

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

Blessing of the Animals & Book Fair Launch Today 11 - 1

Let's bless animals of all sorts, sizes, and species!
(Please be sure animals are leashed or caged securely.)
This year, we'll have a friendly competition among the dogs. We're setting up an agility course and have prizes for the fastest finishers.

We know some animals have people that aren't able to be in crowds, so we're offering a Drive-Through Blessing option, too. Whether the animal is fully inside the vehicle or has nose out and ears flapping in the wind, we'll bless them with a fine mist and pretty good prayers.

And, just in case you thought the animals were the only ones getting in on the fun, we have a version of a dunk tank. Yes, you have the chance to soak Preschool teachers, your fellow church members, or even Mother Julie! The Soaking will be a Fundraiser for 2TheRescue Animal Sanctuary*, with tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

AND... October 4 is the first day of our Book Fair! We'll have an array of books for kids of all ages, and the chance to shop for yourself or someone you love.

Participants over age 7 need to wear face masks, and we'll all be practicing Safe Distancing.

* 2TheRescue Animal Sanctuary rescues, rehabilitates, and re-homes animals that might otherwise be euthanized due to lack of space in local shelters. And, we have it on good authority that it's a fun place to camp overnight!

Have you seen the latest Instagram posts 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: 832 8612 5079. Passcode: 652066

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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 469008

Today's Worship Leaders include: Melissa Christiansen, Gina Diamante, Yvette Jackson, Anne Meservey, Warren Rippe, Mary Lou Thomas, The Rev. Julie D Bryant.



The Prelude - Sinfonia BWV 29 featuring Renaissance guitars - JS Bach

Opening Hymn - 'Once To Every Man and Nation'

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Song of Praise - 'I Danced in the Morning'

The First Lesson

Gina Diamante

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah. 5:1 - 7

Let me sing for my beloved
 my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
 on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
 and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
 and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
 but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
 and people of Judah,
judge between me
 and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
 that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
 why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
 what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
 that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
 are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
 but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
 but heard a cry!
 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-14

Melissa Christiansen

prayed alternately between lector and congregation, as indicated

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
 you cast out the nations and planted it.
You prepared the ground for it; *
 it took root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered by its shadow *

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
 and its branches to the River.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Why have you broken down its wall, *
 so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
 and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
 preserve what your right hand has planted.

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Epistle

Anne Meservey

Lector A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians. 3:4b - 14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual - ‘We Have a Gospel to Proclaim’

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ. 21:33 - 46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches

to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 Form III
The Leaders and People pray responsively

Mary Lou Thomas

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Gina Diamante

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
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.

Yvette Jackson

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Warren Rippe

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Mary Lou Thomas

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.

Offertory - ‘Agnus Dei’

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.**

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 Serbian

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.**

Closing Hymn - 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'

The Dismissal

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

The Postlude - Sinfonia to Cantata - JS Bach



Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord: Grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfect joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Enlarge within us the sense of fellowship with all living things, our brothers and sisters the animals to whom you gave this earth as their home in common with us. We remember with shame that in the past we have exercised the high dominion of humans with ruthless cruelty, so that the voice of the Earth, which should have gone up to you in song, has been a groan of travail. May we realize that they live, not for us alone, but for themselves and for you, and that they love the sweetness of life even as we, and serve you in their place better than we in ours. We pray through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lifts up and redeems us all. **Amen.**

A Prayer by Walter Rauschenbusch ("For this World" [1910], adapted)

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