



## Saint Thomas of Canterbury Church and School

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

The First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

9 o'clock by Zoom & 10:15 In-Person

*Worship Leaders include:*

*Jim Bohlin, Mike Bramhall, Tess Crawford, Kathy Foxen, Yvette Jackson, Cynthia McCormick,  
Anne Meservey, Carl Mueller, Owen Mueller, Warren Rippe, Barry Weiss,  
The Rev Dn Tim Wetherington, The Rev Dr David Jackson, The Rev Julie D. Bryant.*

***The Prelude - 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'***

Artwork and Prayers from FOSNA  
Friends of Sabeel, North America,  
Supporting Christian Communities in Palestine

God Who Hears the Cries of the Oppressed, may the season's lighting of candles and the singing of carols fill my heart and move me to act in partnership with those who are suffering life's injustices. In the name of the One who, born in a stable, made his home among the oppressed, Amen.



## ***Announcements***

### **This Giving Tuesday, December 1**

Who might you honor with your gift to the BLESS Annual Appeal of The Episcopal Church?

#### **A tribute gift to The Episcopal Church**

**Is a thoughtful way to remember loved ones during the holidays.**

Friends committed to the on-going ministries of Saint Thomas,  
To the work of Racial Reconciliation, Creation Care, to walking the Way of Love.

You can make a gift to The Episcopal Church that supports our shared work in each of these ministries. Your loved one will receive a card, letting them know that a gift was made in their honor. And you will receive a card confirming your gift in their honor.

To be sure that your celebration card arrives before Christmas,  
please make your gift by Monday, December 14. **Better yet, make your gift today!**

You can give in any of these ways:

**<https://episcopalchurch.org/give> Call (800) 334-7626 ext 6002 Text – 'Appeal' to 91999**

Thank you in advance for inviting The Episcopal Church to celebrate your friends and loved ones with you this year.

## **Advent Holy Land Tour**

Everyone is invited to join St Martin-in-the-Fields, Columbia, South Carolina  
for a Virtual Journey following the Footsteps of Jesus <https://www.smifsc.com/advent-pilgrimage>

COMPLINE moves to 8 p.m. Nightly  
Zoom Meeting ID 216 377 3567 passcode 610715

*3 Quiet Hours: Melody, Meditation, and Musing*  
*A Conversation among Women for Advent Wednesdays at 6, Dec 2, 9, and 16*  
*Zoom Meeting ID 216 377 3567 passcode 610715*

**Have you seen the latest Instagram posts from St Thomas?**  
**#sttepisopal & #steptemecula**

**“Hear the Word of God”** every Tuesday at 2 p.m. Lani-Karyn Jones introduces then reads 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

**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](http://www.episcopalchurchtemecula.org)

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath - The Candle of Hope***  
***Video and Music***

## The Word of God

### *Opening Hymn - 'Prepare the Way, O Zion'*

*All standing as they are able, the Celebrant says*

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

*The Celebrant prays*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

Barry Weiss

*Lector* A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah. 64:1 - 9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

## Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

*prayed responsively between lector and congregation, as indicated*

Jim Bohlin

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.  
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.  
**Restore us, O God of hosts; \***  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**  
O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?  
You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.  
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
**Restore us, O God of hosts; \***  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.  
And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.  
**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \***  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## **The Second Lesson**

*Tess Crawford*

*Lector* A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. 1:3 - 9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

### ***Music - 'Christ Be Our Light'***

## **The Holy Gospel**

*Celebrant/Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark. 13:24 - 37  
*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Glory be to thee, O Christ.**

## **The Homily**

## The Nicene Creed

**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

*The Celebrant and other persons appointed pray*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Carl Mueller*

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael and Susan, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

*Owen Mueller*

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

*Yvette Jackson*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

*Warren Rippe*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

*Mike Bramhall*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Petitions are invited, and may be offered silently or aloud.*

*Anne Meservey*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear.

*Petitions are invited, and may be offered silently or aloud*

beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Thomas and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

*Celebrant*

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant continues*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands, saying*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

## **The Holy Communion**

*Offertory Music - 'Magnificat in G'*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People*            **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shames or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

*The People stand as they are able.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this: for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

*Continuing together,*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant makes the following Invitation*

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 Eucharistic elements are distributed with the following blessing*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

*Those who have received Eucharist join in praying*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*Those who have not received Eucharist join in 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 thee.

**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**

*Celebrant*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### ***Closing Hymn - 'Love To Tell The Story'***

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

***Postlude - 'Highlights from London Concert' Academy of Ancient Instruments***

***Please Stay connected for Coffee Hour Conversation***