

St. Thomas of Canterbury Church and School

A Mission of the Diocese of San Diego

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The Second Sunday after Christmas

9 in the morning January 3, 2021

Announcements

~~A Dreaming/Wishing/Resolution Tree~~

~~As the calendar turns to a new year, we often turn up our dreaming, or toss ourselves into wishing wells, or turn to new habits and resolve to do everything we can to live more fully into our gifts and best practices.~~

Preschool and Church Building Closed Wednesday when we learned that a preschool student tested positive for Covid 19. The child and all students and staff who came into contact with the child are now quarantining through January 8th, and the entire building has been disinfected and deep-cleaned in accordance with the State and CDC Guidelines. Non-exposed students and staff will return Monday.

Thank you for your prayers for our student and all of the families affected by the virus' presence in the school community. And, thank you for understanding about the necessary changes in access to the church-and-school building, and the absence of some staff through next weekend.

Epiphany Blessing: Chalking and Service Wednesday Evening

Morning Prayer, Rite Two

Worship Participants include:

Lani-Karyn Jones, Carl Mueller, Owen Mueller, Barry Weiss, Kathy Foxen and Warren Rippe.

The Prelude - 'O Magnum Mysterium' AcademieVocaleParis

A Prayer for the New Year, Howard Thurman

The Opening Hymn - 'O Little Town Of Bethlehem'

Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God.

Revelation 21:3

Officiant To us a child is born.
People **To us a Son is given.**
Officiant And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor,
People **Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
Officiant God is with us.
People **O come, let us adore him.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Alleluia. To us a child is born: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 84:1-8

Barry Weiss

prayed responsively, alternating by whole verse

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
**The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; ***
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

The Lesson

Lani-Karyn Jones

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah. 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,

the remnant of Israel."
 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
 and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
 among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
 those in labor, together;
 a great company, they shall return here.
 With weeping they shall come,
 and with consolations I will lead them back,
 I will let them walk by brooks of water,
 in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
 for I have become a father to Israel,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.
 Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
 and declare it in the coastlands far away;
 say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
 and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
 and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
 and over the young of the flock and the herd;
 their life shall become like a watered garden,
 and they shall never languish again.
 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
 and the young men and the old shall be merry.
 I will turn their mourning into joy,
 I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
 and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.
 The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A Song of Praise - 'Surge, illuminare. Canticle 11, The Third Song of Isaiah'

The Epistle

Owen Mueller

Lector A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has

called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Song of Praise - 'Benedictus Dominus Deus' Canticle 16, The Song of Zechariah

The Holy Gospel

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *2:13-15, 19-23*

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Gradual - 'Mary Had a Baby, Yes Lord'

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**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.

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

People **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature:
Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son
Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Prayers of the Community

Carl Mueller

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, silently or aloud.

Let us now pray for the Church and the World. Please respond to each bidding prayer with,
“Welcome, Lord Jesus, and hear us, O Christ.”

O Lord, we ask Your blessings upon Your people throughout the world; upon our bishops, priests, and
deacons; upon this gathering; and upon all your ministers and servants.

Welcome, Lord Jesus, and hear us, O Christ. Silence

We ask for Your peace; for goodwill among nations and within our own; for the right and just uses of your creation; and for the well-being of our society, our constitution, public servants, and all people of every race, culture and creed. We pray to you for justice and peace.

Welcome, Lord Jesus, and hear us, O Christ. *Silence*

We ask for Your holy power to serve the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, the homeless, the marginalized and persecuted, and those in prison. Help us care for those in any need or trouble.

Welcome, Lord Jesus, and hear us, O Christ. *Silence*

We ask your Compassion O Lord, upon all who seek You, or a deeper knowledge of You. Help them find and be found by You.

Welcome, Lord Jesus, and hear us, O Christ. *Silence*

We ask for your heavenly blessings upon those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially those we now name.

Welcome, Lord Jesus, and hear us, O Christ. *Silence*

We ask you Lord to watch over and heal all those in need of your healing presence in body, mind or spirit: and all those seeking freedom, justice, refuge or asylum, and those whose needs are known to you alone.

Welcome, Lord Jesus, and hear us, O Christ. *Silence*

We ask for your divine embrace of the departed, especially and for those lost to war, the pandemic, disasters, terror and violence around the world, and your compassion for those who suffer their loss.

Welcome, Lord Jesus, and hear us, O Christ. *Silence*

God, we praise you for those in every generation in whom your Son has been honored. And we pray that we may have grace to follow and glorify Christ in our own day.

Welcome, Lord Jesus, and hear us, O Christ. *Silence*

The Officiant 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 forever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

Barry Weiss

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

Owen Mueller

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Lani-Karyn Jones

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Offertory - 'Like A River In My Soul' Temecula Valley Chorale - arr Tim Osiek

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of Longing for Community

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar, and I long to be with the members of my church family to receive the Sacrament. We cannot now receive you sacramentally, so draw comfort in knowing that you live in us and we in you. Never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.

Post Communing Prayer, from Saint Luke the Physician, Monrovia

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for giving us the spiritual presence of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these times of anxiety and challenge that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. So, 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 forever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

May Almighty God, whose own Son took our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of holiness. **Amen.**

May God, whose holy Angels 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 peace and favor. **Amen.**

May the blessing of the eternal Majesty the incarnate Word, and the abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn - 'We Three Kings Of Orient Are'

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The Postlude - 'Christmas Oratorio on Baroque Trumpet' J.S Bach