# Pentecost 16 / Proper 17

Sunday, September 1, 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 to the glory of God by Joy Bacon in celebration of and good luck to all the teachers and students returning to school, godspeed and God bless! And by Stephen Larrabee in memory of Christopher R. Larrabee and all victims of 9-11.

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

# **Coming Events**

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

Labor Day – Mon., Sept. 2 the church office will be closed

Good Grief Support Group – Wed., Sept. 4, 11:00 am and Wed., Sept. 11, 5:00 pm

Nurture Group – Wed., Sept. 4, 6:15 pm

Quilting Group – Thur., Sept. 5, 1:00 pm

Get Connected Sunday – Sun., Sept. 15 after the 10:00 am service

### Wayfarers Chapel Exchange

- Sept. 22: Wayfarers Chapel to worship with us at the 10:00 am service
- Sept. 29: We will worship with Wayfarers in the St. Francis Chapel at 10:15 am.
- On both Sundays, we will have our usual 8:00 am worship in the St. Francis Chapel.

# Ongoing

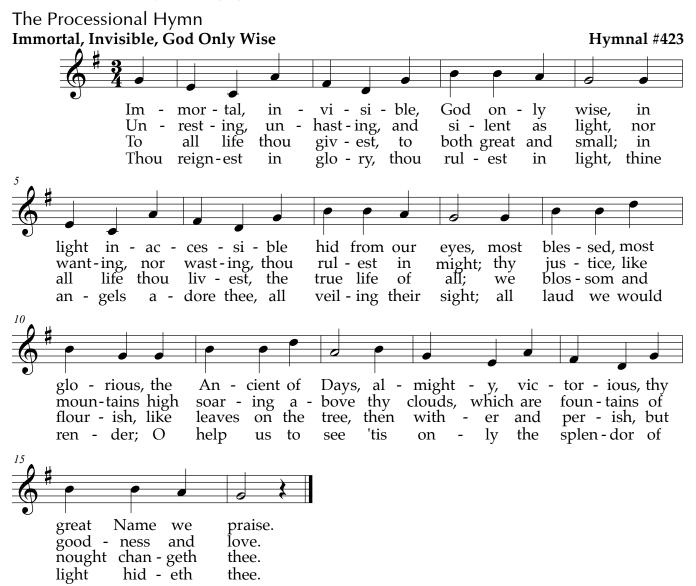
Get involved at St. Francis by joining one or more of our ongoing Life Groups. For a full list, visit our website at:

https://www.stfrancispalosverdes.org/small-discussion-groups/

For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar: https://bit.ly/stfranciscalendar

# The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: "St. Denio," Welsh hymn from "Caniadau y Cyssegr," 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. "The English Hymnal," 1906, alt.

# 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,

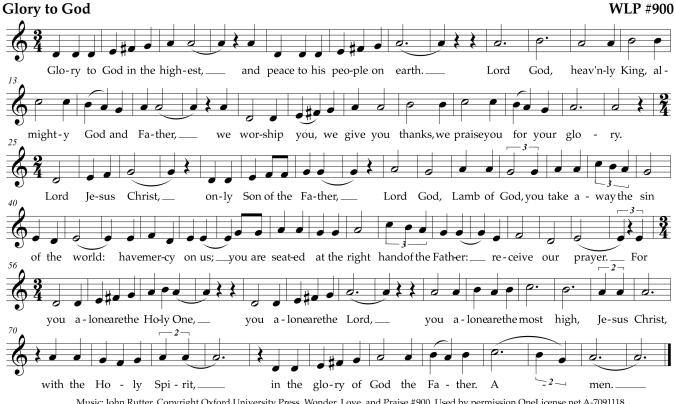
People to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

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



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# The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Reader A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything

from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 15

Reader Let us read from Psalm 15 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).



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<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*

who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*

who speaks the truth from his heart.

<sup>3</sup>There is no guile upon his tongue;

he does no evil to his friend; \*

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

Refrain

<sup>4</sup>In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*

but he honors those who fear the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>He has sworn to do no wrong \*

and does not take back his word.

<sup>6</sup>He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

<sup>7</sup>Whoever does these things \*

shall never be overthrown.

Refrain

The Second Lesson: James 1:17-27

Reader A Reading from the letter of James.

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are

hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and join in singing.



Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: "Hollingside," John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked

him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

8You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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 be

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:

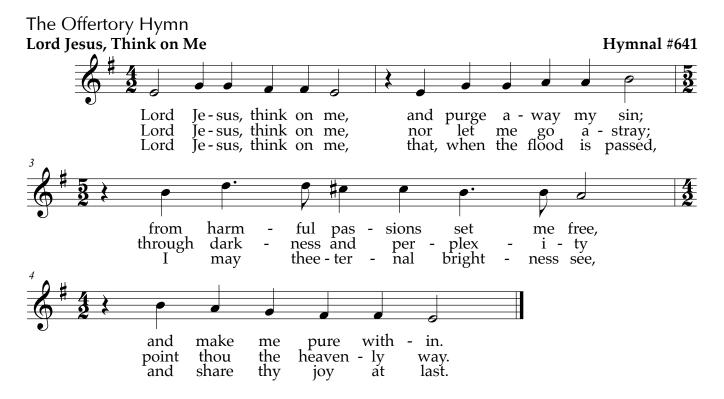
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Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Arise, My Soul, Arise by Dan Forrest Jill Lynch, soprano



Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt.. Music: "Southwell', from "Daman's Psalter," 1579; adapt. "Hymnal 1982".

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.

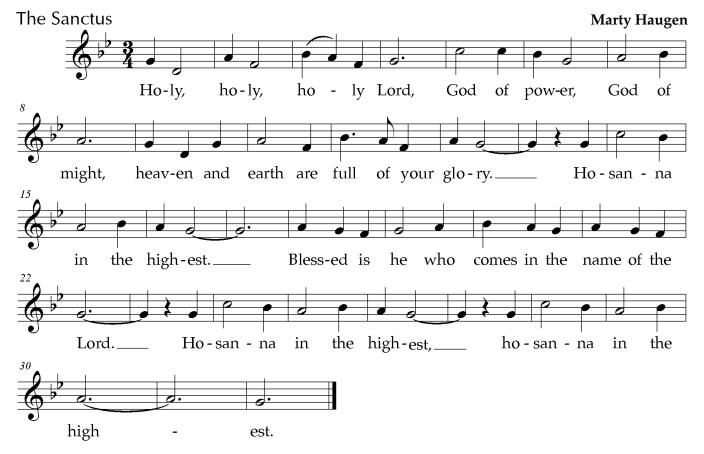
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. People

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:



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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,

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

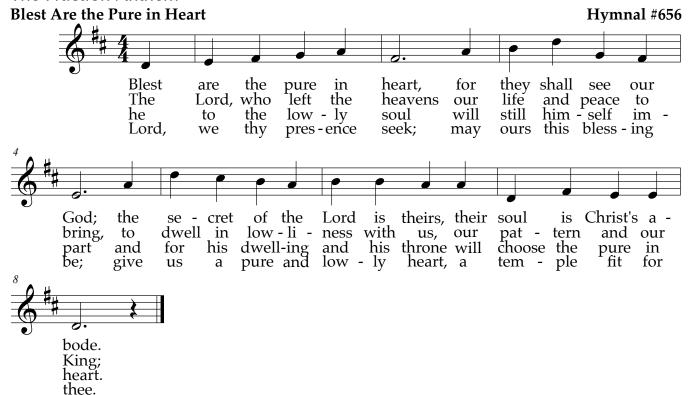
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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.





Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866); sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt. Music: "Franconia," melody John Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

### 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 Song Lord, I Want to Be a Christian **LEVAS #138** Lord, to be Lord, Christ-ian in my heart, heart. want a in my Ι to be more Lord, Lord, want lov - ing in my heart, in my heart. ho - ly I Ι Lord, want to be more in heart, in my heart. Lord my Ju - das I don't don't want to be like heart, heart, in in my my Lord, want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be Christ-ian in my heart. In my heart, a lov - ing ho - ly Ju - das Je - sus want to be more in my heart.\_ In my heart, be want to more in my heart. In my heart, be to like heart, In my heart, want in my be like mý heart. In my heart, want to In my in my want to be a Lord, I Christ-ian in my heart. heart. lov - ing in my ho - ly in my in my heart.\_ Lord, I want to bemore heart.. Lord, I in my heart. want to bemore heart. Ju - das in my Je - sus in my I don't in my heart, want to be like heart. Lord, I want to be like heart. in my heart.

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heart.

In my

heart.

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.

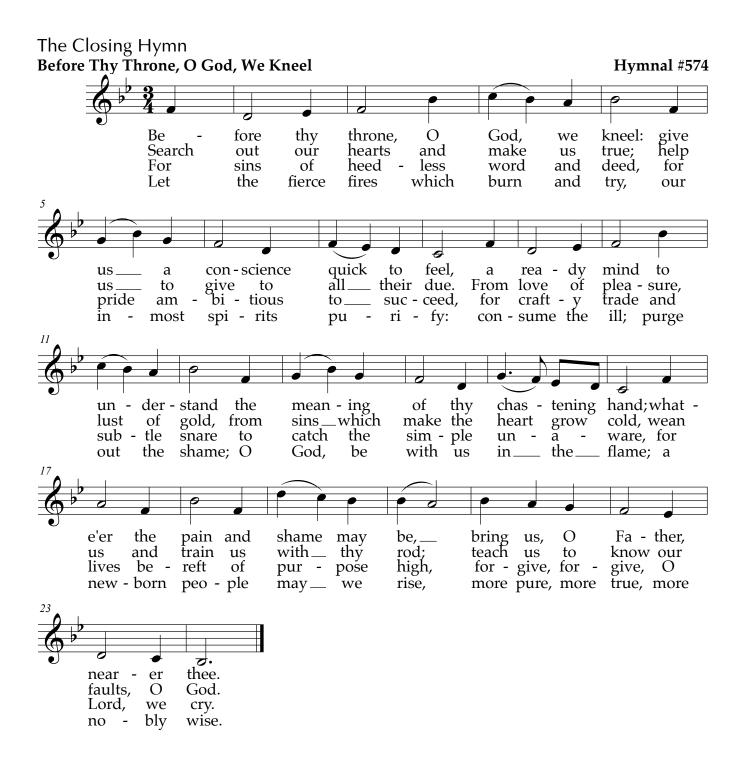
All Amen.

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.



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

The Postlude

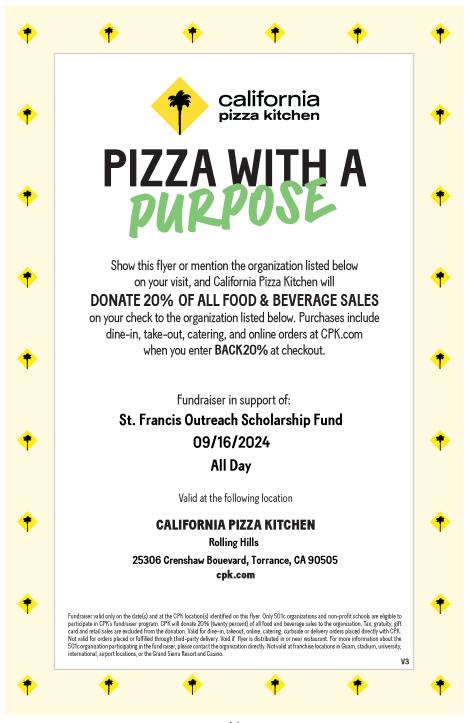
"O be joyful in the Lord"

John Rutter

# Annual Rummage Sale Thank You!

Thank you to all the volunteers who spent multiple hours working on the Annual Rummage Sale. We also appreciate the great items that were donated for the sale. Those who shopped were so pleased with the wonderful purchases they made. If you didn't have a chance to be part of the volunteers crew this year, I hope you will consider it next year. We do enjoy the time we spend together for the benefit of our beautiful St. Francis buildings and grounds.

Heartfelt thanks! Gloria Jones, Chair



# 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, Bruce Schaefer, Ceri Falk, Chris, Chris Goldsmith, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jane Sharp, Jean Dicus, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Russell, Sally Hill, Sandy, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Lowe, and William Zak Sr., 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.

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