SAINT FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH PALOS VERDES ESTATES CALIFORNIA

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost NOVEMBER 12, 2023 8:00 AM

Welcome to St. Francis Church

The flowers this morning are donated by Susie and Albert Zimmerman, and Sara and Dick Briggs to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all Veterans, past, present, and future.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

8:00 A.M THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I Celebrant/Preacher:The Rev. Jason Shelby
Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump
Prelude: "Von Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her"Johann Pachelbel
Processional Hymn—Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty GatesHymn #436, vv. 1-5
Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates; be - hold the O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christthe Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a Re - deem - er come! I o - pen wide my heart to So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and
King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is draw - ing ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and hap - py
ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and hap - py tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for heaven's em - thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner pres - ence no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit guide us
near; the Sa - vior of the world is here. homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes! ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy. feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal. on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.
Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: "Truro," melody from "Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II," 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.
The Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer, p. 323 (this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer)
Collect for Purity

The First Lesson
Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a
lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and
was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no
brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assem-
blies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept
them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away
from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice
roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.
The Response: Psalm 70
The Epistle
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so
that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.
For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until
the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord him-
self, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet,
will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who
are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and
so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.
The Holy Gospel
Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps
and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with
their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at
midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then
all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us
some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be
enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'
And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with
him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came
also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'
Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
The Sermon
The Nicene Creed
The Prayers of the People
The Confession
The Peace
Welcome and Announcements

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.

The Great Thanksgivingp. 333
The clergy will carry the Sacrament to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward
for Holy Communion. Please inform one of the ushers if you would like to be served at your seat.
Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion.
If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.
Post Communion Prayerp. 339
Blessing and Sending Forthp. 339
Recessional Hymn—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
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Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho-vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land; I am weak, but O - pen now the crys-tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow; let the fire and
When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my an - xious fears sub-side; death of death, and
Thou art might - y, hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand; bread of heav - en, cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
hell's des - truc - tion, land me safe on _ Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,
bread of heav-en, feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
strong de-liv-erer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield. songs of prais-es, I will ev-er give to thee. I will ev-er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: "Cwm Rhondda," John Hughes (1873-1932).

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: Andrea, Christa, Jean Dicus, Daniel Drayling, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, John Ferme, 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!

Packing Boxes for our Troops — Nov 12th

Join us Sunday, November 12th, from 2-4pm as we pack boxes to send to our troops overseas. Everyone age 5 and older are welcome (with parent supervision) to help! If you can't make it no worries you can still help: donate items listed on the flier, or donate \$22 to help pay for shipping. Any questions? Reach out to Susie Zimmerman 310-316-5941.

Thanksgiving Outreach with Harbor Interfaith — Nov 15th

Harbor Interfaith Services, Inc. (HIS) plan to deliver over 350 complete holiday meals for Thanksgiving. They are asking for donations of frozen turkeys, canned vegetables, mashed potatoes, stuffing or dressing mix, canned yams, or sweet potatoes, cake mix, or grocery gift cards to help make it a brighter day for the families served. Bring any donations to church on Sunday or during office hours through Wednesday Nov 15th.

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