

Theme Sharing

Epiphany of Our Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of our Lord, a feast manifesting the Light of Christ.

The story of the wise men (Magi) is unfolded in today's gospel. Upon seeing the star of the new-born Jewish King at its rising, the wise men in the distant land of the east immediately set out for Jerusalem in search of the Messiah. The search of Christ is often a daunting and difficult task for anyone. Do we have the courage of the wise men to give up our family or comfortable positions in life in search of God? Are we willing to let go our prized possessions and empty ourselves to follow Christ? Are we truly following Christ in our daily lives? Is Jesus the centre of our lives and the satisfaction of our inner yearnings?

Having departed from Herod in search of Christ, the wise men are overwhelmed with joy when the star reappears and leads them all the way to baby Jesus. In the course of our search for God, there will be times of darkness and bewilderment when we know not where to go. If we have faith, we will be able to overcome all hurdles and see the light at the end of the tunnel. A star will appear and show us the way, and we too will be filled with joy.

There is a significant message in today's Liturgy of the Word. Guided by the Star of Bethlehem, the wise men from afar pay homage to Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Indeed, the Light of Christ will shine on all. And this is foretold by Isaiah in the first reading: *"All those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord."*

In the second reading, Paul reveals in clear language God's plan of salvation in the context of today's gospel. He declares that the Gentiles (non-Jews)

have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and shares in the promise in Christ Jesus. *"In former generations,"* says Paul, *"this mystery was not made known to humanity as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit."*

Undoubtedly, this stunning revelation brought immense joy to Paul at the time. Until then, it was widely believed that salvation would only be brought to the Jews, the chosen people of God. However, God is

Love and his divine plan is to unite all people into one big family, so that all of us can become children of God and his chosen people, sharing the same promise and the same graces.

Let us then rejoice in today's feast of Epiphany, as Jesus calls not only the shepherds around him but also the foreigners from afar. The feast is also a reminder that all of us have a duty to proclaim the Good News to others. We are part of the Mystical Body of Christ who has risen from the dead. We can all be involved in evangelization in one way or another, say by active evangelization work, financial support to missions, prayers or being witnesses of Christ in our daily lives. We must do the best we can to bring others to Christ so that all may abide in his love, joy and peace.

Year of Faith

Oct 11, 2012

Nov 24, 2013

Open the Door of Faith

The Goal for Year of Faith in our parish:

Catechetical Studies Refresher;
Spend ten minutes a day to meditate on the Bible and to study the Catechism.
Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:17

Scraps from the Table

Jim Wallis, a prophetic evangelical Christian, tells the story from his seminary days about his distress that many believers consistently miss a central theme of the Scriptures.

A group of eager first year seminarians did a thorough study to find every verse in the Bible that dealt with the poor. They found several thousand references to poor people, to wealth and poverty, to injustice and oppression and to what the response of God's people was to be.

One member of the group took an old Bible and a pair of scissors and began the long process of literally cutting out every single biblical text about the poor.

The prophets were simply decimated. The famous refrain from Amos, "let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream," was cut out.

Isaiah's question, "Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undue the thongs of the yoke, and let the

oppressed go free?," had to go.

Micah's call to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." was eliminated.

Much of the psalms, those sections describing God as defender and deliverer of the oppressed, disappeared, as did references to the Hebrew tradition of Jubilee. The thankful Magnificat prayer of Mary didn't survive the cut: "He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich empty away."

The Nazareth manifesto of Jesus, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour," had to expunged. The Sermon on the Mount, and especially the Beatitudes, were deemed to be too upsetting. Imagine saying that the blessed are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers, the persecuted, and those who hunger and thirst for justice!

Mt. 25, the last judgement scene, and that part about "As long as you did it to the least of my brothers" had to be excised.

Of course, the slashing affected Acts and the practice of economic sharing: "there was not a needy person among them." Even Paul's collection since it was encouraging economic redistribution had to go.

James with his doctrine about position in the community and "faith without works" had to be snipped; as did all that stuff from John about not having the love of God in you unless you opened your heart to the needy. When the zealous seminarian was done with all his editorial cuts, the old Bible would hardly hold together. It was literally falling apart. What had been created was a "Bible full of holes."

We tend to do the same thing.

People can really love the Bible, based their lives on it, and yet completely miss some of its most central themes. The Scriptures repeatedly tell how nations, rulers, and all of us are to treat the poor but we just don't seem to get it.

We tend to take the comment of Jesus, "the poor you will always have with you," as a fatalistic insight or an excuse rather than as an expression of the disciples continuing proximity to the poor. We don't see assistance rendered to the poor as a

primordial option. The poor are not those we identify with, spend our time and share our resources with.

By F. B. Henry (Bishop of Calgary)

Calgary Meals on Wheels

Do you know someone who needs help with meal preparation? Calgary Meals on Wheels can prepare and deliver nutritious and affordable meals to your door providing you with meals 7 days a week regardless of your age or finances. To order meals for yourself or someone you love, give our Client Services Department a call at 403-243-2834 or email us your name and phone number to signup@mealsonwheels.com.

Parish Activities

Bible/Catechism Quiz

Pastoral Care Team will organize two different kinds of Vietnamese noodle soup for all parishioners at Upper Hall on January 19 after 5:00pm Mandarin Mass and January 20 after 8:30 am Mass until 1:00 p.m. at a price of \$5.00 each. Please come to support Bible /Catechism Quiz. Starting from this week, you can buy the noodle soup tickets at the front & back entrances. Thank you for your support.

Chinese New Year Banquet 2013

Date: Saturday February 23

Time: Reception from 6 p.m.,
dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Venue: Chinese Cultural Centre, banquet
by Cultural Centre Restaurant

Ticket: \$30 /adult, \$15/child (age 12
or below)

Early bird special of \$268 for table of 10 with tickets purchased before January 27, 2013. Banquet tickets will be sold at the Religious Article Centre after each mass beginning January 5. Parishioners can contact Church Group representatives or Sr. Magdalena Chan at 403-690-2973 to purchase tickets. Donation of gifts for Raffle Ticket Draw would be much appreciated, please contact Parish Pastoral Councillors or Parish Office for details.

Together in Action

Theme is "Love Never Ends."

(1 Corinthians 13:8)

Our parish's final target will remain at \$50,000. Donation envelopes can be picked up from both the front and the side entrances. As of December 30 our campaign

has received a total of \$59,336.18.

May God bless you for your generous support!

Weekly Activities

Mon Wed, Fri 7, 9, 11

OLPH Senior Centre

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon

Place: OLPH Church, Upper Hall

Saturday 12

Legion of Mary (meeting)

(Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium)

Time: 9:45a.m.

Place: K of C Room

Faith Sharing Group (N.E)

Time: 10:30a.m.-12:00noon.

Contact: Sr. Sze 403-230-3801

Tai Chi Lesson

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Yoga beginner class

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

Don Bosco Party

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

Young Adults choir practice

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: OLPH Lower Hall

Faith Sharing Group (N.W.)

Time: 7:30p.m.-10:00p.m.

Contact: Wendy Tai 403-208-2268

Sunday 13

Fr. Joseph Birthday Blessing Sunday

School and Youth Group

Time: 10:00 a.m. Mass

R. C.I.A

Adult Catechumenate Class
(Cantonese, Mandarin and English)

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Sunday School

Time: 10:00a.m.-12:30p.m.

Place: Office Building

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Time: 12:30p.m.

Place: K of C Room at OLPH Church

Youth Group

Time: 11:00a.m.-12:30p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

Imitating Christ

Chapter 22 :

Thoughts On The Misery Of Man

But woe to those who know not their own misery, and greater woe to those who love this miserable and corruptible life. Some, indeed, can scarcely procure its necessities either by work or by begging; yet they love it so much that, if they could live here always, they would care nothing for the kingdom of God.

How foolish and faithless of heart are those who are so engrossed in earthly things as to relish nothing but what is carnal! Miserable men indeed, for in the end they will see to their sorrow how cheap and worthless was the thing they loved. To Be Continued

Let There Be Light

Emmanuel –

God With Us is God For Us

God of every nation and people, from the beginning of [Creation](#). You have made known your love through the gift of your Son Who bears the name Emmanuel, "God with Us."

In the fullness of time the Christ-child came to be the Good News to all humankind. Emmanuel, God lives with us as one of us; Christ, the Word made flesh has come to us as a vulnerable, weak and dependent babe; A God who hungered and thirsted, and longed for human touch and affection; A God who chose to be born in obscurity and shame, to a virgin, an unwed maiden, with a dirty stable as a home, and a borrowed [manger](#) as a bed. In a tiny, insignificant town called [Bethlehem](#).

Oh, Mighty God, of humble origins, Christ, the Messiah, whom the prophets foretold,

You were born at a time, and in a place
Where few welcomed you

Or even recognized you.

Have we, too, lost a sense of joy and anticipation

In what the Christ-child may bring?

Have we been preoccupied with endless activities,

Distracted by the tinsel, decorations, and gifts—

Busy preparing for the birthday of Christ;

So busy that there's no room in our cluttered lives to welcome Him when he comes?

God, grant us the grace to be patient and vigilant
 In watching, waiting, and listening attentively.
 So that we won't miss Christ
 When he comes knocking at our door.
 Remove whatever hinders us from receiving
 The gifts which the Savior brings—
 Joy, peace, justice, mercy, love ...
 These are the gifts we are to share
 With the downtrodden, the oppressed,
 The outcasts, the weak, and the
 defenseless.
 Christ, you are the hope of all peoples,
 The wisdom who teaches and guides us,
 The wonderful Counselor who encourages
 and consoles,
 The Prince of Peace who calms our troubled
 minds
 And restless spirits—
 Granting us true inner peace.
 Christ, you who are the radiant dawn,
 Shine on those who live in darkness and in
 shadows,
 Dispel [fears](#), anxieties, and insecurities,
 Restore hearts that have grown cold and
 distant,
 Enlighten minds which have become
 darkened
 Through greed, [anger](#), hatred and [bitterness](#).
 We remember those who are living in
 shadows of a marginal existence,
 We pray for the [homeless](#), jobless and
 retrenched,
 Those struggling to keep their lives together,
 We lift up families, especially the children
 Who may not experience
 The joy of Christmas celebrations this
 season.
 We pray for those living alone,
 The widowed, the orphans, the elderly,
 The sick and bedridden, the migrant workers
 For whom the Christ-event may hold no
 special significance.
 As happens with most festive seasons,
 May it not deepen their sense of
 abandonment and alienation.
 Christ, You who are the Light of the World,
 Help us to radiate the warmth of your
 presence.
 Enable us to give of ourselves generously
 and compassionately
 In bringing joy, peace, and hope to others.
 As we wait for the dawn
 Of the coming of the Christ-child,
 We do so with anticipation
 Of new and unexpected challenges.
 Like Mary, we sense the birth pangs of a

new era,
 A new kingdom waiting to be born.
 May we, like Mary, be filled with [courage](#),
 Openness, and receptivity to be the bearers
 of the Christ-child.
 In receiving and bringing forth the Good
 News.
 As we continue to be witnesses
 Of God's truth and justice,
 As we walk along the path of peace,
 As we are strengthened in our love for
 Christ .And for each other.
 In the words of [Isaiah](#):
 "Arise, shine, for your light has come.
 The glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
 Even though darkness shall cover the earth
 and over its people,
 Yet the LORD will be your everlasting light."
 Amen.

Stories Faith Sharing

Voice Mail

Most of us have now learned to live with
 "voice mail" as a necessary part of
 our daily lives. But have you ever wondered
 what it would be like if God decided to install
 voice mail? Imagine praying and instead of
 hearing God speaking to your heart you hear
 the following:
 Thank you for calling Heaven.
 For English, press 1.
 For Spanish, press 2.
 For all other languages, press 0.
 Please select one of the following options:
 Press 1 for Requests.
 Press 2 for Thanksgiving.
 Press 3 for Complaints.
 I am sorry. All of our angels and saints are
 busy helping other sinners right now.
 However, your prayer is important to us, and
 we will answer it in the order it was received.
 Please stay on the line.
 If you would like to speak to:
 God, press 1.
 Jesus, press 2.
 Holy Spirit, press 3.
 If you would like to hear King David sing a
 Psalm while you are holding, press 4.
 To find a loved one that has been assigned
 to Heaven, press 5, then enter his or her
 social security number, followed by the
 "pound" sign. (If you receive a negative
 response, please hang up and dial 666.)
 For reservations at Heaven, please enter
 J-O-H-N, followed by the numbers 3-1-6 .
 For answers to nagging questions about

dinosaurs, the age of the earth, life on other
 planets, and where Noah's Ark is, please
 wait until you arrive.

Our computers show that you have already
 prayed today. Please hang up and try again
 tomorrow. The office is now closed for the
 weekend to observe a religious holiday.
 Please pray again on Monday after 9:30
 am .

If you are calling after hours and need
 emergency assistance, please contact your
 local pastor.

Thank you and have a heavenly day!

主日分享

主顯節

今天教會慶祝主顯節，這是一個光明的
 節日。

福音記述賢士們跟隨異星從東方來到
 耶路撒冷。追尋耶穌是很艱辛的，不
 是很容易。但是給我們印象更加強
 烈，讓我們更加激賞的是賢士們馬上
 動身啓程，從東方直到耶路撒冷。如
 果將我們自己放在他們的位置，我們
 是不是有勇氣拋下自己的家，拋棄自
 己習慣的環境和從事的工作，啓程去
 追隨耶穌呢？我們在自己的日常生活中，
 是不是真的追隨基督？我們是不
 是真的有勇氣拋下我們感興趣的、所
 投入精力的事情去追隨主耶穌呢？耶
 穌真的是我們生活的中心，是我們最
 深層的願望的滿足嗎？

賢士們別過黑落德從耶路撒冷出發，
 那顆他們曾經看到的星又出現了，引
 導他們直到嬰兒誕生的地方。福音
 說：“他們一見那星，極其高興歡
 喜”。在尋找主的過程中，這一點非
 常有意義。當一個人真正的尋找天主
 時，有時會陷於黑暗中，不知道應該
 做什麼，應該朝哪裡走。但是，儘管
 困難重重，只要繼續執著的尋找，在
 某一個時刻會突然得到光照，豁然開
 朗，星光重新出現，喜悅會充滿心靈。
 福音中敘述賢士朝拜的片斷很短，但
 是意義卻很大，而且由第一和第二篇
 讀經得到烘托。

第一篇讀經選自依撒意亞先知書，宣
 告“都要由舍巴滿載黃金和沒藥而
 來”。很有可能選這段經文是要對應
 賢士奉獻給聖嬰耶穌的禮物：黃金和
 沒藥。

在第二篇讀經，保祿幫助我們更加深刻的認識賢士朝拜的意義所在：外邦人在基督耶穌內與猶太人同為繼承人，同為一體，同為恩許的分享人”。這是一個讓人震驚的啟示，曾經讓保祿的心歡躍，他說：“這奧秘在以前的世代中沒有告訴過任何人，而現在藉聖神啟示了給他的聖宗徒和先知。在保祿的時代，似乎天主的恩寵只保留給猶太人，因為他們是被天主揀選的民族。但是，耶穌向人們說，天主的計畫是將所有的民族共聚成一個受選的人民，共同分享同一的許諾，同一的恩寵。

主顯節是我們的喜樂，因為耶穌不只是召叫了近在身旁的牧人，他也召叫了遠方的人們。主顯節也應該在我們的心中激起傳教的熱忱：我們應該為天主神聖計畫中聚集萬民成一體的實現做出貢獻，因為這身體是復活的耶穌基督的身體，祂聚集人民在祂的愛內，這愛激發不息的喜樂和平安。

錄自梵蒂岡電台

信德年

2012年10月11日

2013年11月24日

打開信德之門

本堂為教友實行再慕道的金句：

每日十分鐘默想聖經及研習教理；
信德若沒有行為，自身便是死的。

雅各伯書 2:17

福傳小品文

二千年前，耶穌背著沈重的十字架，走過苦路，展開救恩。今天，我們每個人都背負著自己的十字架，去走漫長的人生路。因我們每個人的生活背景、所做的工作、人際關係網絡都各有不同，我們的十字架都好像有不同大小和重量。當我們在討論自己的十字架有多沈重，申訴自己的背負有多艱澀，耶穌好像有點看不過眼，便走了出來，對著我們每一個人說：「其實我給您們每一個人的十字架，大小和重量都完全相同。您們所以看到不同，關係於您們的心態，和您們對我

的信任程度。」祂又說：「不要將您的痛苦放大，我所給您的，必定是您所能應付的。」

我想起"足印"的故事。當人感到痛苦，意會失落的時候，每每眼前一片漆黑，看不見耶穌，也看不見自己，更會埋怨耶穌離我而去，呼喊祂卻沒有回應。其實，在我最艱難的時候，耶穌默不作聲，並將我抱起，帶我經過。有甚麼比愛情更偉大呢？人世間充斥著冷漠、妒嫉、猜忌，誰人能保證永恆？痛苦讓我感悟到世界上實在沒有絕對的事情，只有天主才有絕對。除了祂，我還能信靠誰？

面對十字架的考驗，我們並不是束手無策，全能仁慈的父早已為我們有所準備。十字架上面有一條拉鍊，拉開它，裡面有父給我們準備了的用具，用以對抗誘惑和考驗，它可能是一條很大的玫瑰念珠，又可能是一把砍妖除魔的寶劍，也可以是一套全身盔甲。這些用具會隨環境的需要而有所更換，有了它們，我們還能卻步嗎？歷史中的耶穌，是受苦受難的；而今天與我們同住的耶穌，卻是溫和的，喜樂的，對我們更是無微不至的照顧。祂不只是聖體櫃內的主，祂是生活的天主，我們大可以向祂吐苦水，就好像幼兒園的小朋友。

堂區活動

信德年聖經教理問答比賽

牧靈關愛組為支持信德年聖經教理問答比賽及方便各位教友參與此項活動，特別精心泡製(兩種越南粉)，給各位教友品嚐。為了預計食物，由本週起，可在聖堂入口處向牧靈關愛組成員或堂區辦事處購買餐券，每碗 \$5。

週六國語彌撒後，教友也可以品嚐。請各位教友鼎力支持。

日期：1月19日(星期六) 國語彌撒後 6時及1月20日(星期日) 上午 8時30分彌撒後至下午1時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

永援聖母堂 2013 年新春團拜

日期：2月23日(星期六)

時間：晚上6時恭候，6時30分入席

地點：中華文化中心禮堂，晚宴由中華大酒樓安排

票價：成人每位 30 元，12 歲以下小童 每位 15 元

為答謝各教友多年來鼎力支持，將特設晨鳥優惠，凡1月27日前購票一席，只須268元；欲免向隅，購票從速。購票詳情，請與 Sr. Magdalena Chan (403-690-2973) 聯絡。

門票將於1月5日開始發售，教友可於每台彌撒後到聖物部購買，或直接與善會代表購票。春茗晚宴並設有大抽獎助興，盼望教友熱烈捐贈及贊助抽獎禮物，詳情請與堂區牧民議會各委員或堂區辦事處聯絡。

教區公益金，齊來獻愛心

主題是「愛永存不朽」(格林多人前書第十三章八節)2012年教區公益金「讓我們一起來行動」(TIA)，籌募經已展開。本堂今年的目標是50,000元，捐款信封可在聖堂入口處拿取。截至12月31日，捐款已累積至59,336.18元。就讓我們立即行動，繼續慷慨解囊。在此感謝各位教友，並願主降福您們！

活動一週

星期一、三、五 7, 9, 11

永援聖母松柏軒

時間：上午9時至正午12時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

星期六 12

聖母軍

(聖母軍聖母無玷聖心支團)

時間：早上9時45分(開會)

地點：聖堂二樓騎士會室

東北區信仰小團體聚會

時間：早上10時30分至12時

聯絡：施修女 403-230-3801

楊式太極班

時間：上午10時至上午11時

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

瑜珈初班

時間：下午2時至下午3時30分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

鮑斯高同學會聚會

時間：下午4時至下午11時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

永援聖母青年團練習聖詩

時間：下午6時

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

信仰小團體 (西北區)

時間：晚上 7 時 30 分至 10 時

聯絡：Wendy Tai 403-208-2268

星期日 1 月 13 日

阮神父祝福生日的主日學、

青年會會員

時間：10 時彌撒

成人慕道班 (粵語、國語及英語)

時間：上午 9 時 30 分至

下午 1 時 30 分至

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

主日學

時間：上午 10 時至下午 12 時 30 分

地點：寫字樓大廈

堂區牧民議會會議

時間：下午 12 時 30 分

地點：聖堂二樓騎士會堂

青年會

時間：上午 11 時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

師主篇

第二十二章 世人之苦

不認識自己有患難的人，是有禍的；愛這個不幸而可腐朽的生命的人，更是有禍的。有的過於珍惜生命，只要能常活著，即使討飯求食，含辛茹苦，不得飽暖，卻仍心滿意足，甚至連後來的天堂也不指望。

唉！這樣的人，真算喪心病狂，失了信德，把自己全埋在世俗當中，除了情慾的事，其它的一切都感覺乏味。這些不幸的人，後來總有一天要後悔，那時才曉得今日所愛的，全是卑賤而無價值的，全是虛無。 待續

心靈小品

熱愛世界

我能夠瞭解你所受的委屈，我們只要問心無愧就好了，我們不能改變別人的想法，當然也沒有辦法及必要為別人而活，只能自己做好調適，最重要的是盡好自己的本分，天主不會因為別人的過失而處罰我們，祂是絕對公平的，除非是我們故意讓不好的事情發生。

雖然我們因為人的自私而產生失望，但是我們還是要為天主所創造的美好

世界努力生活。

所以最重要的事，是要做好天主要我們所作的事，好好照顧我們的家庭，好好培育子女，當然要好好愛我們的天父，愛我們的教堂及神父並愛人如己！這樣我們就不會有所遺憾！因為我們已作了我們該作且能作的了！

靈修小故事

祈禱之手

十五世紀時，在德國的一個小村莊裡，住了一個有十八個孩子的家庭。父親是一名冶金匠為了維持一家生計，他每天工作十八個小時。生活儘管窘迫逼人，然而這個家庭其中兩個孩子卻有一個同樣的夢想。他們是法蘭西斯和亞爾伯，兩人都希望可以發展自己在藝術方面的天份。不過他們也瞭解到父親無法在經濟上供他們兩到藝術學院讀書。晚上，兩兄弟在床上討論一番後，得到一個結論：以擲銅板決定一勝方到藝術學院讀書，敗方則到礦場工作賺錢；四年後，在礦場工作的那一個再到藝術學院讀書，由學成畢業那一個賺錢支持。結果，弟弟亞爾伯勝出。

亞爾伯在藝術學院表現很突出，他的作品比教授的還要好。他畢業後，並沒有忘記他的承諾，立刻返回自己的村莊，尋找四年來一直在礦場工作，供他讀書的哥哥法蘭西斯。

他返回家鄉那一天，家人為他準備了盛宴，慶祝他學成歸來。席間，亞爾伯起立答謝法蘭西斯幾年來對他的支持『現在輪到你了哥哥，我會全力支持你到藝術學院攻讀，實現你的夢！』親友目光都轉移到法蘭西斯身上，只見法蘭西斯兩行眼淚直流。他垂下頭，邊搖頭邊說：『不...不...』

他站起來，望著心愛的弟弟亞爾伯，握著他的手說：『看看我雙手—四年來在礦場工作，毀了我的手，關節動彈不得，現在我的手連舉杯為你慶賀也不可能，何況是揮動畫筆或雕刻刀呢？弟弟，太遲了...不過看到你能實現你的夢想，我十分高興。』

幾天後，亞爾伯不經意的看到法蘭西斯跪在地上，合起他那粗糙的手祈禱著：「主啊！我這雙手已無法讓我實現

成為藝術家的夢想，願您將我的才華與能力加倍賜於我弟弟亞爾。」原本對哥哥已十分感激的亞爾伯，見到這一幕立刻決定繪下哥哥的這一雙手。時至四百五十年後的今天，亞爾伯·丟勒的速寫、素描、水彩畫、木刻、銅刻可以在世界各地博物館找到；不過最為人熟悉的，莫過於他的『祈禱之手』。