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A Positive Worship Experience

Today's Theme - Jesus, Joy, Justice

Sunday, December 11th 2022

Third Sunday of Advent - Joy Sunday

All Are Welcome!



Service of Gathering

Welcome

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins
Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Announcements

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

(Narrator: Deacon Michael Karkan - An Introit is a sung or spoken introduction to a eucharistic service. The Advent wreath symbolizes the four weeks of Advent which is the first season of the Christian year and a time of preparation for Christmas. The candle lights represent divine light shining in our world.)

Please rise as you are able.

Introit/Advent Wreath Lighting Hope is a Light

*Joy is a light, joy is a light,
joy is a light to show the way,
joy is a light to show the way.*

Light the candle of joy, light the candle of joy.

(Narrator: Our shared affirmation declares who we are and what we hope to be in the world.)

Sunshine Cathedral Affirmation

Sunshine Cathedral is a different kind of church where the past is past and the future has infinite possibilities.

(Narrator: The call to worship calls us to an awareness of the divine presence in our midst.)

The Call to Worship

This is the day our God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Service of Praise

Crucifer - Tito McWilliams-Ramos

Processional Hymn *Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly*

*Deck the hall with boughs of holly,
fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly,
fa la la la la, la la la la.*

*Don we now our gay apparel,
fa la la la la la, la la la.
Troll the unknown Yuletide carol,
fa la la la la, la la la lo.*

*See the blazing Ule before us,
fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus,
fa la la la la, la la la la.*

*Follow me in merry measure,
fa la la la la la, la la la.
While I tell of Yuletide treasure,
fa la la la la, la la la lo.*

*Fast away the old year passes,
fa la la la la, la la la la.*

*Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
fa la la la la, la la la la.*

*Sing we joyous all together,
fa la la la la la, la la la.
Heedless of the wind and weather,
fa la la la la, la la la la.*

(Narrator: Advent is a time of preparation and waiting... and so for Advent, we pray for our preparations.)

Opening Prayer (Henri Nouwen, adapted)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

Lord Jesus,
Send your holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
We who tend to be anxious over many things look forward to rediscovering the Christ within us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kin-dom.
We whose hearts are sometimes heavy seek the joy of your message.
We are your people; we wish for our light to shine as yours so brilliantly did.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.

Sung Response

Adeste Fideles

*Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes,
venite, venite in Bethlehern,
Natum videte regem angelorum.*

*Venite, adoremus,
venite, adoremus,
venite, adoremus dominum.*

*Sing, choir of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, all glory in the highest.*

*Venite, adoremus,
venite, adoremus,
venite, adoremus dominum.*

Please be seated.

Service of Proclamation

(Narrator: Our readings present wisdom from scripture or other sources and address the theme of the day.)

The wisdom of Isaiah (42.1-4a)

Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth...

In these human words, God's voice is heard.

Thanks be to God.

The Wisdom of Nehemiah (8.10)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

This day is holy to our God. Do not be sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

In these human words, God's voice is heard.
Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

A Reading from Matthew's Gospel (5.10-20)

Rev Dr Anne Atwell

A man was present with a withered hand, and [Jesus' detractors] asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath?" so that they might accuse him. He said to them, "Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many followed him, and he cured all of them, and he ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

"Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the gentiles.

He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.

He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until he brings justice to victory."

In these human words, God's voice is heard.
Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

Joy to the World

Joy the world! The Lord is come: let earth its praises bring. Let every heart prepare Christ room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy the earth! The savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Please be seated.

The Anthem

The Secret of Christmas

By Sammy Cahn and James Van Heusen
Performed by Jessica Borbone

(Narrator: A homily is the teaching portion of the worship service.)

Homily *Jesus, Joy, Justice* by Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Altar Call and Anointing

(10:30 Only)

Please rise as you are able.

Prayer Chorus

Nada te Turbe – Taizé

*Nada te turbe, nada te espante.
Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta..
Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Solo Dio basta.*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.*

(Narrator: A prayer is offered, usually sharing the tone of the homily, and is followed by affirmations which are positive statements to direct our focus to the good that is possible.)

Pastoral Prayer and Affirmations

(Narrator: Religion is meant to bring people together, and liturgy is a shared experience of spiritual seekers...our worship is meant to help us embrace peace in our lives and so at this point in the service, we wish one another peace.)

Sign of Peace

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child

*Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild:
New life, new hope the child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring.*

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Service of Sacraments

(Narrator: A sacrament is an outward sign of inward grace. There is grace in sharing, joy in generosity, and so we call sharing love gifts to support our church the sacrament of sharing.)

Sacrament of Sharing (Tithes & Offerings)

Rev Dr Robert Griffin

Stewardship Thought

"When you tithe, you notice your life simply flows better." Christiane Schull

Offering Prayer

May God bless every gift and ever giver. Amen.

Offering Music

Syrinx
By Claude Debussy - Performed By David Suarez

Rise as you are able.

(Narrator: Doxology is a form of praise...we are thankful that we have the means and desire to share and support the work of ministry, and so following our giving we sing a doxology.)

Doxology

*Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo,
glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo.*

Sacrament of Hospitality We Remember

Tim Gallups	12/11/1992	Louis Boccella	12/15/1994
Joddie Brown	12/11/1995	Kim Gleason	12/15/2009
Joseph Fontana	12/11/2002	Tom Saunders	12/16/2008
Tad Lincoln	12/11/2004	Eddie Wright	12/17/1987
Norman Edwards	12/12/1991	Trudy Masterson	12/17/1989
Bill Magrum	12/13/2009	James Daniel	12/17/1991
Jason Darrow	12/13/2009	Shelia A. Taylor	12/17/1991

(Narrator: Our eucharist is an open table welcoming people regardless of church membership or theological opinion... so we call it the sacrament of hospitality... In Advent and Lent, we include a confession which simply reminds us that we are better than our mistakes and as we grow spiritually, we share more love in our lives.)

Confession Rev Dr Robert Griffin - 9am
Rev Margarita Rodriguez- 10:30am

Advent is a penitential season. Therefore, let us say together:

Congregation:

*For those I may have wronged, I ask for forgiveness.
For those I may have helped, I wish I had done more.
For those I neglected to help, I ask for understanding.
To those who helped me, I thank you with all my heart.
Amen.*

(Narrator: Eucharistic intentions are a way of saying we are sharing this ceremonial meal together to practice hospitality and goodwill and as a prayer for our joyful, loving, spiritual community.)

Eucharistic Intentions Rev Dr Robert Griffin - 9am
Rev Margarita Rodriguez- 10:30am

We celebrate this Eucharist to the glory of God and with special intentions for the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship and location congregation, and with people all over the world we pray,

May peace prevail on earth!

(Narrator: Before we pray the prayer attributed to Jesus in the sermon on the mount, the so-called Lord's Prayer, we remind ourselves what those well-worn and often rote words mean before then singing the traditional prayer.)

In praise of the Source of life, in hope for a world that is fair and abundant for everyone, trusting grace equal to every need, acknowledging that we all make mistakes and at times need new chances, and seeking harmony and joy in our lives, we continue our prayers using the words of Jesus:

Model Prayer

*Creator which art in heaven, hallowed be thy names.
Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And leave us not in temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Please be seated.

(Narrator: We reenact the last supper as a way of remembering Jesus and of inviting everyone present to share in the feast of unconditional love).

The Lord's Supper Rev Kevin Tisdol

One: In the upper room, before being arrested, Jesus sat at table with friends for a Passover meal. After supper, he took a piece of leftover bread and asked that his friends remember him when sharing the ritual meal. Then he took Elijah's cup, and likewise asked that in future, during the feast, he be remembered.

Sung Response

*Cup of blessing that we share, does it not our faith declare?
Is it not in gratitude, that we take this sacred food?*

As one body, we are fed, Love we share, one Cup, one Bread.

Is it not one bread we break? Of God's goodness all partake.

*Casting out distrust and fear, let us love with hearts sincere!
One by God's design are we: let us live in unity.*

Invitation to Communion Rev Dr Anne Atwell

These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Communion is Shared

Communion Song O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and with your captive children dwell. Give comfort to all exiles here, and to the aching heart bid cheer. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Love to dwell.

O come, you Splendor very bright, as joy that never yields to might. O come, and turn all hearts to peace, that greed and war at last shall cease. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Truth to dwell.

O come, you Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by our presence here. And dawn in every broken soul as vision that can see the whole. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Light to dwell.

O come, you Wisdom, from on high, from depths that hide within a sigh, to temper knowledge with our care, to render every act a prayer. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Hope to dwell.

(Narrator: Eucharist actually means thanksgiving, and so we conclude the ritual with a prayer of thanks.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev Kevin Tisdol

Please rise as you are able.

The Prayer of Protection

The light of God surrounds us; the love of God enfolds us. The power of God protects us; the presence of God watches over us. Wherever we are, God is.

(Narrator: Benediction means "good word" – we always conclude the service with a blessing, a good word to lead us into the new week).

Benediction Rev Dr Durrell Watkins

Final Song *Lean on Me*

(Narrator: Finally, we are commissioned to let our light shine, to do good things in and for the world).

Commissioning

One: Our worship has ended. Let our service begin!
All: *Thanks be to God!*

Postlude Barbara Ramcharitar

SILENT HELPERS PRAYER MINISTRY

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Peter P.; Momena & Jesus; Victor; Ross H.; Kevin & Kelli; MM & PM; Joel P.; Ben; Dee; Ana T.; Nita; Carol; Vicki; Marco; Lewis & Linda and their sons; Ilene & David; Brian; Cindy & Richard; Jeff; Carol B. & family; Jonny A.; Rodney; Warren D.; Deb T.L.; Sharon & Dale; the people of Ukraine; Lennie; Terri & her mother;

Nov 20: Those terrified, hurt, and who experienced loss from the Club Q shooting in Colorado Springs; Adrienne & Carmelo; Lewis family; Paar N.; Jaya; Dani & Andrew; Laslao & family; Osmay & Brian; Karen; Linda & Monica; Martha; Austin; One with many souls on her heart; Donna MW; DonnaChristine; Braden;

Nov 27: Nisha; Jeff and Ken; those incarcerated and those who work in prisons; TT; Jamie; Michael & Pam; Carolyn; Helen & Johnny; Frieda (of blessed memory); those lost to AIDS; all who are living with HIV; John; Harry; Carol; Mark; Virginia; Rose E. (of blessed memory); Bob & Kevin; Ringoen family; Cathy's family; Ronnie; Dave C.; Dec 4: Mark/Crystal; KW & SD; Charlotte; James L.; Rick M; Princess;

LGBTQ people of Qatar; Gary M.; RW; MaryEmma (of blessed memory); Trevor; MLF; Anita; Don E.; Steve P.; Troy & Phillip; those in nursing care and assisted living facilities; LGBTQ+ communities; Global Justice Institute; DSFI; the ministries of Sunshine Cathedral; members & friends of Sunshine Cathedral; all who are part of the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship

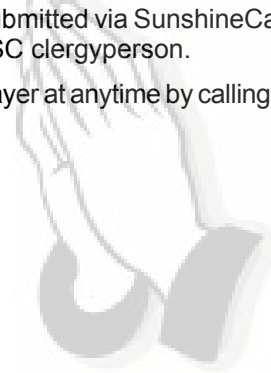
Let us pray

We hold these in the light of love, knowing God is love and love casts out fear. When perception is shifted from fear to love, a miracle has occurred. Let miracles abound! Let love's healing power prevail. Amen.

REMEMBER

Prayers can be submitted via SunshineCathedral.org or by emailing any SC clergyperson.

You can hear a prayer at anytime by calling 954.462.2004 (press 6).



**Sunshine Cathedral Weekly
Financial Information**

Thank you Harvest Donors for raising \$10,945.00
Performing Arts Raffle: 7 Sold of 200
Cruise Raffle: 3 Sold of 200

Financial Data Snapshot: 4 December

Weekly Generosity Income Needed	\$11,819.81
Generosity Income Received	\$15,490.42
Our Abundance and/or (Need)	\$3,670.61
Per Capita Giving	\$25.80
SC Square Worship Services	
SC Global Fellowship	172,503
People at SC Square (Weekly Avg)	4,500
Food Sharing Ministry - Total Reached	705

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SunBurst Cathedral News

ADVENT - Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ (sometimes called "second coming"). At Sunshine Cathedral, we suggest that "we" are the return of Christ, those of us who, in his name, share the good news of God as love and who seek to demonstrate love by working for justice, showing compassion, and by living humbly before the mysteries of life.

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION - The Sunshine Cathedral Food Sharing Ministry is going to provide holiday food bags to our clients and we need your help. Please consider donating non-perishable food items that can be included in the holiday bags. The collection will begin on Sunday, November 27 and will run through the Advent season. Please see any Loaves and Fishes Team Member for a list of suggested items. And if you have any questions about the Food Sharing Ministry, please contact Rev. Anne at anne@sunshinecathedral.net or 954-462-2004 ext. 208.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES - Christmas Eve Services will be offered on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 7 pm & 9 pm. On Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25 we will have only one service at 10:30 am. Remember! Christmas Eve Services as at 7 pm & 9 pm. Christmas Day Service is at 10:30 am.

SOCIAL HALL HOSPITALITY - Coffee and treats are available between 10 am and 10:30 am in the Social Hall. Our Social Hall Hostess, Melody Fiore, is asking for help cleaning up after the social time. Ideally, a person or two from the 9 am service who enjoys the social time can stay after to help clear away everything. It won't take long and will be greatly appreciated.

BECOME A CHRISTMAS ANGEL - Christmas Angels are those who make Sunshine Cathedral's Christmas Eve services grand and glorious. Angels give designated amounts in honor of or in memory of loved ones and those gifts make Christmas Eve celebrations possible.

The angel gift amounts are \$125, \$250, \$500, and \$1000. Sponsors give \$5,000 or more. At whatever level you can, we invite you to become a Christmas Angel. For more information please contact Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin (robert@sunshinecathedral.net) or visit our website (SunshineCathedral.org).

DRAG BIBLE STORY HOUR! - Every Wednesday in Advent at 7 pm.

Did you know that Drag Story Hour has become a popular program in public libraries, and that Drag Story Hour has come under attack by anti-LGBTQ forces?

Did you know that there is proposed legislation in various states meant to prohibit gender affirming medical, psychological, and social care?

There are efforts in some areas to label as a sexual venue any place that allows drag performance?

And of course we know about "don't say gay" and "don't say trans" bills that have already passed.

In response to homophobic, transphobic, and anti-drag attacks,

Sunshine Cathedral is offering Drag Bible Story Hour: a legit bible study that takes place while affirming and celebrating the art of drag. Please join us every Wednesday in Advent for Drag Bible Story Hour at 7 pm.

Nov. 30 - Drag Queens in the Bible

Dec. 7 - Our Non-Binary Bible

Dec. 14 - Jesus' Queer Ancestry

Dec. 21 - Jesus' Queer Family

PERFORMING ARTS RAFFLE (win seats to 10 shows) - To see a listing of upcoming shows visit SunshineCathedral.org or pick up a Season Guide. To purchase raffle chances go to sunshinecathedral.org/give and scroll to Performing Arts Series raffle. The ticket is really a donation to help the church, and as a thank you, every generous donor is given a chance to win a prize, and one lucky donor will actually win.

ANOTHER RAFFLE - CRUISE RAFFLE (win a cruise to countries on 3 continents) - You and a guest could win a chance to sail with Sunshine Cathedral. Please visit HappeningOut.Travel/Sunshine for complete cruise details. Raffle chances can be obtained under the "Give" section of the Cathedral website (sunshinecathedral.org). Remember, the ticket is really a donation to help the church, and as a thank you, every generous donor is given a chance to win a prize, and one lucky donor will actually win.

GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP - Those who don't live locally but who wish to be part of the Sunshine Cathedral community can learn about the Sunshine Cathedral Global Fellowship by visiting SunshineCathedral.org

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CATHEDRAL SECURITY - There is news almost every week of harassment and intimidation of LGBTQ+ and African American and Jewish groups. We hope that Sunshine Cathedral will never be targeted, but we want you to know that we are doing everything possible to stay safe. We have security cameras throughout the property, a good relationship with law enforcement, and extra security is hired or provided by police at select events. Our staff has had active shooter training, and during services we keep all doors other than the front entry doors locked. Cell phones can record incidents and allow us to call for help. We have people throughout the worship center every Sunday who intentionally keep a look out for suspicious activity. We are doing everything possible to keep our worshiping community safe. If you ever feel unsafe, you can watch services online from home - whenever you use that option please remember that there are significant costs to streaming our services and we hope you will support our streaming ministry with generous donations. We have no plans of offering less ministry or of being "closeted" about who we are or what we do. Together, we'll stay strong and stand for our right to exist, to love, and to worship as the people of God that we are. There is not yet reason to give into fear, and one

of the reasons we are not overly afraid is because we are being proactive to stay as safe as possible in uncertain times.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – commemoration of St. Mary's visitation to Juan Diego

Vivaldo & Bartolo – holy men of the 13th century. Blessed Vivaldo and Blessed Bartolo cared for lepers in Italy. When Bartolo contracted leprosy, Vivaldo chose to move into the leper colony with him, even though he, himself, didn't seem to have the disease. They lived together for 2 decades until Bartolo's death. Vivaldo became a hermit after that. Their loving companionship speaks to Queer people today, and their courage in the face of an indiscriminate disease also speaks to those who have faced HIV/AIDS, Ebola, or Covid 19.

Sister Alicia Domon (d.1977)—French nun and martyr. During a period of military dictatorship in Argentina thousands of civilians were abducted and never heard from again, including several French nuns who had devoted themselves to working with the poor and oppressed. Sister Alicia became closely involved with the Mothers of the Disappeared, who dressed in black and gathered in silence in the central plaza each day, carrying pictures of their children. Along with several others, Alicia was abducted and, as later reports revealed, tossed out of an airplane over the Atlantic Ocean.

December 13: F. Bernadette Turner (1903 – 1995) – Turner wanted to be an Episcopal priest when she was young, but was not allowed because of her gender. She still wanted to serve and help people, so she earned multiple degrees in Education, Sociology, Social Work, and finally a PhD in Psychology. She discovered Divine Science and trained to become a Divine Science minister. She pastored Divine Science churches in Chicago and Roanoke. In retirement, she continued to minister as a chaplain to the retirement home where she lived. Then, at the age of 86, she was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church and the following year (1990) at the age 87, she was ordained an Episcopal priest (her lifelong dream finally fulfilled). She continued serving as chaplain to her community where she encouraged seniors to renew their energy by taking rest, exercise, good nutrition, and meditation.

St. Lucy 283 – 304) - a Christian martyr who died during the Diocletianic Persecution. She is venerated as a saint by the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and Orthodox Churches. She is one of eight women along with St. Mary who are commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. Her feast day is celebrated in the West on 13 December. St. Lucia of Syracuse was honored in the Middle Ages and remained a well-known saint in early modern England.

December 14: Fannie Brooks James (1854 – 1914) – Nona Brooks' sister. Author of Truth and Health. A former Presbyterian, she struggled with health and financial issues in her younger years. Her lot improved once she was introduced to New Thought metaphysics. She was an early teacher, writer, and leader in the Divine Science movement. Emphasizing the Divine Science focus on Omnipresence, she wrote, "If God is OMNIPRESENCE, there is nothing anywhere but God."

December 15: Joseph Murphy (1898 – 1981) – an Irish Catholic priest, pharmacist, and psychologist who became a Religious Science minister and then a Divine Science minister. In his life he met Thomas Edison and Albert Einstein. He was a friend of Ernest Holmes and also of Emmet Fox. He loved the teachings of Nona Brooks. He pastored a large New Thought church in Los Angeles and wrote the self-help classic, *The Power of Your Subconscious Mind*. Murphy taught, "Your subconscious never sleeps. It is always on the job. It controls all your vital functions. Forgive yourself and everyone else before you go to sleep, and healing will take place much more rapidly."

Cora Fillmore (1876 – 1955) – was Charles Fillmore's personal secretary and in 1933 became his second wife. She was ordained in 1918. Cora co-authored, with Charles, *Teach Us to Pray*.

December 16: Joseph Perry Green (1898 – 1981) – founder of the College of Divine Metaphysics (still offering correspondence courses today).

Sylvester James Jr. (1947 – 1988), known mononymously as Sylvester, was an American singer known for disco, R&B, and soul music as well as for an androgynous and flamboyant personality and falsetto singing voice. Called the "Queen of Disco", Sylvester worked with Martha Wash (of Weather Girl fame) and his single "You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real)" topped the Dance Charts (#1). Before his solo career Sylvester was a member of the San Francisco avant-garde performance group, the Cockettes. Sylvester was openly gay and gender fluid. He was an AIDS activist (it was AIDS that eventually took his life). At a young age, Sylvester's Pentecostal church rejected him for his homosexuality, but he identified as a Christian throughout his life.

December 17: Feast of St. Lazarus of Bethany – Lazarus was part of Jesus' chosen family. Some Queer scholars think it is possible their relationship was romantic in nature.

Claude M. Bristol (1891 - 1951) - WW1 veteran and journalist who investigated and practiced what he called "mind stuff" (the power of belief, determination, and visualization). Comedienne Phyllis Diller credited his book *The Magic of Believing* with changing her life and jumpstarting her career. She often gave copies of the book to young performers seeking her advice. Bristol advised, "You have to think big to be big" and "We usually get what we anticipate."

Dom Bede Griffiths (1906-1994)—Monk and Sannyasi. Raised in a middle-class English family and student of C. S. Lewis at Oxford, Griffiths' spiritual journey led him first to the Catholic faith and the life of a Benedictine monk. While sent to establish a monastery in India, he came to believe that the secularized West had much to learn from the East. He helped found a Christian ashram that was faithful to Christian traditions, but adopted the disciplines of the East, including yoga and meditation. He dressed in the saffron robes and lived as a sannyasi, or Hindu holy man. His liturgies combined Christian and Hindu prayers and readings. He believed he could find the truth of Christ present within all the religions of the world.

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