



# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m.  
May 17, 2026

Church of the Epiphany  
Vacaville, CA

**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**

## Liturgy of the Word

### Processional Hymn

“All are welcome in this place!”

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
And all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
Rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach  
Beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach  
And live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
Bear the image of God's face:  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
Their songs and visions heard,  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
As words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

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*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.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## Collects for Pride Month

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

God of all Creation, you have made us in your image, a rainbow of every color, culture, gender expression, language, orientation, and nation; we give thanks for the diversity of your creation. Help us to hold one another closely, in love, compassion, and celebration, that we may give thanks that we are all your children. In the name of Jesus, we offer our prayer. *Amen.*

## First Reading

**Acts 1:6-14**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has

come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36** *Exsurgat Deus*

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence  
of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into  
freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

## Epistle

**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

A reading from the First Book of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If

you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen

*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. Sing to the Lord and bless his name;  
How wonderful is our God of love! (*Refrain*)

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### **Holy Gospel**

**John 17:1-11**

*All stand.*

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Will McGarvey**

**Nicene Creed**

*All stand.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant:* 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:** *Margaret Leroy (5/17), Veva Stone (5/18), Tony Yang (5/18), Zoey Jones (5/18), Tara McCord (5/20), Aric Breaw (5/21), Denise Peavey (5/23)*

### **Holy Communion**

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

#### **Offertory Hymn**

**Hymnal 494 vv. 1-3**

*"Crown him with many crowns!"*

1. Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own;

Awake my soul and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God  
Before the worlds began,  
And ye who tread where he hath trod,  
Crown him the Son of man;  
Who every grief hath known  
That wrings the human breast,  
And takes and bears them for his own,  
That all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those he came to save;  
His glories now we sing  
Who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.

### **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**

*"We're a Circle Ever-Wid'ning..."*

*Refrain:*

We're a circle ever-wid'ning  
Like a ripple on the water,  
Spreading God's love flowing outward  
To all children of the Father.

1. None are strangers, none are orphans,  
None are left behind or lost.

There's a circle flowing outward  
From the center of the cross. *(Refrain)*

2. No more hunger, no more sorrow,  
For the Lord has paid the cost.

There's a circle flowing outward  
From the center of the cross. *(Refrain)*

3. All are welcome, all are home, now,  
All are free at last because  
There's a circle flowing outward  
From the center of the cross.

We're a circle flowing outward  
From the center of the cross.

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## Communion Hymn 2

*"Be not afraid..."*

1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Chorus:*

Be not afraid, I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters, in the sea you shall not drown.  
If you walk among the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell, and death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all. (*Chorus*)

3. Blessed are your poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs,  
Blest are you who weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh,  
And if wicked men insult and hate you, all because of me,  
Blessed-blessed, are you. (*Chorus*)

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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

**to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

May the God who created you in love, the Christ who redeems you in grace, and the Holy Spirit who sustains you in courage bless you and keep you. *Amen.*

May this Church be for you a place of welcome, a table of belonging, and a community of holy joy. *Amen.*

May we go forth to proclaim justice, practice compassion, and bear witness that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

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

### **Recessional Hymn**

**Hymnal 450 vv. 1-3**

“All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!”

1. All hail the power of Jesus’ Name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

2. Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call:

Praise him whose way of pain ye trod and crown him Lord of all!

Praise him whose way of pain ye trod and crown him Lord of all!

3. Hail him, the Heir of David’s line whom David Lord did call,

The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!

The God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!

## 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*

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*After the service, please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour, provided this week by The Episko-Katz (choir).*

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS and THE SANCTUARY LAMP** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Kilpatrick

**TODAY'S SERVERS:** Altar Guild: Maxine Wakefield, Viktoria Douglas; Lector: Dottie Schenk; Prayers: Kathleen Cocuzza; LEM/Acolyte Nick Carlson; Usher: Emma Green

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### **To make a donation ...**

Envelopes are available in the narthex and at the end of the pews to make donations to the Church of the Epiphany. Offerings may also be left in the plate by the baptismal font at the church entrance. To give online, text LIGHT to 73256 or scan the QR code. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us extend God's love to our community.



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### **Sign up to staff Suisun Pride table**

Epiphany is partnering with three other Episcopal churches to staff a table at the countywide Pride Festival on Sunday, May 31, on the Suisun City Waterfront. We are providing the glitter blessings! If you can take a 2-hour shift, please sign up in the Narthex.



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