

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST WE WELCOME YOU
SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Episcopal Church

Temecula, California



MISSION STATEMENT

To share Christ's life-changing love with all people, invite and welcome them into the Body of Christ, and equip them for worship, ministry, and service.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

✠ **YEAR A** ✠

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016 ✠ 5 PM

We're glad that you are here! If you are a visitor, we want to greet you and get to know you. If you have not done so, please sign the Guest Book. Whether you are looking for a church home or just passing through, we would be glad to tell you more about Saint Thomas of Canterbury.



A PET-FRIENDLY MISSION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

5:00 PM – THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO WITH PAGEANT

Prelude

THE RINGING OF THE BELL SIGNALS THAT OUR WORSHIP IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.
PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

O Come, All Ye Faithful / Adeste Fideles



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. ♪ God of — God, — Light — of — Light, —
3. ♪ Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Lo! He comes forth from the Vir - gin's womb.
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Our ver - y God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted,
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE SONG OF PRAISE

GLORIA

Hymn 96 (*Stzs 1, 2*) *Angels, we have heard on high*

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Gloria...in excelsis Deo. Gloria...in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria...in excelsis Deo. Gloria...in excelsis Deo.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light:
Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him
perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit, he lives and reigns, one God, in
glory everlasting.

People: *Amen.*

THE CANTERBURY PLAYERS' CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Photography is permitted during the Pageant. Please be careful when taking photographs during the performance to avoid distracting the Players. At the conclusion of the performance, during the singing of Go Tell It On The Mountain, there will be an opportunity for group photographs.

Where indicated, the congregation sings the portion of the hymn designated. The congregation remains seated during this singing.

Hymn 56 (*Stz 1*) *O come, o come Emmanuel* **Please remain seated**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Hymn 79 (*Stz 1*) *O little town of Bethlehem* **Please remain seated**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Hymn 87 (Stz 1) *Hark, the herald angels sing* Please remain seated

Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th' angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Hymn 128 (Stz 1) *We three kings of Orient are* Please remain seated

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Hymn 99 *Go tell it on the mountain* Group photo opportunity

All of the Canterbury Players and crew assemble on the chancel steps for group photographs to be taken by friends and family.



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and
ev - 'ry - where; Go tell it on the
moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!
1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The
si - lent flocks by night, Be - hold through - out the
lo! a - bove the earth Rang out the an - gel
hum - ble Christ was born, And God sent us sal -
D.C.
heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth

THE NICENE CREED

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Celebrant and People

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

BCP, P. 387

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

MUSICAL OFFERING

Christmas Celebration

Wendi Turk, Piano

The First Nowell

1. The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say, Was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin-ing

cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay; In
in the east, be - yond them far, And

fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep, On a
to the earth it gave great light, And

cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

BCP, p. 369

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

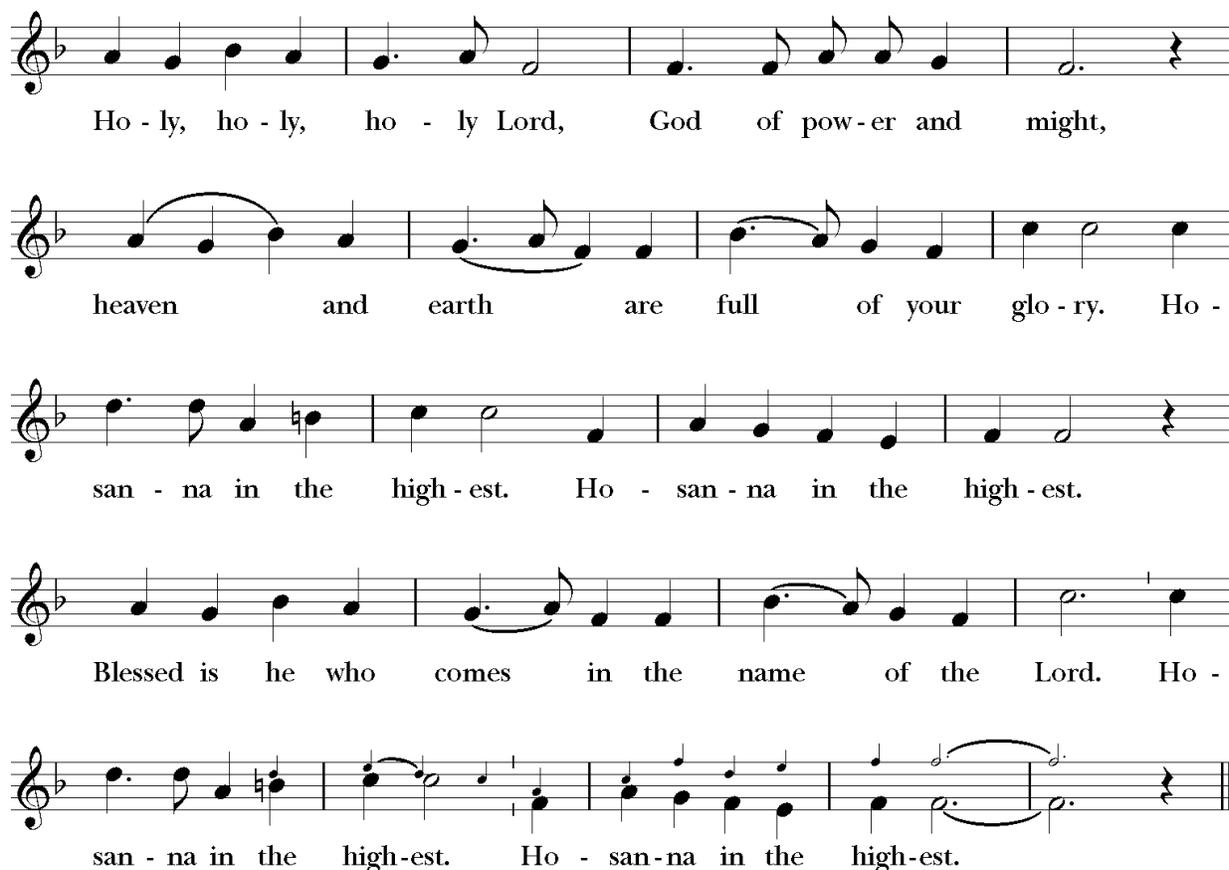
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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Celebrant and People:

THE SANCTUS: *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (PROULX) S 125*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer continues on p. 371.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE *(If you prefer gluten-free bread, please inform the priest.) All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you are unable to go to the Altar for Communion, please notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you. If you would like to bring your pet with you to the Communion Rail for a blessing, please do so.*

CAROLS DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 115, *What Child Is This?*

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh
Come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

Hymn 105, *God rest you merry, gentlemen*

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

2. From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds Brought tiding of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

3. "Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

4. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and charity each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

Hymn 111, *Silent night, holy night*

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant *and People*: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.
Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **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.**

Hymn 100 (omit Stz. 3)

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let us our songs employ,
While fields and floods, Rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
CELEBRANT / PREACHER	<i>The Reverend Eleanor Ellsworth</i>
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