SAINT FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH PALOS VERDES ESTATES CALIFORNIA

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023 8:00 AM

Welcome to St. Francis Church

The altar flowers this morning are donated by Jack and Sue Ferme to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our Parents, Michael, and John.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

8:00 A.M. - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

Celebrant/Preacher:	ason Shelby		
Deacon:	2		
Prelude: "Helmsley"	Robert Lind		
Processional Hymn-Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	#66, vv. 1-4		
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	set thy all the		
Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a ch	hild, and		
By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in	all our		
peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us earth thou art: dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of	find our ev - ery		
vet a king, born to reign in us for ev-er, now thy	gra - cióus		
$_{8}$ hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us	to thy		
rest in thee.			
long - ing heart.			
king - dom bring.			
glo- rious throne.			
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: "Stuttgart," melody from			
"Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andaechtige und Schoene Gesang," 1715;			
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).			
The Opening AcclamationBook of Common Pr			
<i>(this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Cor</i> Collect for Purity			
Summary of the Law			
Kyrie	p 324		
The Collect of the Day			
The First Lesson			
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains			
quake at your presenceas when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes wa			
boil to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might t			
at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you can	me		
down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear			
has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who	wait for		

him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you -- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord

Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Sermon	
The Nicene Creed	
The Prayers of the People	
The Confession	
The Peace	
Welcome and Announcements	1

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: "Ellacombe," melody from "Gesangbuch. . .der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katolischen Hofkapelle1784, alt.; adapt.
"Katolische Gesangbuch, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973) Descant by permission of Oxford University Press.

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Ana, Andrea, Christa, Jean Dicus, Daniel Dreiling, Pauline Duley, Elvis, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, Chris Goldsmith, Sally Hill, Loren, Mick Mohuchy, Bruce Schaefer, Roxanne Wall, and for the people of the middle east, and victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

What's Happening!

Finding Faith in the Abstract – Dec 2nd-3rd, 10am

Help fundraise for Harbor Interfaith through art!

Advent Sunday Breakfast & Wreath Making – Dec 3rd, 11:15am

All families and parishioners are invited to the Advent Sunday Breakfast and Wreath Making Event! Bring in your old metal, or foam wreaths and gently used candles to create your arrangement this year! If you don't have any, we will have plenty of supplies for you to use.

St. Anne's Christmas Auction – Dec 6th, 6pm

Join us for our St. Anne's annual Christmas Auction for some food, fun, and fellowship!

Harbor Interfaith Services Christmas Dinner Donations - Dec 17th, to Church Office

Help make the holidays bright for the over 350 families served by HIS by donating food or toys to their Christmas Drive. Bring holiday foods, gift cards, toys for kids 1 month -18 years old to the church office by Dec 17th.

Christmas Eve Services – Children's Pageant

Join us at the 4pm Children's Pageant & Service, and 9pm traditional Christmas Eve service.

Christmas Day – Dec 25th, 9am

Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us on this holy day!

Our Clergy

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