

PRELUDE: Michael Lottes (piano)



WELCOME: Pastor Andrea Cain

BLESSING FOR KNOWING: Pastor Andrea Cain

*Written by Jan Richardson, and posted on her website, **The Painted Prayerbook**.
<http://paintedprayerbook.com/2015/01/12/epiphany-2-known/>*

Here is a thoughtful blessing from Jan Richardson's Painted Prayerbook website. It is inspired by the assigned lectionary scripture readings for Epiphany 3B (Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51).

*To receive this blessing,
it may feel like
you are peeling back
every layer of flesh,
exposing every nerve,
baring each bone
that has kept you upright.*

*It may seem
every word is written
on the back of
something that your life
depends upon,
that to read this blessing
would mean tearing away
what has helped you
remain intact.*

*Be at peace.
It will not be
as painful as that,
though I cannot say
it will be easy
to accept this blessing,
written as it is
upon your true frame,
inscribed on the skin
you were born
to live in.*

*The habits that keep you
from yourself,
the misconceptions
others have of you,
the unquestioned limits
you have allowed,
the smallness you have
squeezed into:*

*these are not
who you are.*

*This blessing simply wants
all this to fall away.*

*This blessing—
and it is stubborn on this point,*

*I assure you—
desires you to know yourself
as it knows you,
to let go of every layer
that is not you,
to release each thing
that you hide behind,
to open your eyes
to see what it sees:*

*how this blessing
has blazed in you
since before you were born;
how it has sustained you
when you could not see it;
how it haunts you,
prickling beneath your skin
to let it shine forth
in full and unstinting
measure;
how it begins
and ends
with your true name.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Pastor Andrea Cain

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: "This Little Light of Mine" (ELW #677)

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 *Reader Mary Beth Lamont*

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Celtic Alleluia" ELW #174

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia

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Text and music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: The Rev. Deborah K. Hutterer, Bishop, Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA

SERMON SONG: "Here I Am, Lord" (ELW #574)

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" **Refrain**

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

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APOSTLES' CREED: Pastor Andrea Cain

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.



*Desert Cross Lutheran Church
Tempe, AZ*

INSTALLATION OF REV. THADDEUS M. BOOK

PRESENTATION:

Bishop Hutterer: Having been authorized by the church to install Thaddeus M. Book, our co-worker in the gospel, as Associate Pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

Stan Fernandes, Congregational Council President: After prayerful deliberation, we, of Desert Cross Lutheran Church, have called Thaddeus M. Book as Associate Pastor. I present *him* and certify the call.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS:

Bishop Hutterer: *A reading from John:* Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (*John 20:21-23*)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)

Pastor Thadd, in the presence of this assembly
will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,
in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures
and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?

Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures
and in your use of the means of grace?

Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people,
nourish them with the word and sacraments,
and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world,
that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

The assembly responds:

C: Amen.

People of God,
will you receive *Pastor Thadd* as a messenger of Jesus Christ
sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

Will you regard *him* as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for *him*,

help and honor *him* for *his* work's sake,

and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.

Pastor Thaddeus Book the office of Associate Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

BLESSING:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Glenn Tischaefter, Congregational Council Vice-President:

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to proclaim forgiveness of sins.

Jennifer Piellucci, Congregational Council Secretary:

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

Vince Sciame, Congregational Council Treasurer:

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

Bishop Hutterer:

People of God, I present to you Pastor Thaddeus Book.

Let us welcome Pastor Thadd in the name of Christ.

*****The assembly may unmute and offer acclamation with applause and then re-mute.*****

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Build My Life" – Daniel Decker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Thaddeus Book

The peace of Christ be with you always.

Let us pray.

God of light and darkness,
through water and Word
you shine your light into the darkness of our lives.
We give thanks for this incredible gift.
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of hope and fear,
you walk with us through the challenges which surround us.
Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence,
and set us free from despair. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of church and world,
in baptism you unify yourself with our world.
Help your church and its disciples embrace your calling.
Send us to infuse the world with your grace and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of health and illness,
there is nothing that separates us from your love.
Comfort the sick, especially those with COVID-19,
encourage the discouraged,
deliver your promise to the dying.
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of life and death,
all that exists is from you, and for you.
Enable us to trust your baptismal promise,
and serve this hurting world wherever you call us.
Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER: Pastor Thaddeus Book

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,
forever and ever. Amen.



OFFERING:

A graphic with a dark, starry background. In the top left is the Desert Cross Lutheran Church logo, featuring a stylized cross and the text "DESERT CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH" and "SHARING · LOVING · SERVING". To the right, the word "OFFERING:" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, a white text box contains the message: "Thank you for your generous giving which enables the Desert Cross mission and ministry." A horizontal line follows. Below the line, the text "WAYS TO GIVE:" is written in yellow. Underneath, in white, are the instructions: "Go to desertcross.org and click the Online Giving Button. TEXT giving: Text the word 'GIVE' to 833.636.1502 Sign up for online Bill Pay. U.S. Postal Service: Desert Cross, 8600 S. McClintock Dr., Tempe AZ 85284." Another horizontal line follows. At the bottom, a white text box contains the message: "We give thanks to God as you help us reach out beyond our walls!"

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OFFERING PRAYER:

O God,
receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: Lord, Be Glorified (ELW #744)

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| 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today. | 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today. |
| 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our song, Lord, be glorified today. | |
| 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today. | |

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BENEDICTION: The Rev. Deborah K. Hutterer, Bishop, Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA
God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
And the Holy Spirit, the comforter +
keep you in peace. Amen.

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WELCOME RECEPTION:

Thank you for joining us today!
The celebration continues with a Welcome Reception
to get acquainted with Pastor Thadd, his wife, Laura,
and their sons, Lincoln and Everett!

If you are able to join us, all are welcome! If you must depart,
God bless you and keep you until we meet again.

Musicians: Daniel Decker (vocalist), Michael Lottes (vocalist)