

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
The Reverend Julie D Bryant, Priest-in-charge

Gathering In-Person and via Zoom in Temecula and Surrounding Communities!

Announcements

Town Hall this THURSDAY, 6:30 p.m.
Meeting ID: 869 1777 3205. Passcode: 897758

SACRED GROUND SERIES BEGINS THIS WEEK

FACILITATORS and CIRCLE DIALOGUE GROUPS

Groups will meet every three weeks,
allowing time to reflect and prepare for the next gathering.

Please Register for a specific group by contacting
your Facilitator/Group of choice directly.

Day/Time	Place	1st Meeting	Facilitator	Email
Sundays 9:30AM	Church	9/20	Tom Reid	Treid44@bellsouth.net
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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.

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

8 o'clock in the morning In-Person, St Francis Courtyard

9 o'clock in the morning via Zoom

Meeting ID 809 865 440. Password 371475

Today's Worship Leaders include:

Melissa Christiansen, Gina Diamante, Yvette Jackson, Anne Meservey, Carl Mueller, Owen Mueller, Warren Rippee, Mary Lou Thomas, The Reverend Dr. David Jackson, and The Reverend Julie D Bryant.

Pelude - 'Sinfonia from Cantata 29' by JS Bach Midnight at Notre Dame

Music - 'Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart'

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 us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Music - 'Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah'

The First Lesson

Yvette Jackson

Lector A Reading from the Book of Jonah. 3:10 - 4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-8 *Exaltabo te, Deus*
prayed responsively as indicated

Warren Rippee

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Epistle

Melissa Christiansen

Lector A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians. 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Music - 'God be in my head'

The Holy Gospel

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** 20:1 - 16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to

you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The Reverend Dr David Jackson

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 *Form III*

The Leaders and People pray responsively

Carl Mueller

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Owen Mueller

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Anne Meservey

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.

Gina Diamante

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Carl Mueller

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Owen Mueller

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Anne Meservey

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*

Gina Diamante

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.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

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.

Music - 'In Manus Tuas, Pater' Taize Community

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B
The people are invited to stand as they are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant And also with you.
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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Lord's Prayer - in Arabic (9 a.m. only)

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.

Those who will be delivering Communion to persons at home, go with this Blessing
We who are many are one Body, because we share one Bread.

After Communion, the Celebrant and People pray

**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.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion (*for those not receiving Communion this day*)

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.

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 Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Closing Hymn - 'Alleluia' Elaine Hangenberg

Postlude - 'Trumpet Minuet' - Rotterdam, St. Laurenskerk