



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m.

May 3, 2026

Church of the Epiphany
Vacaville, CA

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 518 vv. 1-3

"Christ is made the sure foundation ..."

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.

2. All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.

3. To this temple where we call thee,
Come, O lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving kindness
Hear thy servants as they pray,
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.*

Gloria

The following is sung, all standing

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from the First Book of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

"Give thanks to the risen Lord!"

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

1. You are the Way, the Truth and the Life;
You lead us now to eternal life. (*Refrain*)

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Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

All stand.

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may

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: Risen Lord, stay with your people in this holy place as we
pray saying, *Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord*

Reader: For our President, for all the members of Congress, for our
Governor and all those in power, that they might be guided by the spirit

of your sacrifice to serve your people without thought of gain and without discrimination, let us pray:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the Christians and all those in the Holy Land, that they may remain safe and their faith remain strong. We pray that the sites where Jesus was born, lived, and died may be at peace and accessible to all people.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and ability to conserve it and for the willingness to share the abundance of her harvest among all your people so that no one will hunger, let us pray:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the farmers and for those who feed the hungry, for the firefighters and the peace officers, for the military and the peacekeepers. For those on our prayer list [*Insert prayer list here*] Let us pray:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the poor, the unemployed, for prisoners and refugees and those who suffer any kind of oppression, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray. For those who are elderly and alone, for those who are affected by illness or despair and for those who have lost contact with you, let us pray:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For the children to be, that they may be well as they wait to be born. For the newborns and newly baptized that they may flourish under the care of parents who love them as you have loved us and for the children, the tweens and the teens, that your Spirit will guide them in lives of active faith, let us pray:

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord

Reader: For those who have recently departed this life, that they may be safe in your arms. For those who lost loved ones, that their loss and pain

will be lessened as they remember the promise of your Resurrection, let us pray:

People: **Alleluia, Alleluia, we pray to the Risen Lord**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All remain standing.

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: *Lauren Favella (5/3), Stephen Leonetti+ (5/5), Aydan Cocuzza (5/7), Cookie Clark (5/8)*

Holy Communion

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

Offertory Hymn

"You, O Lord, are my cornerstone..."

Refrain:

You, O Lord, are my cornerstone;

Though the builders reject you,

I choose you alone.

You, O Lord, are my cornerstone;

Though the world may reject you,

I choose you alone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord,
For God is good;
You know his mercy lasts forever.
If you need to hide,
Hide in his love,
You know his love lives on forever. *[Refrain]*

2. In times of distress,
Call on the Lord;
You know his mercy lasts forever.
When you feel alone,
Trust in God's love,
Because his love lives on forever. *[Refrain]*

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Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Celebrant or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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!

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

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,

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, Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed
for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia!**

Fraction Anthem

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.

Communion Hymn 1

Hymnal 490

"I want to walk as a child of the light..."

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. *[Refrain]*

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ,
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *[Refrain]*

Communion Hymn 2

Hymnal 711

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God..."

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
Seek, and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, alleluia!

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 Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 366 vv. 1, 2 & 4

"Holy God, we praise thy Name!"

1. Holy God, we praise thy Name,
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark, the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,

In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord;
holy, holy, holy Lord!

4. Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim thee;
Then, adoring, bend the knee
And confess the mystery.

Dismissal

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

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

Melodies for the Gloria, Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen and Fraction Anthem are from the Mass for the People of Epiphany, (c)2025 Rev. Dr. David Deerfeeder CSSF, DeerfeederSongs

THE ALTAR FLOWERS and THE SANCTUARY LAMP are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Lawrence and Elsie Chandler

TODAY'S SERVERS: Altar Guild: Kathleen Cocuzza, Viktoria Douglas;
Lector: Inge Dyrud and Prayers: Lucia Morgan: LEM/Acolyte Kathleen Cocuzza; Usher: Liz Sickels

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.



Sign up to help with Barbecue

Help is needed on Saturday, May 16, to ensure that our sold-out crowd can fully enjoy the Breezeway Barbecue and Country Concert to raise funds for our church music program.

Jobs include:

- Setting up for the event (start time: 9 a.m.)
- Cooking and serving (Emma will contact you about time)
- Cleaning up afterward (start time: approx. 2 p.m.)

In addition, we could use **four more pop-up tents** to ensure plenty of shade while dining.

If you can help, please note it on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex by Sunday, May 10. Or contact Emma at 707-330-1493.

Sign up for “Invite, Welcome, Connect” study

A six-week study of the book “Invite, Welcome, Connect” begins at 5 p.m. Monday, May 11. If you are interested, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Karen Nolan, 707-321-5103 or karen.s.nolan@gmail.com.

Today at Epiphany

Coffee Hour: After the service in the Parish Hall, provided this week by Daughters of the King (DOK). Please join us! We will also be packing bags of “Anytime Snacks” for our hungry neighbors; all ages can help!

Daughters of the King: 11 a.m. today 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: 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday on the Epiphany Facebook page.

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

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

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

Vestry Meeting, 11 a.m. Sunday, May 10, in the Sunday School room and by Zoom

“Invite, Welcome, Connect” book study: Starts 5 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the Sunday School Room. (Please use West Street entrance.) If you are interested in joining, sign up in the Narthex.

Breezeway Barbecue & Country Concert: 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Epiphany. Benefit for our Music Program. Tickets are sold out, but help is still needed. Sign up in the Narthex.



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

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