

Fill us with the love of Christ.

Kindle in our hearts your love divine.

Holy Spirit, come, inspire.

4. Let us be your healing touch,

Let us find you in the poor;

Let us be their sign that you are here

Always and forever more.

Holy Spirit, come, inspire.

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### **Holy Gospel**

**Luke 15:1-10**

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

**Sermon**

**The Reverend John Heidel**

**Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 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:** *Sharon Cocuzza (9/14), Kathleen Cocuzza (9/15), Miranda Kirby (9/16)*

## **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 Hymn**

**Hymnal 438**

*"What wondrous love is this..."*

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To lay aside his crown  
For my soul, for my soul,  
To lay aside his crown for my soul?

2. To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme  
I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme  
I will sing.

3. And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity I'll sing on,  
I'll sing on;  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

### **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.

### **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.

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

*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 671**

*"Amazing grace!...."*

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.**

***Amen.***

### **Priest's Blessing**

May 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 Hymn

Hymnal 569, vs. 1, 3 & 4

*"God the Omnipotent! .... "*

1 God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest  
thunder thy clarion, the lightning thy sword;  
show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest:  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

3 God, the All-righteous One! Earth hath defied thee;  
yet to eternity standeth thy word,  
falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside thee:  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

4 God the All-provident! earth by thy chastening  
yet shall to freedom and truth be restored;  
through the thick darkness thy kingdom is hastening:  
thou wilt give peace in our time, O Lord.

## Dismissal

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

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

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**Don't be shy: Sing along!**

At Church of the Epiphany, everyone is invited to sing with the ensemble during the service. You'll find the words 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.)

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives and faithfulness of the Mrs William Hay

**TODAY'S SERVERS:**

Altar Guild: Kaye Gehardt, Kathleen Cocuzza

Lector: Dotty Schenk, Prayers: David Deerfeeder, LEM/Acolyte: Evan Evans,

Usher: Kristen Jones

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*Today at Epiphany*

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

**Brotherhood of St. Andrew introductory meeting:** 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

*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.

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

**National Night Out at Epiphany,** 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7.

## **Volunteer Opportunities!**

Looking for a way to get more involved at Epiphany or to serve the church community? Here are some current opportunities. To volunteer, contact the person listed or let the church office know you are interested.

### **National Night Out**

Vacaville will be observing National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 7, and we would like to invite our church family and neighbors to gather at Epiphany between 5 and 8 p.m. If you would like help plan the event, please contact Senior Warden Karen Nolan: karen.s.nolan@gmail.com or 707-321-5103

### **Stewardship Committee**

Providing ways for those who attend Epiphany to support it financially is the job of the stewardship committee, which is being reorganized. If you would like to serve on the committee, talk to Tony or email him at echistorian@gmail.com.

### **Sunday Counters**

After the Sunday service, a team documents the pledge payments and donations that Epiphany has received. If you can help with this one Sunday a month, please talk to Eric or email him at erjones@gmail.com.

### **Live-stream operator**

Each week, our 9:15 a.m. service is livestreamed by a team that is looking for a few more people to fill in or take a regular turn operating the system. To volunteer, talk to Tony or email him at echistorian@gmail.com.

### **Coffee Hour**

If you can help set up, clean up or provide goodies for Coffee Hour, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board.



# Church of the Epiphany

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