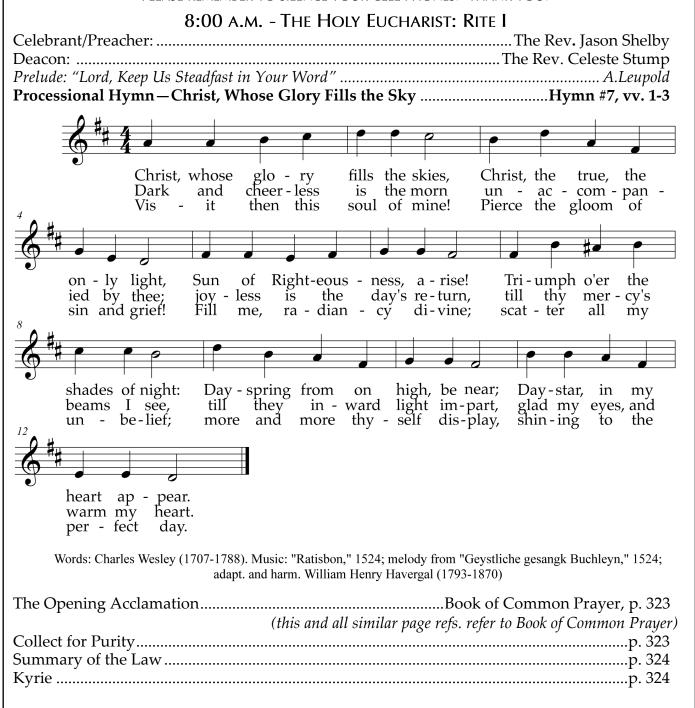
# SAINT FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY PALOS VERDES ESTATES JANUARY 7, 2024 CALIFORNIA 8:00 AM

#### Welcome to St. Francis Church

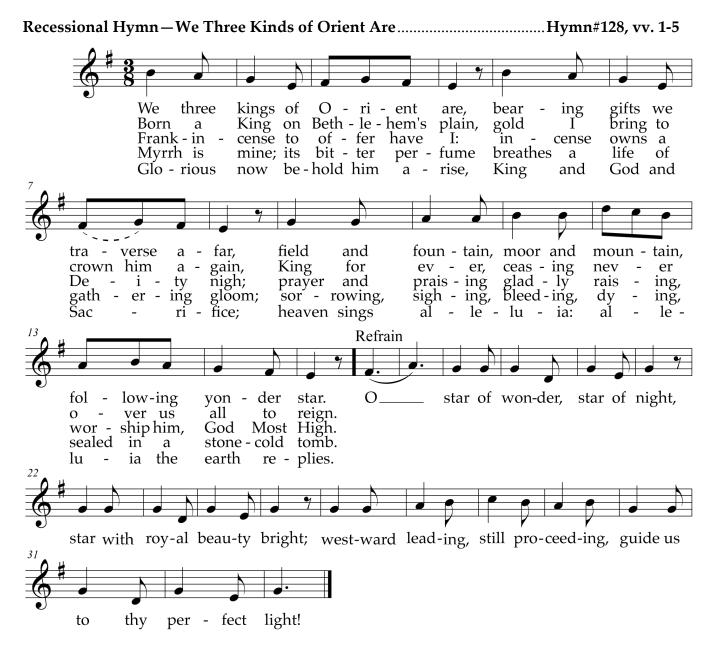
Consider making a donation of altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, or in memory of someone you love. The suggested donation is \$50. To arrange, please contact Claire in the Church Office: 310-375-4617 or claire.erbeznik@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

#### Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.



The Collect of the Day	p. 163
The First Lesson	Genesis 1:1-5
In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a	a formless
void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swep	t over the face
of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And G	od saw that
the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called	d the light
Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was	
first day.	G
The Response: Psalm 29	p. 620
The Epistle	Acts 19:1-7
While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and c	
sus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Ho	
when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard tha	t there is a Ho-
ly Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered	, "Into John's
baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling th	ie people to
believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing th	is, they were
baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on ther	n, the Holy
Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — altogeth	er there were
about twelve of them.	
The Holy Gospel	
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repen	
forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all th	e people of
Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jorda	an, confessing
their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around	l his waist,
and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more pov	werful than I is
coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sa	ındals. I have
baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."	
In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John	in the Jordan.
And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart	t and the Spirit
descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my	Son, the Be-
loved; with you I am well pleased."	
The Sermon The Rev	. Jason Shelby
The Nicene Creed	p. 327
The Prayers of the People	p. 328
The Confession	
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 their	m wherever
they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discoura	ged or sor-
rowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which pas	ses all under-
standing abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
The Great Thanksgiving	
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	l at vour seat.
Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy C	
If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.	
Post Communion Prayer	p. 339
Blessing and Sending Forth	n 339



Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891). Music: "Three Kings of Orient," John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891).

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!

#### Altar Guild — Jan 8th, 9am

Take down & pack away Christmas decorations

### Altar Guild Meeting — Jan 21st, after 10am service

In the board room.

#### **Take Home Poinsettia!**

Take a poinsettia or two home with you after service today!

## Our Clergy

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