Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024, 10:00 am

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Please also note that our services are publicly livestreamed.



There are no flowers on the Altar during Lent, but you may still make a contribution and have your dedication in honor of a special occasion, or in memory of someone you love, in our Easter bulletins! The suggested donation is \$50. To arrange, please contact Claire in the Church Office: 310-375-4617 or claire.erbeznik@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

What's Happening!

Lenten Dinners — 3/20 6pm 3/20 Seder Meal, presented by Bob Rothman from Congregation Ner Tamid.

Palm Sunday — **March 24th** Celebrate Palm Sunday at the 8am & 10am service.

Holy Week — March 24th - 30th

3/27 Holy Wednesday: **7pm** Tenebrae at St. Andrew's (Torrance). A contemplative evening of light & music.

3/28 Maundy Thursday: **12pm** Foot washing at Christ Church (Redondo). **7pm** Holy Eucharist, foot washing, stripping of the altar, and the Watch at St. Cross (Hermosa).

3/29 Good Friday: **12-3pm** Meditative service at St. Francis. Sit in the quiet of the chapel as we contemplate the last words of Christ; this is a come and go service. **7pm** Veneration of the Cross at Christ Church (Redondo).

3/30 Holy Saturday, 8pm the Great Easter Vigil at St Francis.

Easter Sunday — March 31st

Celebrate Easter at the 8am & 10am service, followed by our Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10am service.

The Word of God

Prelude

Dirait-on

Morten Lauridsen

Please stand as able, and join in singing,



Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.. Music: "In Babilone," melody from "Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlites en Contradanseu," 1710; harm. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935).

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord \clubsuit who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing as able, and join in singing,



Setting: Ver. "The Hymnal 1982," after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

1st Reader A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

1st ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Response Psalm 51:1-13 Miserere mei Deus Reader Let us read from Psalm 51 responsively (the People reading the text in **bold**). Refrain Be Merciful, O Lord Michael Guimont (Ps. 51) Ο Be mer - ci - ful, Ο Lord, for have sinned. we Words: from "Lectionary for Mass," © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL. All rights reserved.

Music: Michel Guimont, from "Lectionary Psalms-Michel Guimont, The Revised Grail Psalms," © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc. International copyright secured. All rights reserved. 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses. 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight. Refrain 5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment. 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb. 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly. 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. Refrain 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice. 10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities. 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me. 12 Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me. 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. Refrain

The Second Lesson Hebrew 5:5-10

2nd Reader A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord. 2nd Reader

Thanks be to God. People

Please stand as able, and join in singing,



Words: Johann Heermann (1585-1647); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930). Music: "Herzliebster Jesu, Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.

Please remain standing, as able, for the reading of the Gospel

The Holy GospelJohn 12:20-33DeaconThe Holy Gospel ♥ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated for,

The SermonThe Rev. Jason ShelbyThere will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.Please stand as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

A11	We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
	We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
	For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human.
	For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
	On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing, as able, for

The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in **bold**) Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Silence Deacon Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer. Deacon Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Silence Deacon Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer. Deacon Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its re sources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Silence Deacon Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer. People Silence Deacon Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Deacon Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer. Silence Deacon Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Silence Deacon Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer. We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be ful-Deacon filled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy

- People Hear our prayer.
- Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Please kneel, as able,

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy ✤ on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

Please stand, as able,

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

Welcome, Announcements

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

All 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 Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Give Me Jesus

Traditional Spiritual arr. Evenlyn D. White

In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus. Refrain

> Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus, You may have all this world, Give me Jesus

Dark midnight was my cry, Dark midnight was my cry, Dark midnight was my cry, Give me Jesus. Refrain

> O when I come to die, O when I come to die, O when I come to die, Give me Jesus. Refrain

> > St. Francis Choir

Offertory Hymn

What Wonderous Love Is This

Hymn #439, vv. 1-3



Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music : "Wondrous Love", from "The Southern Harmony", 1835.

Please stand, as able, for,

The Great Thanksgiving			
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.		
People	And also with you.		
Celebrant People	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.		
Celebrant People	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.		

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Please join in singing,



Music: from "Deutsche Mass," Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Please kneel or stand, as able, as the Celebrant continues.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All We Praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant All	And now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
	thy kingdom come,
	thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
	Give us this day our daily bread.
	And forgive us our trespasses,
	as we forgive those who trespass against us.
	And lead us not into temptation,
	but deliver us from evil.
	For thine is the kingdom,
	and the power, and the glory,
	forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.



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The Invitation

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God, Holy gifts, for Holy people.

For our online community—an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite my-self entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will also be available to pray with you, or you may just choose to light a candle.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you.** Gluten -free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.



Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.. Music: "Rockingham," melody from "Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature," ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

Please kneel or stand, as able for,

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen. The Blessing

Celebrant Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage, Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Honor all persons.
 Love and serve the lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And, the blessing of God Almighty, The ♥ Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.
 All Amen.

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God!

Please stand, as able, and join in singing



Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912) and Michaekl Robert Newbolt (1874-1956).
Music: "Crucifer," Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937);
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Postlude:

Plein Jeu a la Couperin

Gordon Young

Welcome!!

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome *all* people into our community – without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here.

Please join us for coffee fellowship after the service. The Ushers will direct you.

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, Shelly Crilley, Julia Dawson, Jean Dicus, Daniel Dreiling, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, Chris Goldsmith, George Ginis, Hannah, Sally Hill, Russel Knight, Loren, Mick Mohuchy, Judy Morgan, Patt Parker, Bruce Schaefer, Donna Tolbert, Roxanne Wall, Gail Winters, 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.

Ongoing

Yoga

Mondays from 11:00am –1:00pm - All Levels Hatha Yoga for Strength and Mobility. Wednesdays 9:00-10:30am All Levels Gentle Yoga for Vital Mobility and Balance. (free-will offering).

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