

# Proper 20

Sunday, September 21, 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.*

*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.*

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## 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 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.

Words: Alexander Viets Griswold (1766-1843), alt. Music: "Regent Square,"

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971);

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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 8:18--9:1

<sup>18</sup>My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
 my heart is sick.

<sup>19</sup>Hark, 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?")  
<sup>20</sup>"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
 and we are not saved."  
<sup>21</sup>For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,  
 I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

<sup>22</sup>Is there no balm in Gilead?  
 Is there no physician there?  
 Why then has the health of my poor people  
 not been restored?  
<sup>9:1</sup>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!

The Response ..... Psalm 113 (Book of Common Prayer p. 756)

The Epistle ..... 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
 Christ Jesus, himself human,  
<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup>For 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.

The Holy Gospel ..... Luke 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>So 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.' <sup>3</sup>Then 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. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then 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.' <sup>8</sup>And 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. <sup>9</sup>And 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.

<sup>10</sup>"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. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No 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."

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: 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

11  
 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 Meiningsches Gesangbuch," 1693.

The Postlude

Voluntary on "Lasst uns erfreun"

Robert Lind





**We're seeking volunteers for our Sunday Services.**

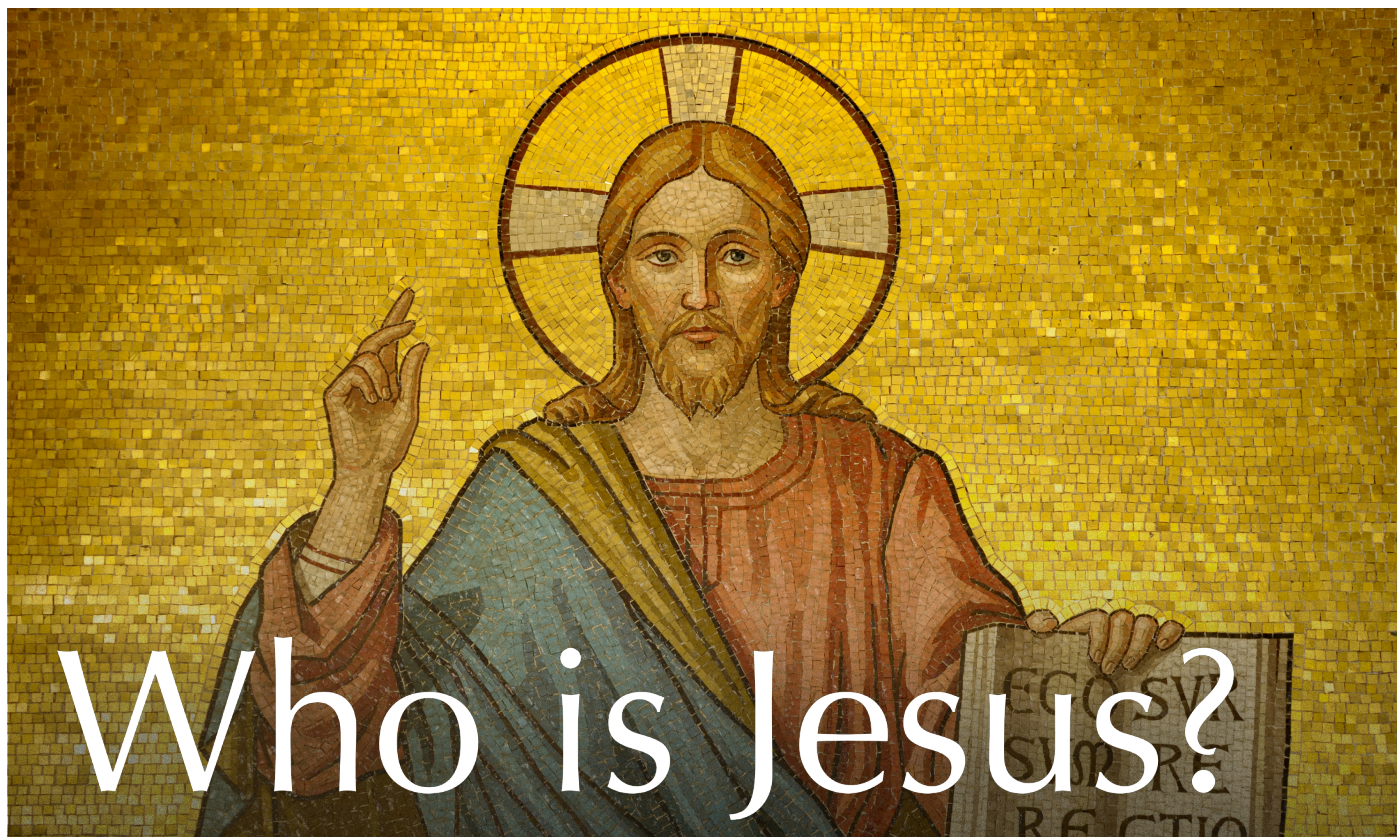
**Would you be willing to serve in any  
of these important ministries?**

- 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.  
Call: (310) 375-4617 • Email: [gina.mcqueen@stfrancispalosverdes.org](mailto:gina.mcqueen@stfrancispalosverdes.org)



## 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](mailto:cstump@thecanterbury.org). I look forward to the journey with you!



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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

## DROP OFF

 **Hawthorne High School**  
4859 El Segundo Blvd.  
Hawthorne, CA 90250

### For More Information:

David Henseler  
Rotary Club of South Bay Sunrise  
310-753-0929

## 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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