

JAZZ VESPERS

He Had No Where to Lay His Head



March 1, 2020

5:00-6:00 pm

Bennett Roth-Newell, piano;

Danny Gerz, bass;

John Worley Jr., trumpet;

Mason Razavi, guitar

Meditation by the Rev. Kathleen Crowe, Episcopal Chaplain at San Jose State University

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

On the cover: *Homeless Jesus*, Timothy Schmalz, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, Ireland
Homeless Jesus is a bronze sculpture by Canadian sculptor Timothy Schmalz that depicts Jesus as a homeless person, sleeping on a park bench. His face and hands are obscured, hidden under a blanket, but crucifixion wounds on his feet reveal his identity.

The statue has been described as a visual translation of the Gospel of Matthew passage in which Jesus tells his disciple, “as you did it to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me.”

The original sculpture was installed at Regis College, University of Toronto, in early 2013 after others declined. Other casts have since been installed and blessed in many places globally, including one in Rome, outside the Papal Office of Charities, which was blessed by Pope Francis.

After the statue was installed on the grounds of St. Alban’s Episcopal Church in Davidson, NC, it drew mixed reactions. One person actually called the police the first time she drove by. But the rector says the statue has earned followers, with some people coming to sit beside *Homeless Jesus*, rest their hands on his feet, and pray.

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to support SJSU students in crisis*

WELCOME

Leader

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: God dwells in you

People: And also in you

Leader: Let us pray. (A silence is kept).

Loving God of all that is, help us to be still. Loosen our grip on our cares and concerns; clear away all stresses and frustrations. Quiet our busy minds; open a space deep within us; fill us with your grace. Help us to see all you have made as holy, the earth and people as sacred. Help us to live our lives with you at the center. Guide us, encourage us, resource us to articulate your kingdom, in partnership with those who differ most from us, surround us with your love that casts out fear. Fill us with your hope for the world as it might be. Amen.

Luke 9:58 *Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."*

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A Poem by Frances Ellen Watkins Harper

Abolitionist, Suffragist, Poet, 1825-1911

The conies had their hiding-place,
The wily fox with stealthy tread
A covert found, but Christ, the Lord,
Had not a place to lay his head.

The eagle had an eyrie home,
The blithesome bird its quiet rest,
But not the humblest spot on earth
Was by the Son of God possessed.

Princes and kings had palaces,
With grandeur could adorn each tomb,
For Him who came with love and life,
They had no home, they gave no room.

The hands whose touch sent thrills of joy
Through nerves unstrung and palsied frame,
The feet that travelled for our need,
Were nailed unto the cross of shame.
How dare I murmur at my lot,
Or talk of sorrow, pain and loss,
When Christ was in a manger laid,
And died in anguish on the cross.

That homeless one beheld beyond
His lonely agonizing pain,
A love outflowing from His heart,
That all the wandering world would gain.

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READING: Matthew 25: 36-40

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PRAYERS

Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away any arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes here on earth, that all nations and races may serve you in harmony. Amen.

Prayer for World Peace

by Dr. Jane Goodall

We pray for social justice,
for the alleviation of the crippling poverty
that condemns millions of people around the world
to lives of misery - hungry, sick, and utterly without hope.
We pray for the women and children who are starving,
who are condemned to homelessness, slave labor, and prostitution,
and especially for those forced to fight, to kill and torture
even members of their own family.
We pray for the victims of violence and war,
for those wounded in body and for those wounded in mind.
We pray for the multitudes of refugees, forced from their homes to alien places
through war or through the utter destruction of their environment.
We pray, above all, for peace throughout the world.

The Lord's Prayer (as you feel comfortable, please join us in prayer)

**Eternal Spirit,
Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven;
The hallowing of your Name echo through the universe!
The Way of your Justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer for the Night

Lord it is night.
The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.
It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done;
Let it be.
The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you.
The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys,
new possibilities.
In your Holy name we pray. **Amen.**

MUSIC

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks for all God's gifts; for the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea; for our daily food and drink, our brothers and sisters, our friends; for minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve; for health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play; for the brave and courageous who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity; for all valiant seekers after truth, liberty and justice; for all these things and more, we give you thanks, great God of all that is, whose love is ever- lasting. Amen.

BLESSING:

The blessing of God, the eternal goodwill of God, the shalom of God, the wildness and warmth of God, be among us and between us, now and always. Amen.



The freewill offering today will be donated to The Canterbury Foundation to support SJSU students in crisis. Please join us for community and a chili supper in the Parish Hall following the service. Take this opportunity to extend your appreciation to Kathey Crowe for her ministry to those who are marginalized and to Mason and his friends, Danny, Bennett and John for gracing us with their musical gifts tonight.



The Rev. Kathleen Crowe is an ordained deacon of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of El Camino Real. Ordained at Trinity Cathedral in downtown San Jose, she is trained as a chaplain in campus ministry, pastoral care, small group facilitation, and child advocacy. Currently, she is the Episcopal Chaplain at San Jose State University where she hosts a residence for marginalized students and works with Student Affairs and the Counseling Center to provide care to students in crisis.

Before her assignment at SJSU, she facilitated a restorative justice program for the Juvenile Probation Department of SCC. . In addition to her chaplaincy at SJSU, Kathey is the retired deacon in residence at Saint Andrew's, Saratoga.



Jazz guitarist **Mason Razavi** is an artist with a growing profile in the SF Bay Area and beyond. Razavi's groups have performed at SF Jazz and San Jose Jazz as well as many Bay Area jazz clubs and concert series. He regularly performs with the area's top players. His albums have often featured ambitious original music that has been warmly received by jazz radio worldwide. An avid educator, Razavi is the jazz guitar professor at West Valley College and Chabot College. He has taught at De Anza College, Mission College, and Las Positas College, and maintains a private teaching studio. Razavi holds an M.A. in music with a concentration in Jazz Studies from San Jose State University and a B.M. from the Berklee College of Music where he majored in Contemporary Writing and Production.



Danny Gerz is a Bay Area based acoustic and electric bassist. He received a BM in Jazz Studies from San Jose State. Gerz plays many different styles from contemporary jazz, Latin jazz, R&B, soul music, salsa, traditional jazz and big band swing.

You can catch him around the Bay with his current bands; the Yuppie Liberation Front, 7th St. Big Band, as well as the Alpha Rhythm Kings. Gerz is also a professional jazz educator with Stanford Jazz Workshop since 2017.

Gerz is a former student of jazz bass players John Shifflett, Jeff Denson, Glenn Richman. He has three AA degrees from Solano Community College, two in liberal arts and one in Music Performance. While attending Solano he played with the UC Davis Jazz big band.



Bennett Roth-Newell performs all over the Bay Area, including appearances at the top jazz festivals in California and the nation. He has taught jazz piano at San Jose State University and Contra Costa College. He also teaches piano, composition, and the fundamentals of hip-hop performance and production. Mr. Roth-Newell is the pianist for two the San Jose-based jazz groups and sings with the Bay Area R&B band Soulful Obsession and has also produced and written for numerous hip-hop and R&B artists. In his performing career, he has played alongside some of jazz's top-flight musicians.



John Worley Jr. is an accomplished trumpet/flugelhorn/post-horn artist and band leader. John is an engaging educator with insight to a wide range of ages, experience levels, and proficiencies.

He has played in many of the Bay Area's creative music ensembles, as well as on over 70 recordings and videos and several music series and festivals. John has played with and backed up national and international artists in North America, Europe, and Central America. as well as John is a member of the music faculty at: Stanford University in Stanford, CA; Hope St. Music Studios in Mountain View, CA; and a faculty member of the San Jose Summer Jazz Camp.

John was included in the book, *Trumpet Greats*, a biography of 2,200 trumpet players from the year 1600 to the present.