

In the Name of Christ We Welcome You

# Saint Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church

Temecula, California



## The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Tuesday, December 24, 2019 5 pm



### **We're glad that you are here!**

If you are a visitor, we want to greet you and get to know you.

If you have not done so, please sign the Guest Book. Whether you are looking for a church home or just passing through, we would be glad to tell you more about our congregation.

### **Mission Statement**

To share Christ's life-changing love with all people, invite and welcome them into the Body of Christ, and equip them for worship, ministry, and service.

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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, with Pageant

*The Congregation's spoken portions of the service are in **Bold**.  
To follow the music for the Hymns, use the hard-bound Hymnal 1982 found in bookrack of your seat.*

## Prelude

*The ringing of the bell signals that our worship is about to begin. Please stand as you are able.*

## Hymn 83 *O come, all ye faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light, Lo!  
He comes forth from the Virgin's womb.  
Our very God, begotten not created,  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above,  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest,  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

## The Word of God

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

## Hymn 96 *Angels, we have heard on high* (Stanzas 1 & 2)

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria...in excelsis Deo. Gloria...in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?  
Gloria...in excelsis Deo. Gloria...in excelsis Deo.

## Collect for the Nativity of Our Lord

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

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit, he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## The Pageant, based on the Gospel of Luke (2:1 – 20)

*The text of that passage is here:*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## The Sermon

The Reverend Julie D. Bryant, DMin.

## The Nicene Creed

*The Celebrant and People pray together, standing as they 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

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively, standing or kneeling as they are most comfortable*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Susan our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Thomas of Canterbury and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.  
**To you, O Lord our God.**

*After a brief silence, the Celebrant adds the following Doxology*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

## **The Offertory**

## **Musical Offering**

Louie Ortiz, Piano

**Hymn 109 *The first Nowell the angel did say* (Stanzas 1 & 2)**

The first Nowell, the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him 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. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us: who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

**The Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy***

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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**

*Celebrant*        And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People pray together,*

**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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

*We use wheat-based hosts and wine for Communion; if you prefer gluten-free bread, please inform the priest.*

*If you are unable to go to the Altar for Communion, please notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you. If you would like to bring your pet with you to the Communion Rail for a blessing, please do so.*

### Carols during Communion, sung as needed

#### Hymn 115 *What Child Is This?*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

#### Hymn 101 *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

**Hymn 105 *God rest you merry, gentlemen***

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds brought tiding of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “Let nothing you affright;  
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might.”  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and charity each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

**Hymn 111 *Silent night, holy night***

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant, standing as they are able*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, 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 for ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to 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 his peace and favor. **Amen.**

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

## Hymn 100, *Joy to the World* (Stanzas 1, 2 & 4)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let us our songs employ,  
While fields and floods, Rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

## The Dismissal

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

## Postlude





# Christmas Flower Dedications



In Loving Memory of      Dedicated By

My brother, Larry Huchette John & Joan Tangas Virginia Mocker Edward Jones, husband June Spivey, mother Raymond & Mimi Klippert Anthony & Anna Buccola Dolly Fish & Mable Kessler Noah Ragsdale, Noah Ragsdale, Jr Grace Ragsdale, Joyce Ragsdale Sandy Ragsdale, Joey Brown Ragsdale Rita Riley, Gene Freeman, Marvin Moon Su Wing, Hillary Liesman, Madison Duncan Robert & Ann Ross Ramses & Mary Mina John Ivelich & Glen Gumban Carlos Palma, Alicia Palma, Elizabeth Wessel James & Carrie Patton, Patricia Patton Herbert & Laura Webster William R. Hilligoss & Robert L. Williamson Thomas H. Reid & Raymond Long Helen Robbins, John Robbins Merle Chapman, her Mother, missing her Family & friends I love but see no more Ada Marie Walton Ruby Lewis & Eric Lewis Our loved ones and Reggie Parents – Don & Sue MacDowell	<i>Melissa Christiansen</i> <i>Viki Iredale - Tangas</i> <i>Lani Jones</i> <i>Cary &amp; Jackie Klippert</i> <i>Bill &amp; Andrea Liesman</i> <i>Barbara Mina</i> <i>Laura Palma</i> <i>Joel Patton</i> <i>Virginia Patton</i> <i>Tom &amp; Susan Reid</i> <i>Harry &amp; Mary Robbins</i> <i>Diane Swarts</i> <i>Mary Lou Thomas</i> <i>Monica &amp; Vince Walton</i> <i>Frank &amp; Lisa Simpson</i> <i>Donna Weiss</i>
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In Thanksgiving For      Dedicated By

The Glory of God Our family & church family and all that God has blessed us with. The Glory of God My friends of support The Glory of God The Glory of God Youth of St. Thomas The Glory of God	<i>John &amp; Carolyn Holmes</i> <i>Cary &amp; Jackie Klippert</i> <i>Phil &amp; Ana Mihok</i> <i>Laura Palma</i> <i>Ed &amp; Kay Rather</i> <i>John Rhew</i> <i>Monica &amp; Vince Walton</i> <i>Barry Weiss</i>
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## Tonight's Liturgical Ministers

Ministry	Minister
Pianist	Louie Ortiz
Greeters	Aaron & Wendy Hill, Elizabeth Sipra, and Kaite Reid & Maggie Reid
Ushers	Peter & Deniece Mandery, Carl Mueller, and Tom Reid
Intercessor	Lani Jones
Chalice Bearers	Kathy Foxen and Darren Jump
Acolytes	Kathy Foxen and Darren Jump
Altar Guild	Virginia Patton, Lani Jones, and Sonya Jump
Bishop of San Diego	The Right Reverend Susan Brown Snook
Celebrant for the Word & Preacher	The Reverend Julie D. Bryant, DMin.
Celebrant for the Eucharist	The Reverend Doctor David Jackson

## Saint Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church and School

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Preschool: Monday through Friday, 7 am to 6:30 pm

The Reverend Julie D. Bryant, DMin, Priest-in-Charge  
Ms. Sandra Guajardo, Preschool Director

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## THE CANTERBURY PLAYERS' CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*Photography is permitted during the Pageant. Please be careful when taking photographs during the performance to avoid distracting the Players. At the conclusion of the performance, during the singing of Go Tell It On the Mountain, there will be an opportunity for group photographs.*

*Where indicated, the congregation sings the portion of the hymn designated. The congregation remains seated during this singing.*

**Hymn 101 (Stz 1)                      *Away in a manger*                      Please remain seated**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

**Hymn 89 (Stz 1)      *It came upon the midnight clear*                      Please remain seated**

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all-glorious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

**Hymn 87 (Stz 1)      *Hark, the herald angels sing*      Please remain seated**

Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th’ angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

**Hymn 100 (Stz 1)                      *Joy to the world*                      Please remain seated**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

**Hymn 128 (Stz 1)                      *We three kings of Orient are*                      Please remain seated**

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;

westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

**Hymn 99**

***Go tell it on the mountain***

**Group photo opportunity**

*All of the Canterbury Players and crew assemble on the chancel steps for group photographs to be taken by friends and family.*

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je-sus Christ is born!

- 1. While
- 2. The
- 3. Down



shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -  
shep-herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang  
in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and



hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light. —  
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth. —  
god sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn. —

*Repeat Refrain*

