Saint Francis Episcopal Church Palos Verdes Estates California

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 3, 2024 8:00 AM

Welcome to St. Francis Church

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 – 2/28, 3/06, 3/13, 3/20 6pm

2/28 - 3/13 Who we are and where we come from: A Look at Our Roots 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 alter, 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 at immediately following the service.

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, Shelly Crilley, Julia Dawson, Jean Dicus, Daniel Dreiling, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, Chris Goldsmith, George Ginis, Hannah, Sally Hill, Loren, Mick Mohuchy, Judy Morgan, Patt Parker, Bruce Schaefer, Roxanne Wall, Gail Winters, and for the people of the Middle East, and victims of violence everywhere.

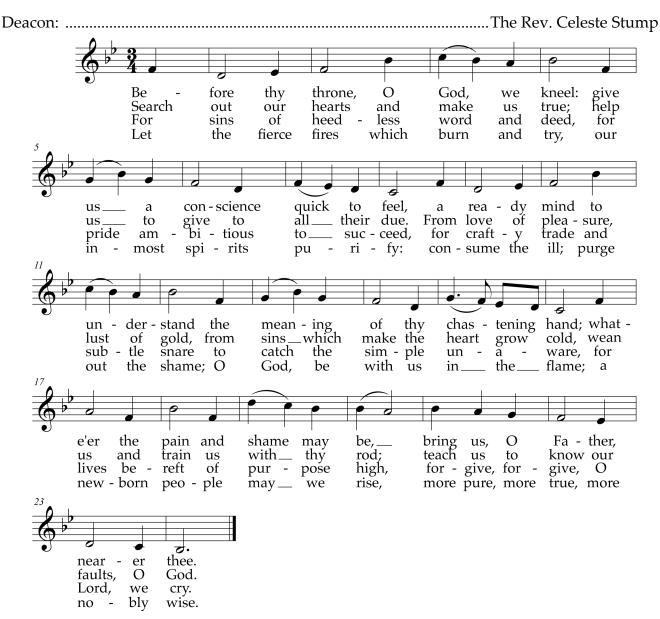
We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

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

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby



Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: "St. Petersburg," Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

Prelude: "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"John Rutter	r	
Processional Hymn – Before Thy Throne, O God We KneelHymn #574, vv. 1-4		
The Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer, p. 323	3	
(this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer	r)	
Collect for Purity p. 323	3	
Summary of the Law	1	
Kyrie p. 324	ł	
The Collect of the Day p. 167	7	
The First Lesson Exodus 20:1-17		
Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of		
Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.		
You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above,		
or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to		
them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the in-		

iquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing

steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your live-stock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Holy GospelJohn 2:13-22 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

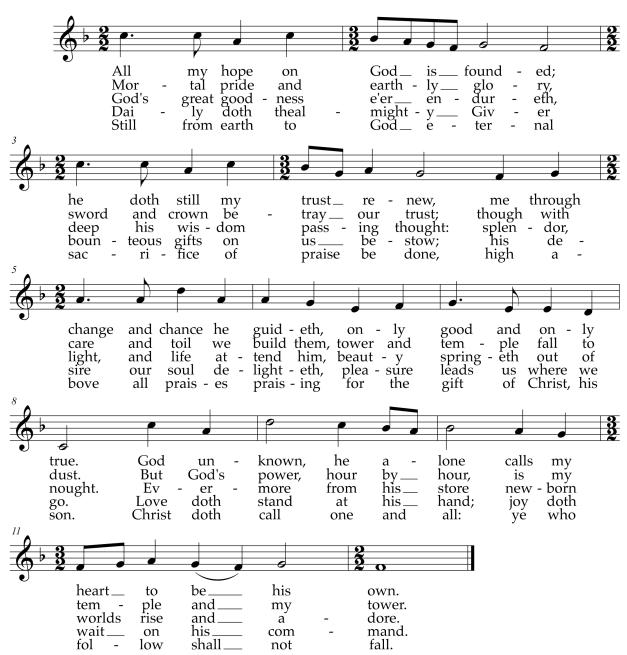
The Sermon	The Rev. Jason Shelby
The Nicene Creed	p. 327
The Prayers of the People	
The Confession	
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Welcome and Announcements

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.

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



Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680). Music: "Michael," Herbert Howells (1892-1983).

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Recessional Hymn-All My Hope on God is Founded	—
Postlude: "Allegro"	-

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