## SAINT FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH PALOS VERDES ESTATES CALIFORNIA

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 31, 2023 8:00 AM

### Welcome to St. Francis Church

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

8:00 A.M. - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I Prelude: Meditation on "Beach Spring" ....... Arr. Hal H. Hopson Processional Hymn—How Bright Appears the Morning Star......Hymn #497, vv. 1-3 pears How bright ap the Morn - ing star, with cir -joice, Though cled by the hosts on high, re with heavens; thou Re ye earth, ply; from a - far; the host of heaven re cy beam-ing joic - es; mer pit - ying eye up - on his help - less fill the sky, for this his In - car deigned to cast a crea-ture; the ye sin-ners In - car - na - tion. In praise, right - eous Branch, O Son Ies - se's Rod! Thou of Man and whole cre - a - tion's car - nate God, put Head and ser - a -Lord. high - est by forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es: Ie - sus! Je - sus, phim a - dored, as - sumed grant us, Je - sus, our ye - ry na - ture; know thy sal - va - tion. Ă - men, Con - quer - or, till all A - men! ho - ly yet most low - ly, draw thou near ly, us; through thy mer - it, Al - le - lu - ia, to in - her - it Al - le - lu - ia! sal - va thy tion: Praise be giv Em - man - uel, come and hear us. sup - pli - ca earth and hea hear, O hear our tion. er - more, by ven.

> Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608). Music: "Wie schön leuchtet," melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Opening Acclamation......Book of Common Prayer, p. 323 (this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer)

Collect for Purity
Summary of the Law
Kyrie
The Collect of the Day p. 161
The First Lesson
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed
me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a
bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For
as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For
Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindica-
tion shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see
your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that
the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
The Response: Psalm 147:13-21
The Epistle
Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would
be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be
justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the
law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption
as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our
hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then
also an heir, through God.
The Holy Gospel
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He
was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him
not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was
the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to
the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to
testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not
know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all
who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.
And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of
a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he
of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")
From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given
through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is
God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.
The Sermon
The Nicene Creed
The Prayers of the People
The Confession p. 331
The Peace p. 332

#### 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 Thanksgiving ......p. 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.



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 Dreiling, Pauline Duley, Elvis, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, Chris Goldsmith, Sally Hill, Loren, Mick Mohuchy, Patt Parker, 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!

## Art Camp — January 3-5th, 9am-11:30pm

Camp for all kids age 5-11, contact Claire to reserve a spot: claire.erbeznik@stfrancispalosverdes.org

## Quilters & Knitters — Thursdays 1-3pm, Boardroom

Is your New Years resolution to spend more time on needlework? Think about joining our weekly quilting, knitting, embroidering, and crochet group and share ideas and knowledge!

## Our Clergy

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