Saint Francis Episcopal Church Palos Verdes Estates California

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 28, 2024 8:00 AM

Welcome to St. Francis Church

This mornings altar flowers are donated by Bobbie Carpenter's Children, Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren to the Glory of God and to celebrate Bobbie Carpenter's Birthday!

What's Happening!

TAIZÉ — **April 30, 7pm** Join us for a service of music and healing.

Thank you to Pickle-Making Volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered last week! Together we made 70 pints of bread & butter pickles for our Harvest Cupboard ant the Antique Show. Many thanks—Gloria

Campus Work Day – May 4, 9am-12pm

Help us beautify the campus in advance of our Antique Show! We'll be gardening specific areas on campus, and also working on emergency supplies. Refreshments will be provided.

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

8:00 A.M. - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I Prelude: "Impromptu" in G-flat Major Franz Schubert 0 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by death, he broke its We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. ____ Re - born, we share with him an The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____ The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____ as Christ's new bo - dy takes on 0 0 ful hold; fear and our de spair he turned to blaz - ing joy._ lov - ing Christ. Eas _ ter life as liv - ing mem - bers of а Church of God. Bap-tized we live with God the Three in One._ flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re stored and whole will sing:_ Last time 0 0 Ο Al le lu ia! Al ia! le lu Al le _ ia! lu Al le lu ia! А men! Words: John Brownlow Gever (b. 1932), alt.; Used by permission of the author. Music "Engelberg," by Charles Velliers Stanford (1852-1924)

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	
The First Lesson	$A_{cts} 8.26-40$

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Holy Gospel John 15:1-8
Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes
every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear
more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in
me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide
in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered,
thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for
whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear
much fruit and become my disciples."
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 sor-
rowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all under-
standing 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.
<i>If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.</i> Post Communion Prayer
Blessing and Sending Forth
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Recessional Hymn – Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
Lord, dis-miss us with thy bless-ing; fill our hearts with Thanks we give and a - dor-a - tion for thy Gos-pel's
so that when thy love shall call_us, Sa - vior, from the_
joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos-sess-ing, tri - umph in re - joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion in our hearts and
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Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: "Sicilian Mariners," Sicilian melody; first published "The European Magazine and London Review," 1792, alt.

Postlude: "Toccata"	Peeters
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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, Bud Allan, June Bacon, Matt Caldwell, Jean Dicus, Daniel Dreiling, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, George Ginis, Chris Goldsmith, Hannah, Sally Hill, Blaire Hinz, Russel Knight, Loren, Mick Mohuchy, Judy Morgan, Patt Parker, Bruce Schaefer, Jane Sharp, Donna Tolbert, Tommy 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, especially Matt Caldwell, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

> > Thank you!

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