

# Proper 15

Sunday, August 17, 2025 ❖ 8:00 am

*Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby*

*Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump*



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*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 Anna Eakins in thanksgiving for family, especially her mother, Mioko Kozaki, on the occasion of her birthday on August 19.*

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

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## Coming Events

### **Sunday, August 17**

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

### **Monday, August 18**

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

### **Tuesday, August 19**

- 9:30 am Rummage Sale Setup (Parish Hall)
- 6:00 pm Finance Meeting
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

### **Wednesday, August 20**

- 9:30 am Rummage Sale Setup (Parish Hall)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting

### **Thursday, August 21**

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

### **Friday, August 22**

- 8:00 am St. Francis Annual Rummage Sale Day 3

### **Saturday, August 23**

- 8:00 am St. Francis Annual Rummage Sale Day 4

### **Sunday, August 24**

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

## The Processional Hymn: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Hymnal #495



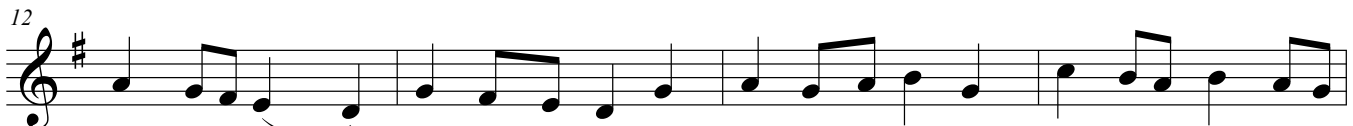
Hail, thou once de - spis - ed — Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in — glo - ry, there for ev - er —  
 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



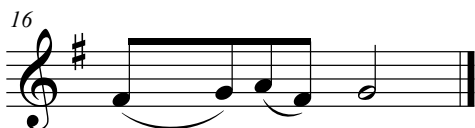
le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal -  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, thou hast full a -  
 to — a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy  
 to — re - ceive; high - est — prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, right it — is for



va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal Sa - vior, bear - er of our  
 tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en through the vir - tue  
 Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing: there thou dost our  
 us to — give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spi - rits, all your no - blest



sin and shame! By thy — mer - it we find fa - vor: life is — giv - en  
 of thy blood: o - pened is the gate of — hea - ven, re - con - ciled are  
 place pre - pare; ev - er — for us in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry —  
 an - thems raise; help to — sing our Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em -



through thy Name.  
 we — with God.  
 we — ap - pear.  
 man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

Music: "In Babilone," melody from "Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu," 1710;  
 harm. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935).

The Opening Acclamation .....Book of Common Prayer p. 323  
 The Collect for Purity .....Book of Common Prayer p. 323  
 The Summary of the Law.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324  
 The Kyrie.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324

The Collect of the Day .....Book of Common Prayer p. 325

The First Lesson.....Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

<sup>4</sup>Then the officials said to the king, "This man ought to be put to death, because he is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm." <sup>5</sup>King Zedekiah said, "Here he is; he is in your hands; for the king is powerless against you." <sup>6</sup>So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. Now there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

<sup>8</sup>So Ebed-melech left the king's house and spoke to the king, <sup>9</sup>My lord king, these men have acted wickedly in all they did to the prophet Jeremiah by throwing him into the cistern to die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city. <sup>10</sup>Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, "Take three men with you from here, and pull the prophet Jeremiah up from the cistern before he dies."

The Response ..... Psalm 82 (Book of Common Prayer p. 705)

The Epistle ..... Hebrews 11:29—12:2

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Holy Gospel ..... Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, <sup>49</sup>"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Sermon.....The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed .....Book of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the People.....Book of Common Prayer p. 328

The Confession .....Book of Common Prayer p. 331

The Peace .....Book of Common Prayer p. 332

The 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 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 Great Thanksgiving .....Book of Common Prayer p. 333

The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

## The Recessional Hymn: How Firm a Foundation

## Hymnal #636

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is  
"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For  
"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the  
"When through fier-y tri-als thy path-way shall lie, my  
"The soul that to Je-sus hath fled for re- pose, I

laid for your faith in his ex-cel-lent word! What  
I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll  
riv-ers of woe shall not thee o-ver-flow; for  
grace, all suf-fi-cient, shall be thy sup- ply; the  
will not, I will not de- sert to its foes; that

more can he say than to you he hath said, to  
strength-en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, up-  
I will be with thee, thy trou-bles to bless, and  
flame shall not hurt thee; I on-ly de-sign thy  
soul, though all hell shall en-deav-or to shake, I'll

you that for re-fuge to Je-sus have fled?  
held by my right-eous, om-ni-po-tent hand.  
sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deep-est dis-tress.  
dross to con-sume, and thy gold to re-fine.  
nev-er, no, nev-er, no, nev-er for-sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's "Selection," 1787. Music: "Foundation," melody from "The Sacred Harp," 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

## The Postlude

*Festival Toccata*

*Percy Fletcher*

# Volunteers Needed!



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

- Usher (10am)
- Verger (10am)
- Chalice Bearer (10am)
- Oblation Bearer (10am)
- Prayer Team (10am)
- Live-streaming (10am)
- Sound (10am)
- Sun. School Childcare (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.

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

Contact Gina McQueen to sign up or for more information.  
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# 2025 Annual



**August 15-16 and August 22-23**

**8:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**2200 Via Rosa, Palos Verdes Estates, Ca 90274**

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 21<sup>st</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup>, 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, 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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