Proper 13

Sunday, August 3, 2025 * 10:00 am

Celebrant and 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.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Geoffrey Guenther in thanksgiving for Christian unity and the shared fellowship between St. Francis and Wayfarers Chapel.

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

Coming Events

Sunday, August 3

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monday, August 4

• 9:30 am Rummage Sale Setup (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, August 5

• 9:30 am Rummage Sale Setup (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, August 6

- 9:30 am Rummage Sale Setup (Parish Hall)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group

Thursday, August 7

- 9:30 am Rummage Sale Setup (Parish Hall)
- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, August 8

• 9:30 am Rummage Sale Setup (Parish Hall)

Sunday, August 10

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.



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ser-ving thee whom we

king-dom's goal,

The Opening Acclamation

grant us courage,

grant us courage,

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

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we miss thy

serv-ing thee whom we

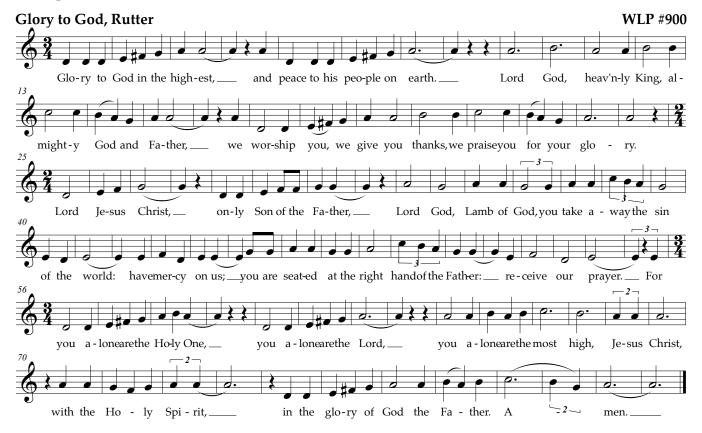
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. People

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

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

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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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.

The First Lesson: Hosea 11:1-11

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

¹When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ²The more I called them,

the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms;

but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.

I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.

I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.
The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.
My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

BHow can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
BI will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

¹⁰They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. ¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

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

The Response: Psalm 49:1-11

Reader Let us read from Psalm 49 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).



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¹Hear this, all you peoples;

hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *

you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

²My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *

and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

³I will incline my ear to a proverb *

and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

⁴Why should I be afraid in evil days, *

⁵The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *

and boast of their great riches?

⁶We can never ransom ourselves, *

or deliver to God the price of our life;

⁷For the ransom of our life is so great, *

that we should never have enough to pay it,

⁸In order to live for ever and ever, *

⁹For we see that the wise die also;

like the dull and stupid they perish *

and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

¹⁰Their graves shall be their homes for ever,

their dwelling places from generation to generation, *

though they call the lands after their own names.

¹¹Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *

The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

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

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

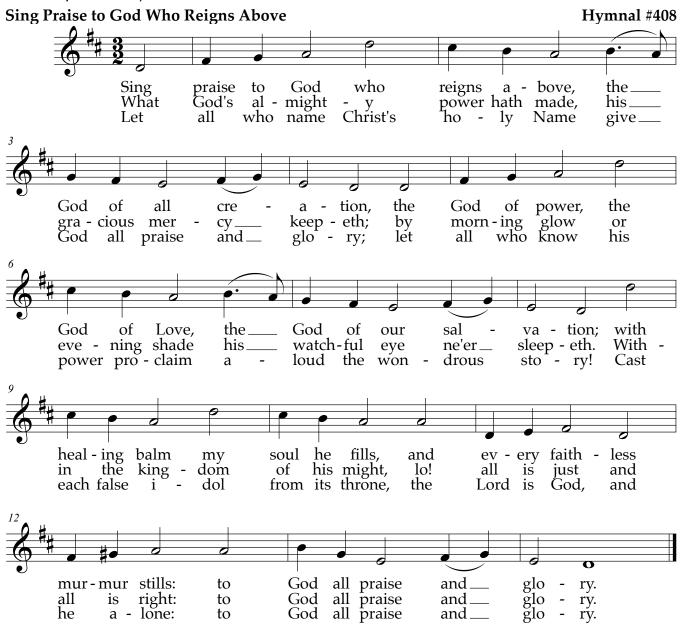
⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being

renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn



Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690), tr. Frances Eliazbeth Cox (1812-1897). Music: "Mit Freuden zart," melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. "Psaumes cinquante de David," 1547, and "Kirchengesang darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Henirich Reimann (19 cent.).

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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 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**)

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

resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy People Hear our prayer.

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.

Deacon 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

Deacon 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

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have si

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 Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his

table.

The Musical Offering

"O Beautiful City" by Stephen Schwartz

Anthony Lowe, tenor

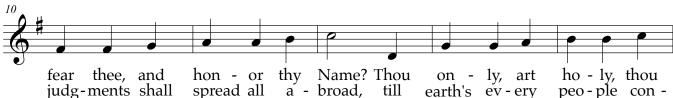
The Offertory Hymn

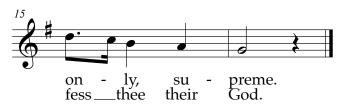


Hymnal #533









Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. "The Song of the Redeemed". Music: "Lyons," att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806).

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

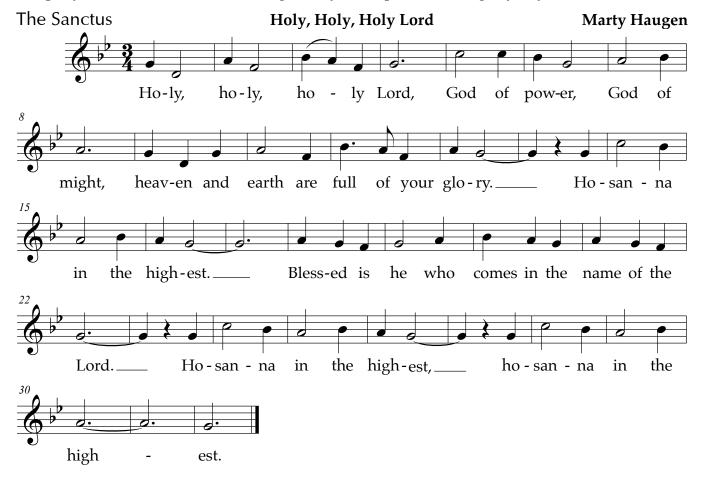
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

CelebrantPeopleLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.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:



Music: "Mass of Creation; Marty Haugen (b. 1950) © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

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 St. 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*.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

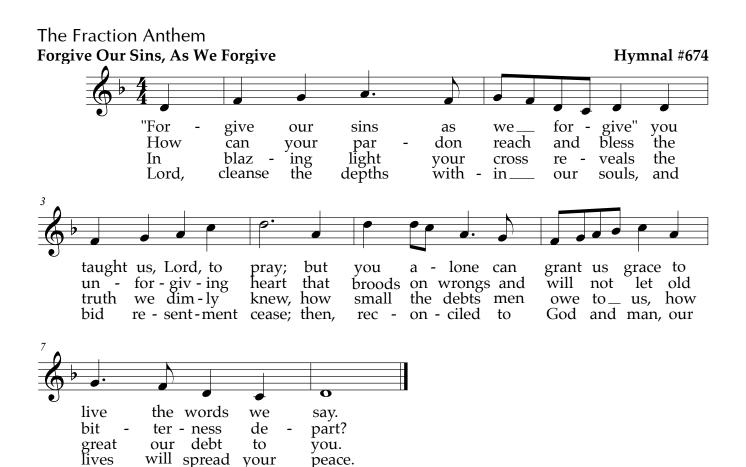
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.



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The Invitation

Celebrant Remember that Christ died for you, and feed on him on your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

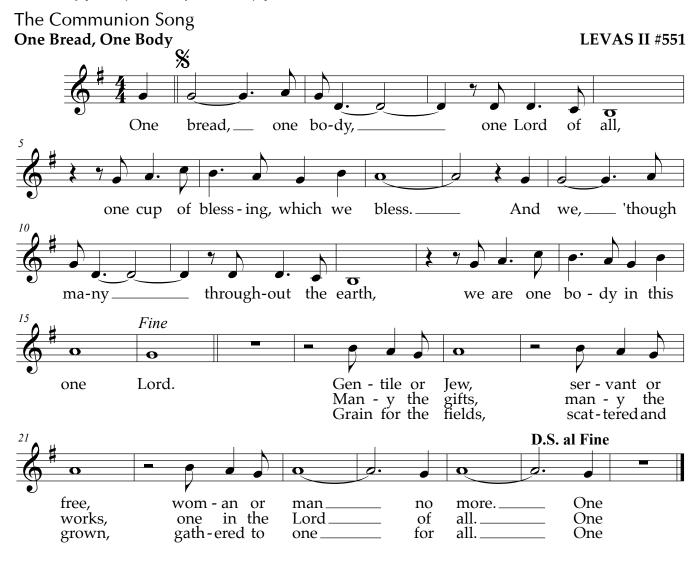
For our online community: an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them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



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Please kneel or stand 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 Prayer of St. Francis

Celebrant Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where

there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal

life. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant And, the blessing of God Almighty, **+** The Father, The Son, and

The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All Amen.

The Sending Forth

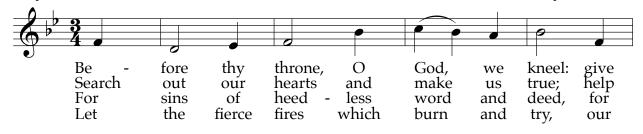
Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

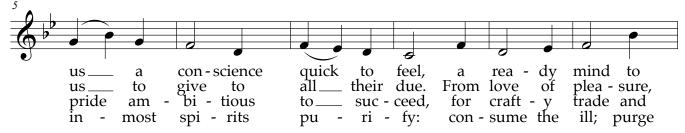
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

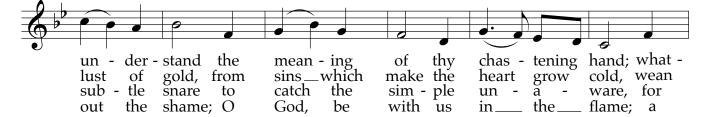
Please stand as able and join in singing.

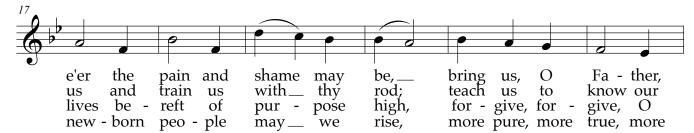
The Recessional Hymn Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel

Hymnal #574











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

The Postlude "March and Cortege" Flor Peeters

Volunteers Needed! WWW.

We're seeking volunteers for these roles at our Sunday Services:

- Usher (10am)
- Greeter (8am & 10am)
- Reader (8am)
- Verger (10am)
- Chalice Bearer (10am)

- Oblation Bearer (10am)
- Prayer Team (10am)
- Live-streaming (10am)
- Sound (10am)

Would you be willing to serve in any of these important ministries?

When you sign up, your name will be added to the volunteer roster. Volunteers are rotated and may be scheduled one or two* Sundays a month.

Contact Gina McQueen to sign up or for more information.

Call: (310) 375-4617 ● Email: gina.mcqueen@stfrancispalosverdes.org

^{*}Depending on the availability and number of volunteers in each role, some people may be asked to serve more than two Sundays in any given month.



It's time to get ready! The 2025 gigantic St. Francis Annual Rummage Sale will be held on two consecutive Fridays and Saturdays: August 15-16 and August 22-23 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Drop off donations from July 21st to August 11th, Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall. We will be accepting donations of gently used items such as clothing, kitchenware, furniture and other odds and ends.

Can you help? We need helpers from July 21 to August 27 to prepare items for the sale and help with cleaning up and packing unsold items after the sale. We will meet Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The task of preparing for the sale involves sitting, standing and walking. Come for a few hours or stay all day (bring your lunch, we take a break between Noon and 1:00 PM). Whether you are new to St. Francis or have worked the annual sale for the past 25 years, we welcome your help. Participation is a great way to raise funds for the church and to get to know one another! Please join us!

All the money raised through the sale goes towards the long-term upkeep of the buildings at St. Francis. In 2024, the funds paid for the replacement of half of the roof on the Parish Hall. This year, we funded plumbing repairs for the Chapel. Our goal is to raise enough to complete the Parish Hall roof in the future.

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Heredia, Michael Strong, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Ceri Falk, Chris, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

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

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