



THE BETHLEHEM

Hebrew for "House of Bread"

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Resurrecting the Meaning of Eastertide

"I am Resurrection, and the life." John 11:25



There is a vibrant energy in the quote above of Jesus from the Gospel of John. Jesus reminded his disciples of what an intimate relationship with Christ can mean for all believers. There has never been a time in our immediate history like now that we need to be reminded that our risen Lord can bring us back from the dead and provide us a new life. Our risen Lord has got this!! This transformative statement from our Savior gives us all hope, a new vision and surge in our hearts, with full restoration and renewal for our mind, body, and soul.

As resurrected people of God; as an Easter people, we need to truly comprehend what these Great 50 days are all about. Within this liturgical Season of Easter, we need to get plugged in on how to live the resurrected life through Christ for the rest of our lives, for Easter is not just a one day happening and celebration. This is a victorious opportunity to witness before our very eyes the salvation of our living God all around us. As the Church, we can resurrect the true meaning of what Easter is all about.

Eastertide is a wave of the Holy Spirit upon us in fresh and new ways that truly can transform us. It is a period that can help us breakthrough the locked upper room

doors that we are in, shut and locked due to fear, insecurity, anger, frustration, and anxiety. God wants us to break out of the tombs that we have created through being controlled by our outer circumstances and not having God take control of our lives through the light of Christ; for our risen Lord can take us out of the darkness of pain, suffering, and death.

As we get reconnected or connected for the first time in regular Worship, study of Scripture lessons, Fellowship, Prayer, and Meditation during these next few weeks of Easter, may the above pericope tell us all that Christ has won for us the victory over the grave, over sin, and disease. May Jesus' quote bring you complete comfort, peace, and full healing during the most challenging times, as we all encounter our risen Christ in our lives NOW and discover that Christ's resurrection is our resurrection!

Abiding in our Risen Lord,

Barrett+



Now let's see how we got here to this wonderful Easter Day!

Making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday



Above: Left- stones left at foot of the Cross, Middle- St. John's Cathedral, Los Angeles, parish church and cathedral for Diocese of LA and view of Altar palmed up with our two small palms from the front entrance.



Yay! Done inside now. Great job!

Palm Sunday



Getting ready



Lining up.



Doug leading the way...



Procession, Offering Plate passed,
Palm Sunday sermon and below,
Shared Cup Communion!



HOLY WEEK CHORAL CONCERT

On Wednesday April 13, 2022 at 7 p.m., Blessed Sacrament presented a "Holy Week Choral Concert" that featured

- The California Children's Choir directed by Chung Uk Lee, Pianist Michelle Cho
- The Bethlehem Choir directed by Ashley Mangino, Pianist Brigitte Bellavoine, and
- Hannah Kim, Soprano, along with the Acacia Choir Songbirds

The Concert featured solos by both Hannah Kim and Brigitte Bellavoine, along with seven renditions by the California Children's Choir and five renditions by our own Bethlehem Choir.

The Church was full and the entire concert was absolutely beautiful and incredibly enjoyable!!! We are blessed to offer such events at Blessed Sacrament and we look forward to many more.



Acacia Choir Songbirds and Bethlehem Choir with Hannah Kim.



California Children's Choir



The whole combined choir ensemble directed by Ashley Mangino.



Maundy Thursday meal with meats, unleavened bread and greens/herbs and wine. It was a solemn occasion where Jesus gave them the means to remember Him always by taking the bread and wine and this would be the last time to eat with them.





Good Friday



"It is finished..."

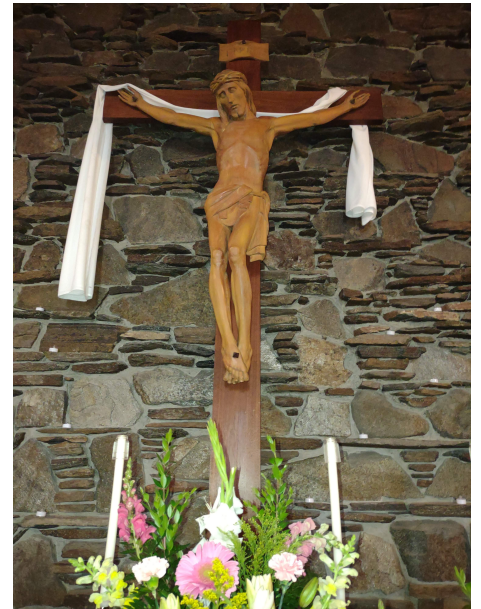


Easter Service

He is not here! He is risen!



He is risen, indeed!



THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke. (24:1 - 12)

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Blessed Sacra...

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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Emily Carpentier,
Trumpet and Brigette
Bellavione, Piano,
enhanced our musical
experience.



Exhibition of the Monstrance during the
Benediction where it is displayed to all
present as we receive it's blessings coming
from Christ Himself.



Hannah Kim performs
W.A. Mozart's
"Alleluia"

Note from the Editor
I would like to extend my sincere
appreciation for all of the materials
from our readers, without it would
be impossible to produce this
newsletter Thanks again for all you
do and provide.
Leo C. Song, Jr. Editor Bethlehem

Blessed Sacrament Church's Easter Egg Hunt and other fun activities



This was the last Easter Egg event as construction on the Santa Angelina Project will begin this summer. Blessed Sacrament is on the cusp of really significant and positive changes. Stay tuned for further info+



Chris Piper has his hands full with his two boys dressed to the nines!!



Looks like someone had found a lotta eggs.

Blessed Sacrament would like to extend our deep felt appreciation and thanks for all who helped in any way, making this Holy Week and Easter, the best in years.



This great trio continued the celebration of Easter the first week with lunch and fellowship.

OUTREACH UPDATE

What have we accomplished since our last issue of the "Bethlehem"?

FEBRUARY FOCUS - Laundry Love \$1275 was donated



APRIL FOCUS —EASTER BASKETS—

Twenty (20) filled Easter baskets were delivered to the Friendly Center.

LENT FOCUS \$4,000+ was donated to Episcopal Relief & Development, to assist with the humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine.

Outreach Committee members prepared "Blessing Bags" for the homeless.

Parishioners are encouraged to take one to keep in their car to pass out to someone in need, along with a \$10 gift card to McDonalds.

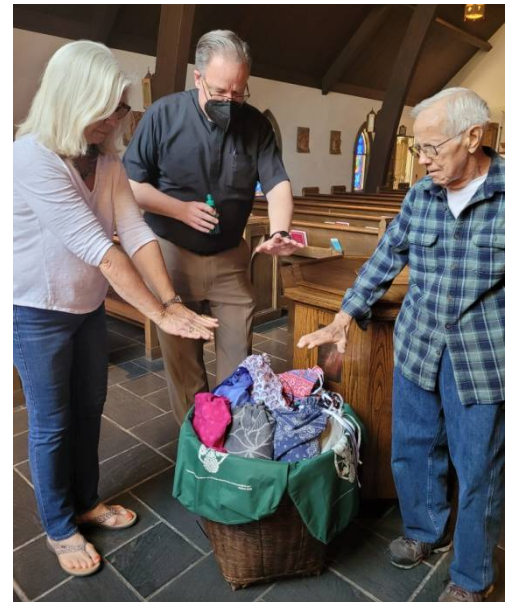
What can we do in the future?

DONATE Combs, small containers of lotion, sunscreen, hand sanitizer and women's deodorant, so we can prepare more "Blessing Bags".

MAY FOCUS

Provide \$20 Gift Cards for the young mother's who reside at "Mary's Path" for Mother's Day.

Gift cards to Target, Kohl's, Marshalls, Wal-Mart, and Sephora are welcomed.



If you have any questions or need more information please call or email Marion Hetherington, our Outreach Coordinator, at 714-595-4219 or csssquared@roadrunner.com

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