

Saint Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church
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A Mission of the Diocese of San Diego
The Right Reverend Susan Brown Snook, Bishop
Gathering via Zoom in Temecula and Surrounding Communities!

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2020 9 o'clock in the morning

Announcements

Backpack Sunday In-Gathering for Rancho Damacitas

This week we've been collecting school supplies to be donated to the children at Rancho Damacitas - a list of suggestions is in the latest issue of the Canterbury Tales.

A Collection Box is outside the Church Doors now,
and Mother Julie will be there until 2 pm if you'd like to drop by.

If you'd like to support this effort and find shopping difficult,
you're welcome to mail or drop off a check with "Backpack" in the Memo Section.

Then, it's Back-to-School Time

Sunday, August 16th, we'll offer blessings and prayers for the students and educators in our Saint Thomas family who begin this school year in very different circumstances.

RECYCLING

Wednesday, August 12, gather up your (sorted) glass, clear plastic, and aluminum cans;
drop them at the Church before 11 a.m.

Recycling Proceeds will be used to enhance our grounds.

Contact Chantel Blas if you need to make other drop-off arrangements.

Blood Drive - Saturday, August 22

We will host a Red Cross Blood Drive later this month. There is a significant shortage of available blood, so we are making a special appeal to those able to donate - please go to www.redcross.com to make an appointment. Some locations are gifting donors with a small gift card as incentive to donate; if you donate and receive one of these cards, we're happy to collect them at St Thomas and forward them to Rancho Damacitas as part of our Back-to-School support.

Have you seen the latest Instagram post from St Thomas?

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“Hear the Word of God” every Tuesday at 2 p.m. Lani-Karyn Jones introduces then read passages of the Bible. This is a time to immerse yourself in the beloved Word, to let it wash over you, and carry you into deeper relationship with God and the human family. Zoom Meeting ID: 812 1569 2448 No Password Required.

Thank You for keeping your pledge current;

Payments can be made through the mail, or electronically via the Donate button on the Saint Thomas website www.episcopalchurchtemecula.org



School Supplies and Backpack Blessings

God of Wisdom, at the threshold of a new school year, so different from others we've known, we pray especially for the children of Rancho Damacitas who will use the materials we've gathered here. We give you thanks for school gatherings and for the teachers and students who utilize them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. Today we give you thanks for all your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May these school supplies be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen.

*Today's Worship Leaders include:
Marimel Almodiel, Melmar Almodiel, Jim Bohlin, Aaron Hill, Cynthia McCormick,
rank Simpson, Mary Lou Thomas, F Barry Weiss, and The Reverend Julie D Bryant.*

Musical Interlude - 'O Worship the King'

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 Collect of the Day

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Musical Interlude - 'Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord'

The First Lesson

Marimel Almodiel

Lector A Reading from the First Book of Kings. 19:9 - 18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was

splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13

Cynthia McCormick

Prayed by whole verse, alternating Leader and congregation

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
 that his glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth have met together; *
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
 and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him, *
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle

Barry Weiss

Lector A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans. 10:5 - 15

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The Nicene Creed

All standing as they desire, or are able.

**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

Aaron Hill begins

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Jim Bohlin

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Melmar Almodiel

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Mary Lou Thomas

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Frank Simpson

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Aaron Hill

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Jim Bohlin

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Melmar Almodiel

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Mary Lou Thomas

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Frank Simpson concludes

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant Acknowledging our longing to be physically close to one another, to share

the blessing of Communion in common, and praying that when we do so, we remember this longing for you.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as you are already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Musical Interlude - 'The Lord's Prayer' in Cherokee

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant invites the people to join in the Lord's Prayer, saying

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.**

Musical Interlude - 'Didn't I Walk on the Water'

The Blessing

The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing

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

The Peace

All stand as they are able; the Celebrant says to the people

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

*The people greet those nearby and at a distance with gestures and signs of love.
Please stay connected for Coffee Hour!*

*Today's question:
When did you hear Jesus inviting you to take a risk? How did you respond?*

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God!**

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