# ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH San Diego, California



# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

December 25th, 2023 10:00 AM | **Mass**  Welcome to All Saints' Mass in our church or by live-stream, especially if you are a newcomer or visitor! Please help us to get to know you by introducing your-self to our rector, Fr. Carlos, if you are here in person.

We hope that you will find in this bulletin everything you need to make your link to our community a joyful one. In it you will find the text for all of the Mass prayers and readings.

The symbol + indicates when to make the sign of the Cross. It is also customary to make a discreet bow at the name of Jesus.

On the cover: Nativity by Lorenzo Costa, Italian Renaissance painter notable for his altarpieces in the churches of Bologna.

### ALL SAINTS' MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, out-reach, and Christian formation."

#### OUR VISION

"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."

#### OUR CORE VALUES:

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gifts
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

**CELEBRANT:** The Rev. Carlos Espósito, Rector

ASSISTING PRIEST: The Rev. Cherian Pulimootil

MASS SETTING: Healey Willan

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

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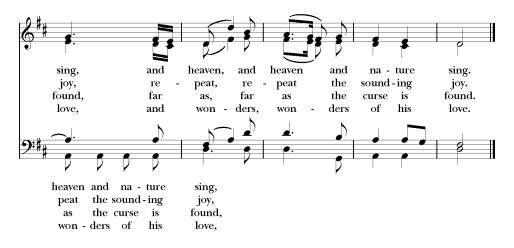
**Richard Purvis** 



#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN - Please stand

Antioch





- Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
- Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



#### THE SALUTATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. +

All: And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

All: Amen.

#### THE PENITENTIAL RITE — Please kneel

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most merciful God,

All say: 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 pronounces the Absolution.

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.

All : Amen.

**KYRIE** – (*Hymnal* #715)

All sing: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - (Hymnal #713) Please stand

Glory be to God on high,

All sing: 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

The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

> Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

#### FIRST READING Isaiah 52:7-10 - Please be seated

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah:

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good tidings,
who publishes peace,
who brings good tidings of good,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen, your watchmen lift up their voice,
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
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and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 98:1-6** — Said responsively

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

# With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

#### He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

#### Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

#### SECOND READING Hebrews 1:1-12

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has obtained is more excellent than theirs.

For to what angel did God ever say,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? And again, when he brings the first-born into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

"Who makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your comrades."

And,

"You, Lord, founded the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all grow old like a garment, like a cloak you will roll them up, and they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

The Word of the Lord.

#### All: Thanks be to God.

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#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Please stand

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth.

All sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### THE HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1-14

The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only-begotten Son from the Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**SERMON** – Please be seated

The Rev. Fr. Cherian Pulimootil



#### NICENE CREED (Hymnal #759) — Please stand

I believe in one God, All sing: The Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds. God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father: by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. (Kneel for next 3 lines) and was incarnate by the Holv Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried: and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven. and sitteth on the right hand of the Father: and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son: who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: and I look for the resurrection of the dead, + and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Please kneel

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

Today's service is offered to the greater glory of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and with special intention that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will.. We pray for those who have died and are being killed, or have been taken hostage, as a result of the Hamas attacks on Israel. For the innocent who are being killed, and those who are suffering on both sides of the conflict, that this war may come to an end. We pray for the release of Americans being held in Russia. We also pray for those struggling with addiction and for their families and friends.

Reader: Lord in thy mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

We pray for thy Holy Catholic Church throughout the world. We pray for the Anglican Communion and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for the Episcopal Church, Michael, Presiding Bishop, Susan our Bishop; and Carlos our rector. We pray for clergy and the people of Holy Cross in Carlsbad, the growth of evangelism in the diocese, and for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Reader: Lord in thy mercy. People: **Hear our prayer.** 

Father, we pray for peace throughout the world, especially in Eastern Europe and the Middle-East. We pray for Joseph our President, Gavin our Governor, and all those in authority.

Reader: Lord in thy mercy.

#### People: Hear our prayer.

We pray for our Armed Forces serving at home and abroad and for the family and friends who await their safe return. In this parish we pray for: Samuel, Jonathan, Sue, Mark, Alvin, William, Patrick, Dirk, Ethan, Kyle, Caelan, Noah, Peter, Tua and Jordan. We also pray for the Officers, Crew, and families of the USS Sterett home ported in San Diego and we pray for the Navy personnel serving aboard the USS Gabrielle Giffords.

Reader: Lord in thy mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

We pray for this neighborhood of Hillcrest, and all who live and work in this community of San Diego, and for all those who are unemployed or homeless; we pray for our own families, and for our Parish family, that we may grow in faith and love. We pray for Renika and all the staff, for the children and their families of All Saints' Preschool, and for Celina and the staff of Colmena Academy and the families they serve.

Reader: Lord in thy mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

Lord, send the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, for those suffering from addictions, for their healing and sobriety; for all prisoners and captives; and your blessing upon all those who have asked for our prayers. We especially pray today for: Tanya, Monique, Kim, Patti, Jay, Wayne, Rosa Maria, Vivianna, Chris, Chris' family, Kathryn, Ellen, Susan, Beverly, Tiante, Michael (Presiding Bishop), Betty, John W., John G., Pamela, Nicolas, Joe, Ed, Norma, Amadeus, Matthew, Wanda, Donna, Deborah, Elaine, Rufus, Jonathan, George, Nell-Leone, Jennie, Amanda, Denise, Mrs. Tsui, Jack, Ellen, Melanie, Preston, Grace, Delaney, Michelle, Eileen, Hunter. We also pray for those whose names are attached to the prayer chain on the main chancel wall.

Reader: Lord in thy mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, for those who have died recently, the people killed in over 660 mass shootings so far this year, the military personnel of every nation in the war in Ukraine; and for thy ministry to those who are bereaved.

And for those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: James Fallon, Priscilla MacKinnon, Jim Spellman, Edward Wilson Carl

Brink, John J. Garrison, Victor H. Krulak, Jordan Lockridge.

Father we give thanks for the example and prayers of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary and all Thy saints, and now join them in offering our own prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings.

At this time additional petitions and thanksgivings may be said quietly or silently.

The celebrant concludes the Prayers.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

#### PEACE — Please stand

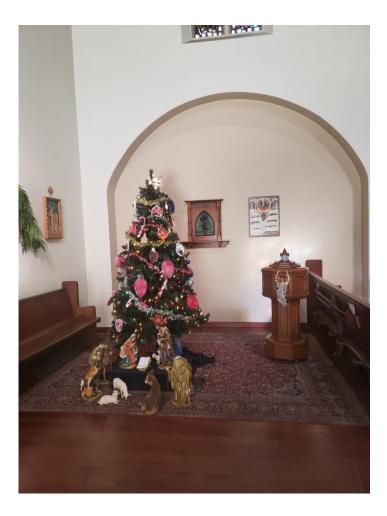
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

#### All: And with thy Spirit.

Please stand and exchange a sign of the peace of Jesus Christ with your immediate neighbors by greeting one another and saying: "Peace be with you."

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

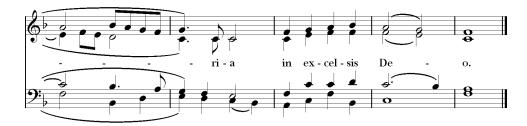
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2* 



**OFFERTORY HYMN** 

Gloria





Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord, accept the gifts thy Church offers thee with joy, since in fulfillment of thy will thy Son offered himself as a lamb without blemish for the life of the world. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

# LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST - Please stand

Pray Brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

All: May the Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, to our benefit and that of all His Holy Church.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

- All: And with thy spirit. Lift up your hearts.
- All: We lift them up unto the Lord. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- All: It is meet and right so to do.

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 give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying:

#### SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS (Hymnal #711)

All sing: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
+ Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION - Please kneel

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly + benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal #722)

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

All sing: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.* 

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;All:Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### AGNUS DEI (Hymnal #712)

All sing: 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.

#### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All: 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, And to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

#### THE INVITATION

Behold the Lamb of God, + behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

#### All: Lord I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for communion.

Those who are unable to receive communion, or do not yet receive, are invited to come forward for a blessing. To indicate that you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest rather than holding out your hands.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

Greensleeves



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## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

- 1 believe that Thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
  and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,
  I pray Thee to come into my heart.
- I unite myself with Thee and embrace Thee with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.

Let nothing separate me from Thee; let me serve Thee in this life until, by Thy grace, 1 come to Thy glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Amen.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER - Please kneel

Almighty and everliving God, All: 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.

#### BENEDICTION

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you peace and favor. And the blessing of God Almighty, the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

#### **GREETINGS** – Please be seated

### DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

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#### RECESSIONAL HYMN - Please stand



JOHN MASON NEALE, 1853

The Flowers on the High Altar are offered to the Glory of God in Thanksgiving for His many blessings and in loving memory of John Alvin Bozeman Jessie Debi Ruth and Frederick Dieckmann Marlene and Hank Fjallberg Beulah Giovanazzi Loretta Hageman Royann Ness Dwight and Florence Ness Allen Phillips Lawrence and Doris Potter

Kathy Anne Ramroop E. Peter Rathbone The Rev. Fr. Paul Satrang Peter Scott Siegal Yvette (Mimi) Simpson Albert Stephens Carl E. Tatem, Sr. The Rev. Peter Toon Melville B. Watling

# ALL SAINTS' MASSES & GATHERINGS

On Sundays we worship in our historic church. The Sunday service will be on Zoom. To join the Zoom Meeting click <u>here</u>.

The following worship services will be held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

- Noon Mass on Tuesdays
- Fridays at 10:00am Morning Prayer
- The next Societies of Mary Day of Devotion will be held on Saturday, January 6 at 11am.

#### SPECIAL CLASSES AND PROGRAMS.

- Sundays from 10:00am to 10:45am Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for children ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall taught by Lucretia Locke. For registration, call (619) 298-7729 or email us at <u>info@allsaintschurch.org</u>
- Christian Formation—Book Study—the group reading and discussing Fr. Nicolosi's Book "Strength in Adversity" and the second group reading "a most peculiar book" will meet next on Sunday, January 14. See page 7 for details.
- Thursdays Spanish Class will recess for the remainder of the month of December and resume on Thursday, January 11.



### **GUEST PREACHER**

This Morning please welcome our guest preacher the Rev. Fr. Cherian Pulimootil.

Fr. Cherian has served as an Assisting priest, Associate, Interimrector, Rector in several churches affiliated with the Episcopal Dioceses of Virginia, Southern Virginia, and San Diego. His last appointment was serving St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Yuma, Arizona, and then Fr. Cherian returned to San Diego to stay with his family, just in time before the outbreak of the Covid pandemic.

One of the greatest joys now for he and his wife is to stay with their daughter Hannah and her family in San Diego. Attending Sunday Services at All Saints' Episcopal Church has always been a great joy for all of his family. The Anglo-Catholic liturgy led by the priest and the choir lifts the spirit to worship with others in this church filled with beauty.

To learn more about Fr. Cherian read the article about his life in the December/January issue of All Saints' bi-monthly newsletter

available on the front and back tables.

# BISHOP CURRY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Hello to my family of faith in The Episcopal Church, and to all of our ecumenical and interfaith friends, and to all people of love and goodwill.

I want to first thank you all for your prayers and well wishes this year as I have weathered some health issues. Please know that I'm doing well, following the doctor's orders.

I'm also ever more aware of the power of the messages of Advent to watch, to wait, and to listen to the pregnant voice of silence, as one version of the Bible says. And out of that watching, waiting, and listening, following the way of Jesus of Nazareth and his way of love, the Spirit of God being our helper.

So please allow me to offer a reading from the Gospel according to Luke. You know it well. The deep truth embedded in it, simple story of the birth of a baby. That deep truth has long given me strength for these 70 years, strength that I often did not have on my own. For some, it may seem fanciful, but in its own way, it points to what the Bible calls hope beyond hope. It reads:

While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to deliver her child. She gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the guest room. Now in that same there region, 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. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: To you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. And 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, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

The message of the angel is as scandalous and striking now as it was then. For in it is embedded God's message in the death and resurrection of Jesus: to trust and believe in the invincibility of the good in spite of the titanic reality of evil, because God is good all the time. To trust and believe in the enduring power of love, of truth, of the good, and of justice when the reality of the opposite seems so prodigious.

To trust and believe in the enduring power of love, justice, kindness, and compassion, all because God is love and the author of all that is true, noble, and just. "Do not be afraid," the Scripture says, "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. And this will be a sign for you: You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

Lord, we pray, give us this sign anew. Give us the lowly, the tired, those of high estate and low, and those of no estate. Church folk, those who haven't stepped through the red doors for years or ever, give us all a sign. Give us the working, the watching, the weeping. Give us that sign anew; as you did in the first century, so now in the 21st. Give us the expected, the faithful, the passionate, the undeserving; give us a sign.

"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: To you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

On behalf of the entire Episcopal Church, we wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a joyous new year.

God love you. God bless you. May God hold us all in those almighty hands of love. Merry Christmas.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry Presiding Bishop and Primate The Episcopal Church

# INVITATION TO THE VESTRY

One of the primary orders of business at our Annual Parish Meeting which will be held this year on Sunday, January 21 is electing new Vestry members. We've been blessed at All Saints' each year to have very able and faithful candidates. If you are interested, or have any questions about serving, please speak to Teri Tremper or Michael Lockridge. Vestry nomination forms will be on the back and front tables later this month.

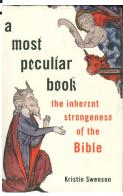
#### LIBRARY?

Did you know that we have a room designated as a library? Do you know what is happening to it? Check back here for future updates!

If you don't know where it is, from the Parish Office entrance on Pennsylvania Ave. it is the last door on the left and past the Rector's Office.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION





Discussion based on Fr. Nicolosi's book "Strength in Adversity" will meet again in the Rector's office on Sunday, January 14. Please be ready to discuss chapters 7 and 8.

The second group reading and discussing "A Most Peculiar Book" will meet next on Sunday, January 14 in the Library. Please read chapters 5 and 6. Mark your calendar to join either of the two discussion groups

# MILITARY MINISTRY



In the parish we would like to highlight the past veterans and current members of our Armed Services: Noah and Caelan the sons of Daniele Aurillo and Marie Dumas are assigned to US Army units – Caelan in Hawaii and Noah in the US. Noah suffered an injury during training. Prayers for him would be appreciated.

Parishioners are encouraged to share with our community the stories of their family members in the militarypast or present.

Please submit information and any photographs by email to <u>administrator@allsaintschurch.org</u>, in person to the church office or to the church administrator at the Sunday coffee hour.

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# HELP THOSE IN NEED IN UKRAINE, & ISRAEL



Ukraine—Specific needs will change as the crisis evolves. As of right now, there is a need for food, water, and shelter. Please consider partnering with Episcopal Relief & Development in this Response.

To give go to https:// www.episcopalrelief.org/search/ <u>Ukraine</u>

For the needs of people in Israel and Gaza go to <u>Episcopal Relief &</u> <u>Development Middle East</u> <u>Fund</u> who will help address immediate and long-term needs created by the Israel-Hamas war through locally-led partnerships.



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