

Proper 20

Sunday, September 21, 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.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Joanne Shultz in memory of my husband, John, in thanksgiving for her sons, David and Steven, and for her extended family at St. Francis.

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

Coming Events

Sunday, September 21

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Monday, September 22

- 6:00 pm St. Anne's Guild Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 23

- 2:00 pm SAGES Outing: Chen Museum
- 7:00 pm Taizé (Chapel)

Wednesday, September 24

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Meeting

Thursday, September 25

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Sunday, September 28

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Processional Hymn

Holy Father, Great Creator

Hymnal #368

Ho - ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, source of mer - cy,
 Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, whom an - gel - ic
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Sanc - ti - fi - er, come with unc - tion
 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won - drous

love, and peace, look up - on the Me - di - a - tor,
 hosts pro - claim, while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry,
 from a - bove, touch our hearts with sa - cred fire,
 mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

clothe us with his right - eous - ness; heaven - ly Fa - ther,
 meet and wor - ship in thy name, dear Re - deem - er,
 fill them with the Sa - vior's love. Source of com - fort,
 ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,

heaven - ly Fa - ther, through the Sa - vior hear and bless.
 dear Re - deem - er, in our hearts thy peace pro - claim.
 Source of com - fort, cheer us with the Sa - vior's love.
 great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them shine.

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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.

The Gloria

Glory to God, Rutter

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 seated at the right hand of the Father: 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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: Jeremiah 8:18--9:1

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.
¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:
"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"
("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")
²⁰"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."
²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

²²Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?
Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?
^{9:1}O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

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

The Response: Psalm 113

Reader Let us read from Psalm 113 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).



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¹Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.
²Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.
³From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.
⁴The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.Refrain
⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
⁶He takes up the weak out of the dust *

and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

⁷He sets them with the princes, *

with the princes of his people.

⁸He makes the woman of a childless house *

to be a joyful mother of children.Refrain

The Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Reader A Reading from Paul's First letter to Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal #488

Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er with thee, and
High King of heav - en, when vic - tory is won, may I reach hea - ven's joys,

7
save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
bright hea - ven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

13
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in my dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Deacon **✝ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.**
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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 With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For our Bishop John, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For this city, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leay, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Heredia, Michale Strong, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For 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, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, 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, the victims of violence everywhere, and for those who commit violence, that they may cease their evil ways and know the Love of Christ.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon In the communion of St. Francis and all saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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 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 Communion Anthem

There Is a Balm in Gilead (Traditional American)

arr. Carl Haywood

LEVAS II #203

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole:
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the holy spirit revives my soul again.

Jill Lynch, soprano

Refrain

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say He died for all.

Susie Zimmerman, soprano

Refrain

Don't ever be discouraged for Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge, He'll ne'er refuse to lend..

Refrain

St. Francis Choir

The Offertory Hymn
O Holy City, Seen of John

Hymnal #583

The musical score is written on a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line numbers 4, 7, and 11 indicating the start of new lines of music. The lyrics are: 'O ho-ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath reign, with - in whose four - square walls shall come no stood too - long a - - dream, whose laws are - - love, whose night, nor need, nor pain, and where the tears are wiped from eyes that crown is ser - vant - hood, and where the sun that shin - eth is God's shall not weep a - gain! grace for hu - man good.'

O ho-ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth
Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath
4
reign, with - in whose four - square walls shall come no
stood too - long a - - dream, whose laws are - - love, whose
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night, nor need, nor pain, and where the tears are wiped from eyes that
crown is ser - vant - hood, and where the sun that shin - eth is God's
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shall not weep a - gain!
grace for hu - man good.

Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969). "Morning Song", melody att.
Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938)

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.**
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

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Marty Haugen

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of

8 might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na

15 in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

22 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the

30 high - est.

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,

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.

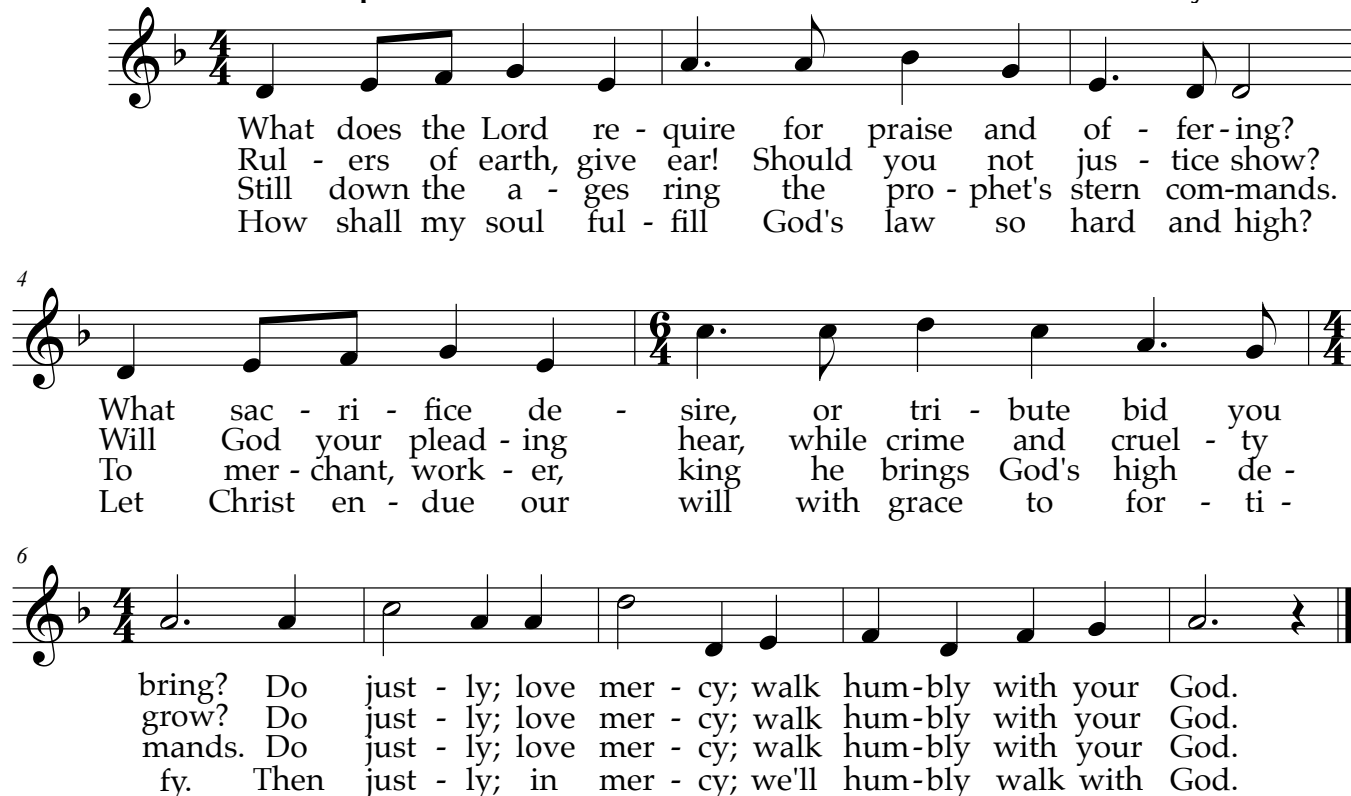
Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Fraction Anthem

What Does the Lord Require

Hymnal #605



What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
 Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com - mands.
 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?

4
 What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or tri - bute bid you
 Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty
 To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de -
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti -

6
 bring? Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 grow? Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 mands. Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 fy. Then just - ly; in mer - cy; we'll hum - bly walk with God.

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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

There is a Balm in Gilead

Hymnal #676

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole; there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul. Some times I feel dis - cour - aged, and think my work's in vain, but If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul, you can then the Ho - ly Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain. There is a tell the love of Je - sus, and say, "He died for all." There is a'. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed
whole; there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick
soul. Some times I feel dis - cour - aged, and think my work's in vain, but
If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul, you can
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tell the love of Je - sus, and say, "He died for all." There is a

Words: Afro-American spiritual. Music: "Balm in Gilead," Afro-American spiritual; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950)

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

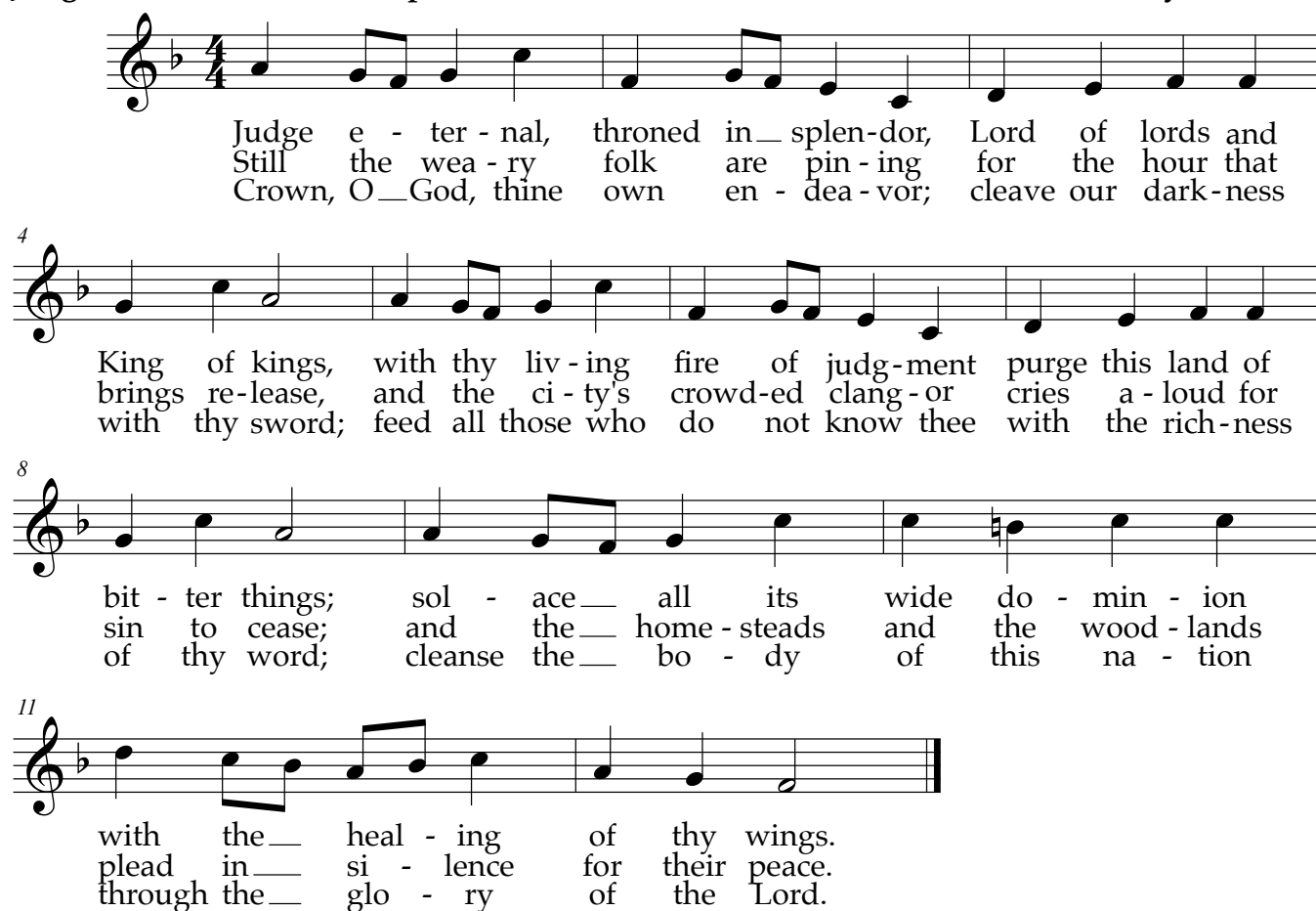
Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Recessional Hymn
Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

Hymnal #596



Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen-dor, Lord of lords and
Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
Crown, O God, thine own en - dea - vor; cleave our dark-ness

4
King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg-ment purge this land of
brings re-lease, and the ci - ty's crowd-ed clang - or cries a - loud for
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee with the rich-ness

8
bit - ter things; sol - ace all its wide do - min - ion
sin to cease; and the home - steads and the wood - lands
of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy of this na - tion

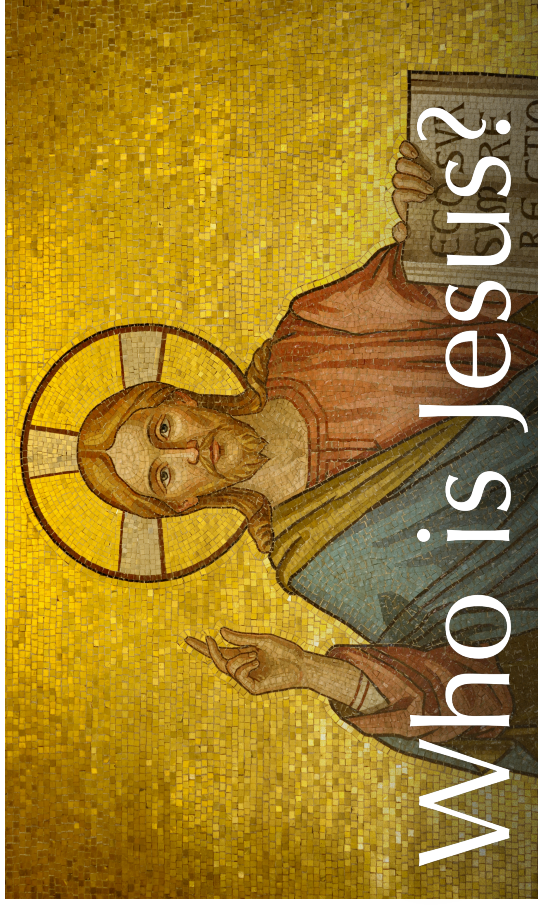
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with the heal - ing of thy wings.
plead in si - lence for their peace.
through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt. Music: "Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens,"
melody from "Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch," 1693.

The Postlude

Voluntary on "Lasst uns erfreun"

Robert Lind



Continuing Spiritual Formation Series Every Sunday in the St. Francis Library

Have you ever found yourself wondering about Jesus—who he is, what he teaches, and what his words might mean for us today? Whether you're curious, questioning, seeking a deeper connection, or exploring baptism or confirmation, you're warmly invited to join us for a new series of conversations: Who Is Jesus?

We'll meet on **Sundays at 9:10ish–9:45 a.m.** in the **St. Francis Library**, between the morning services. Each gathering will grow out of our Sunday readings, offering space for honest questions, open conversation, and shared discovery.

To RSVP or learn more, please reach out to Deacon Celeste at 310-913-1069 or cstump@thecanterbury.org. I look forward to the journey with you!

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

- Usher (10am)
- Greeter (8am & 10am)
- Reader (8am & 10am)
- Verger (10am)
- Chalice Bearer (10am)
- Oblation Bearer (10am)
- Prayer Team (10am)
- Live-streaming (10am)
- Sound (10am)
- Sun. School Childcare (10am)

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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For more information about St. Francis Military Outreach,
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Please bring your donations to the church office before Friday, Oct. 3.



CAMP PENDLETON AND FORT MACARTHUR COLLECTION

Saturday, October 4, 2025
9:00am-12:00pm


SUPPORT OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Camp Pendleton is home to over 70,000 Marines and 10,000 children under 5. More than 160 babies are born there each month. Most families arrive with only what fits in their car and often lack essentials for newborns and small children, plus furnishings for their housing. The Rotary Clubs of District 5280 are collecting new and gently used items for these families to select from at Camp Pendleton's "Warrior Warehouse" and Fort MacArthur's "Airman's Attic", which is filled with donated items that are free for local military families.

ITEMS NEEDED

- Diapers
- Baby & children's clothes
- Books, bathtubs, strollers, cribs
- Dishes, cookware, meal prep tools
- Bedding
- Gift cards (\$25) to Target/Walmart

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For More Information:

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Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially 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, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, 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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