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News from the wider church

Statement from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on the passing of Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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With the passing of **Archbishop Desmond Tutu**, a true friend, colleague, and mentor—and a genuinely humble, great soul—has gone before us. He has passed through the gate of death into the arms of the God who gave him life.

While on this earth, he sought to follow Jesus of Nazareth in God's way of love and life. In so doing, he showed us how to live God's dream as children of the one God and creator of all. So, even in our sorrow that he is no longer walking among us, we can thank God that he did.

Perhaps we best give thanks by honoring his legacy—not merely with lip service to racial justice and reconciliation, but with lives dedicated to this work. We do this by learning to live together as the children and family of God, no longer hurting each other or God's creation, but together living the dream God intended. For in God's dream, as the Hebrew prophet Isaiah said, "they will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

To borrow from a friend who texted me on Archbishop Tutu's passing, may the knowledge of his life and heart keep us all strong, good, kind, and loving. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

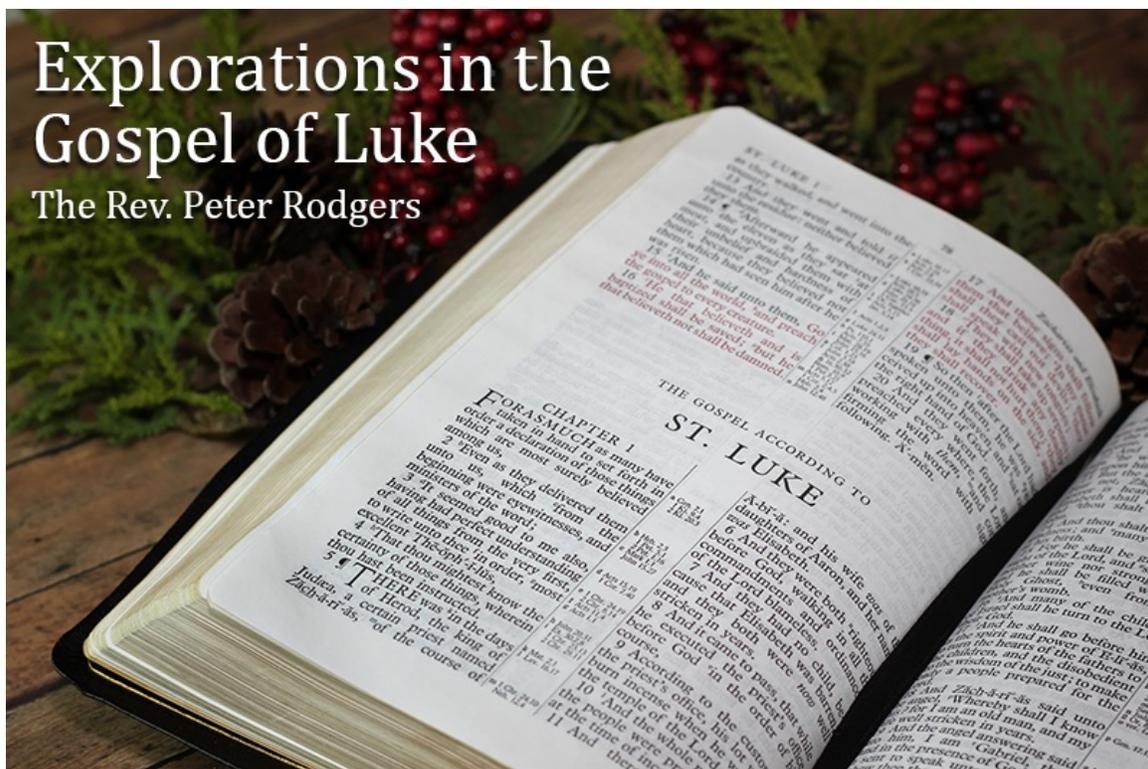
The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

Office of the Bishop

Office of the Bishop Christmas Hours

The Office of the Bishop will reopen **Wednesday, December 29** at 9am. We hope you are having a blessed Christmas season!

Spiritual Formation



Explorations in the Gospel of Luke

The Rev. Peter Rodgers

January 2, 2022, Christmas 2

After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46.

This remarkable story from Jesus' early life gives us a hint into one of the most important aspects of his ministry: he was a great listener. Here we see him not so much instructing the teachers in the temple, as listening to them. We will meet this picture of Jesus the listener throughout the gospel.

Think, for example, of his encounter with the two disciples on the Emmaus road (Luke 24:13-35). Note how he listened to them before he spoke. And his ministry as the listening Messiah, the Servant of the Lord, was prefigured in the Old Testament. We

find in the third of the four “servant songs” in Isaiah.

The Lord has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord has opened my ear... (Isa 50:4).

Again, in Psalm 40 we read words which the writer to the Hebrews heard as words of Jesus, but with a fascinating change – *Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you have given me an open ear.* The Hebrew of the psalm reads *an open ear.* The epistle reads *a body you have prepared for me.*

(Heb 10:5). I deduce from this that for Jesus the whole body was an ear. He was the greatest of listeners. And in following him, we should ask ourselves how we might be more like Jesus in his ministry of listening.

Job Opportunities Around the Diocese

St. Clement's | Rancho Cordova is seeking a 3/4 time **Priest-in-Charge**. See the position description [here](#).

All Saints | Sacramento is looking for a **part-time Office/Administrative Assistant**. Read the job posting [here](#).

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St. Paul's | Sacramento is seeking a **Music Director**. Read the job announcement [here](#).

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Commission for Intercultural Ministries



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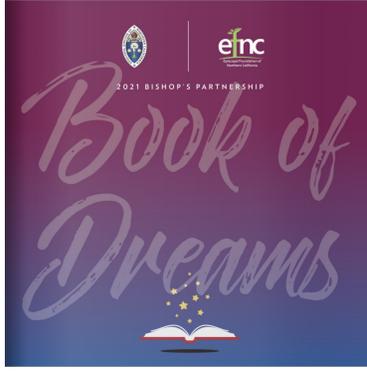
Thank you to the many folks throughout the Diocese who have donated to our vital ministry. Blessings, Peace, and God's Love be with you this Christmas.

Click [here](#) for details about how to give.

The Afghan Resettling Team

Episcopal Foundation

The 2021 Bishop's Partnership Appeal on



pace to beat last year's amounts!

So far, nearly **\$18,000** has been given to ministries in the **Bishop's Partnership Appeal Book of Dreams**. We are ahead of last year's amount raised at the same time last year!

Click [here](#) to view the book and learn more about how to donate to these projects.

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Episcopal Relief & Development has announced that all donations until the end of the year will be doubled, thanks to the generosity of a group of donors. The matching funds will apply to **Gifts for Life** selections and **One Thousand Days of Love** selections. The matching funds will be sent to the global fund.

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