

**St. Thomas of Canterbury Church and School**

*A Mission of the Diocese of San Diego*

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**CMoH Easter Dinner In-Gathering**

Meal-makings and Funds now being collected in the Narthex; will be delivered after 3/21 Worship

**Stations of the Cross 5:45 p.m. Friday**

with Journey toward Jerusalem program with Fr. David Jackson

Moving this week to the events of Saturday - the day 'nothing happened'

***Bishop Curry's Address to the House of Bishops (partial)***

***Lift Every Voice and Sing, part four***

Our Lenten study of the hymn 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' continues today with the Offertory,  
recorded a few months ago.

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

9 o'clock in the morning    March 14, 2021

**Morning Prayer, Rite Two**

*Worship Participants include:*

*Elena Gimpel, Yvette Jackson, Cynthia McCormick, Allan O'Neil, Kathy Foxen and Warren Rippé.*

**Prayer to mark a year of Covid19 Pandemic Restrictions and Response**

*God of the present moment*

*God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart;*

*Bring hope and courage as we wait in uncertainty.*

*Bring hope that you will make us equal of whatever lies ahead.*

*Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided,*

*For your will is health and wholeness,*

*You are God, and we need you.*

***Amen.***

*New Zealand Book of Prayer*

## The Opening Hymn - 'Bread of Heaven'

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

## The Confession of Sin

*The Officiant invites repentance*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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.**

*The Officiant alone says*

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 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.**

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22** Confitemini Domino

*read responsively, with verses 21-22 as reprise*

*Elena Gimpel*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; \*

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \***

**and the wonders he does for his children.  
Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.  
They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.  
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.

**Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.  
Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

## **The Lessons**

*Yvette Jackson*

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Numbers. 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **A Song of Praise**

*Lector* A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. 2:1-10

*Warren Rippé*

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual** - 'There's a Wideness in God's Mercy'

**The Holy Gospel**

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 3:14-21

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily**

**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.**

*Deacon* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
*People* **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Deacon* Day by day we bless you;  
*People* **We praise your name for ever.**

*Deacon* Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
*People* **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Deacon* Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
*People* **For we put our trust in you.**

*Deacon* In you, Lord, is our hope;  
*People* **And we shall never hope in vain.**

*Deacon* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A Collect for Sundays

*Allan O'Neil*

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

*Cynthia McCormick*

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 Collect for Grace**

*Allan O'Neil*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Guidance**

*Cynthia McCormick*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A Prayer for Mission**

*Prayed by All*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.**

**The Offertory - 'Lift Every Voice and Sing'**

**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 St. Chrysostom**

*Officiant*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **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.**

### **The Closing Hymn - 'Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing'**

*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 forevermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

