

Pentecost 10 / Proper 12

Sunday, July 28, 2024 ✦ 10:00 am



Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

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 and fellowship after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given by Blair Hinz, Robert Bacon, John Mark Bacon, and Gail Windle in loving memory of June Bacon.

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

What's Happening!

IMPORTANT: Parish Small Group Meetings in July and August

Details in the back of this bulletin.

Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist – Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel

Ongoing

Good Grief Loss Support Group: Alternating Wednesday mornings (11 am to noon) and evenings (5 pm to 6 pm) in the St. Francis Library.

Men's Corner: Monthly for dinner at Corner Bakery. Contact Ed Hinz (kn6jn@yahoo.com).

Quilting and Knitting Group: Thursdays at 1 pm in the Board Room. Contact: Anna Eakins (annatkozaki@gmail.com).

SAGES (Senior Adult Group of Episcopalians): Group outings, social gatherings, guest speakers, and more.

St. Anne's Guild: Meets on the 4th Monday of Sept-June at 6pm. Join us for fellowship, plan church events (like the Rummage Sale and Antiques Show), potluck dinners, and our Christmas charity event! Contact Anna Eakins for questions.

St. Teresa's Guild: Meet a few times a year to raise money for charities that support women and children through dues and our famous Chinese New Year event. Contact Robin Pano for questions.

Friars: Meets as needed to cook meals for Parish events (e.g. Lenten Suppers). Contact Dick Briggs.

Yoga: All Levels Hatha Yoga for Strength and Mobility: Mondays, 11 am to 12:30 pm. All Levels Gentle Yoga for Vital Mobility and Balance: Wednesdays, 9am to 10:30 am. Contact: Jill Lynch (jillfenskelynych@gmail.com).

Alcoholics Anonymous Thursdays and Sundays, 7:30 pm.

Al-Anon Thursdays, 7 pm.

Visit our website calendar for more events, dates and times: stfrancispalosverdes.org

The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Processional Hymn

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Hymnal #304

I come with joy to meet my Lord, for
I come with Christ-ians far and near to
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
To-gether met, to-gether bound, we'll
giv-en loved, and free, in awe and won-der
find, as all are fed, the new com-mu-ni-
proud di-vi-sion ends. That love that made us
pres-ence al-ways near, is in such friend-ship
go our dif-ferent ways, and as his peo-ple
to re-call his life laid down for me.
ty of love in Christ's com-mun-ion bread.
makes us one, and stran-gers now are friends.
bet-ter known: we see and praise him here.
in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt. Music: "Land of Rest," American folk melody;
adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

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The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant

Almighty God,

People

**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.

The Gloria

Glory to God

WLP #900

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
 of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the Lessons.

The First Lesson: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Reader A Reading from the Second book of Kings.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 145:10-19

Reader Let us read from Psalm 145 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).



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¹⁰All your works praise you, O LORD, *

and your faithful servants bless you.

¹¹They make known the glory of your kingdom *

and speak of your power;

¹²That the peoples may know of your power *

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *

your dominion endures throughout all ages.

¹⁴The LORD is faithful in all his words *

and merciful in all his deeds.

Refrain

¹⁵The LORD upholds all those who fall; *

he lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *

and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁷You open wide your hand *

and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

¹⁸The LORD is righteous in all his ways *

and loving in all his works.

¹⁹The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *

to all who call upon him faithfully.

Refrain

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn

We Will Extol You, Ever-Blessed Lord

Hymnal #404

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The first line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second line begins with a measure rest followed by a half note. The third line begins with a measure rest followed by a half note. The fourth line begins with a measure rest followed by a half note. The time signature changes to 2/2 for the final line.

We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly
Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the
You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your
6
Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our
won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with
chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,
11
psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all
joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we
mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pass - ion we your bless - ings
16
praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.
wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.
find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

Words: J. Nichol Grieve, alt.; para. of Psalm 145; Reproduced with the kind permission of T&T Clark Limited, Edinburgh
Music: "Old 124th," melody from "Pseaumes octante trois de David," 1551; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: John 6:1-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so

also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.

²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jason Shelby

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All **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 man. 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 he 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.

The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in **bold**)

Reader 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

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please kneel or sit as able.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant 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.

The Welcome and Announcements

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

All **Watch over your child(ren), 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

The Offertory Anthem

Standin' in the Need of Prayer
Traditional Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood.
Sung by the St. Francis Choir

Refrain:

*It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.*

*Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer,*

*Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer*

*Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer,*

*Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.*

*Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer,*

*Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.*

*Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer,*

*Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.*

The Offertory Hymn

Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken

Hymnal #301

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead: look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken,.

1
Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken,

2
Wine of the soul, in mer - cy shed,

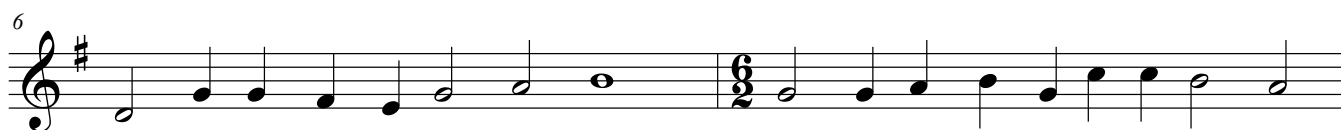
3
by whom the words of life were spo - ken,

4
and in whose death our sins are dead:

5
look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken,


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6



look on the tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the to - ken

8



that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: "Rendez à Dieu," att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?);
harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

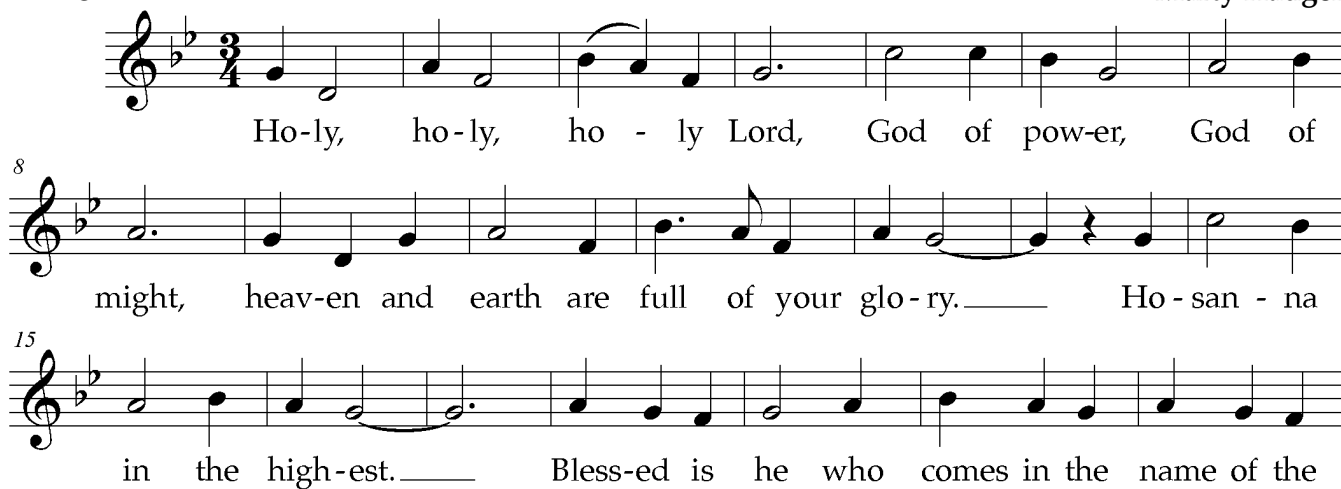
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

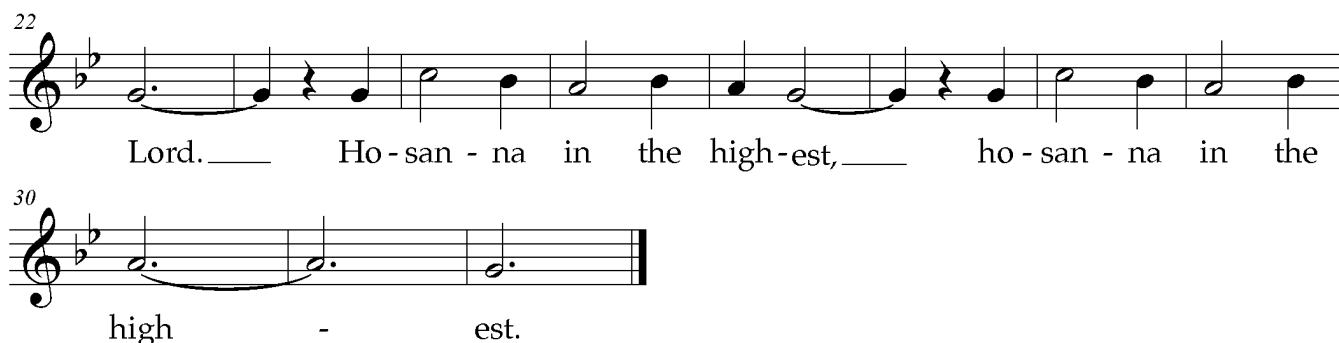
The Sanctus

Marty Haugen



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na
in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Hymn continues on next page.



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Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us To that heavenly country where, with Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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 Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

The Fraction Anthem

My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread

Hymnal #321

My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy
O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and
Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in
Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till

5
cup with love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
fur - nished well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
count - less num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
through the world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

11
thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

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).

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 myself 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 you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

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.

The Communion Hymn

Humbly I Adore Thee

Hymnal #314

Hum-bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
O me - mo - ri - al won - drous of the Lord's own death;
Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,
3 who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:
5 lo, to thee — sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er — the Son of God hath told;
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
face to face — thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,
7 tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
in the glo - ri - ous vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. "Hymnal 1940"; st. 4, tr. "Hymnal 1982." Music: "Adoro devote," French church melody, Mode 5, "Processionale," 1697; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.

Please kneel or stand as able as able.

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. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Closing Hymn

Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel

Hymnal #574



Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give
Search out our hearts, and make us true; help
For sins of heed - less word and deed, for
Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our

us - a con - science quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to
us - to give to all - their due. From love of plea - sure,
pride am - bi - tious to - suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and
in - most spi - rits pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge

un - der - stand the mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what -
lust of gold, from sins - which make the heart grow cold, wean
sub - tle snare to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for
out the shame; O God, be with us in - the - flame; a

e'er the pain and shame may be, - bring us, O Fa - ther,
us and train us with - thy rod; teach us to know our
lives be - reft of pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O
new - born peo - ple may - we rise, more pure, more true, more

near - er thee.
faults, O God.
Lord, we cry.
no - bly wise.

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

The Postlude

"Madrid" (Spanish Hymn)

Traditional (arr. Jason Payne)

You serve the best doing what you love most

Fr. Jason has invited the Vestry to host a series of small group meetings with our parish family. This is an opportunity for us to come together and explore what we love that brings us joy in church and our daily lives and to understand how it can further the Kingdom of God in our community.



The gatherings will be in July and August for 8-10 members per group. Sessions will be held in the church library following the 8 am and 10 am Sunday services or at other times in the home of a Vestry member. (See the list of dates, times, and places below). Sessions will last approximately one hour or as long as needed so that everyone is able to participate.

You are invited to talk with any Vestry person to ask questions. These discussions are intended to help deepen our relationship with God and each other as we share our experiences, joy, and love.

Please don't miss out on this chance to grow together. Select a date and time that works for you. Call the church office at 310-375-4617 to reserve your spot or email Claire at claire.erbeznik@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

We will also have a signup sheet after the 8 am and 10 am services for the next several weeks.

Meeting times:

- Sunday, July 28 - 9:00 am and 11:30 am church boardroom
- Sunday, August 4 - 9:00 am and 11:30 am church boardroom
- Tuesday, August 6 - 11:00 am Zak Residence (near Pt. Vicente School)
- Sunday, August 11 - 9:00 am and 11:30 am church boardroom
- Wednesday, August 15 - 6:00 pm Cronin Residence (PVE between La Venta and Malaga Library)

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, Stephen, Kristen, Jean Dicus, Daniel Drayling, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, George Ginis, Chris Goldsmith, Sally Hillz, Loren, Judy Morgan, Patt Parker, Bruce Schaefer, Jane Sharp, Tommy, Roxanne Wall, Gail Winters, William Zak, Sr., Hector Gutierrez, Erica and Chris, 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, Claire!

It has been truly a joy working with our Office Administrator and Receptionist Claire Erbeznik over the past 18 months. Thursday, July 25 was her final official day at St. Francis. Claire will be an art teacher and begins student teaching next month at a high school in Long Beach.

As I've said before, she is one of the kindest people I know and she has the patience of a saint. One of her most endearing qualities is her natural ability to work with children. Last summer at art camp I would raise my voice to get the attention of the class, but Claire gracefully taught me that it is more effective to match their high energy (loud voices) with lower, calmer energy. She would softly say to the class, "If you can hear me, clap once..." The class would be quiet before she could ask them to clap four times. It was a simple but important lesson. She is also incredibly good with our older son Tom, who talked to her for hours about the video games they both played. She is an amazing teacher. We pray that she will have a fruitful semester of student teaching, and we know that she will be a blessing to whatever school is wise enough to hire her.

—Fr. Jason Shelby



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