

Feast of St. Francis

Sunday, October 5, 2025 ♦ 8:00 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.

Consider making a donation of altar flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of someone you love. (The suggested donation is \$50.) Contact Gina in the church office at 310-375-4617 or Gina.McQueen@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

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

Coming Events

Sunday, October 5 — Feast of St. Francis

- 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)
- 4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals (Garden)

Monday, October 6

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 8

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Meeting (Library)
- 6:00 pm Men's Corner (Corner Bakery, Redondo)
- 7:00 pm Women's Lectionary Study (Board Room)

Thursday, October 9

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Sunday, October 12

- 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)
- 11:30 am Faithful Families Potluck (Parish Hall)

The Processional Hymn: O God of Every Nation

Hymnal #607



O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and
 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and
 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re -
 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall
 land, re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y
 right, from trust in bombs that show - er de - struct-ion through the
 lease from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in -
 cease, when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and
 hand; where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are
 night, from pride of race and na - tion and blind - ness to your
 crease; when hope and cour-age fal - ter, your still small voice be
 peace, till dawns the morning glo - rious when truth and jus - tice
 hurled, in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn
 way, de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion e - ter - nal God, we
 heard; with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der -
 reign and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do -
 world.
 pray!
 gird.
 main.

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Music: "Llangloffan;" melody from "Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr
 Eglwys yng Nghymru," 1865; harm. "The English Hymnal," 1906.

The Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer p. 323
 The Collect for PurityBook 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 Saint Francis

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson.....Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

The Response..... Psalm 37:1-10 (Book of Common Prayer p. 633)

The Epistle 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my

hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Holy Gospel Luke 17:5-10

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

The Nicene CreedBook of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the PeopleBook of Common Prayer p. 328

The ConfessionBook of Common Prayer p. 331

The PeaceBook 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.

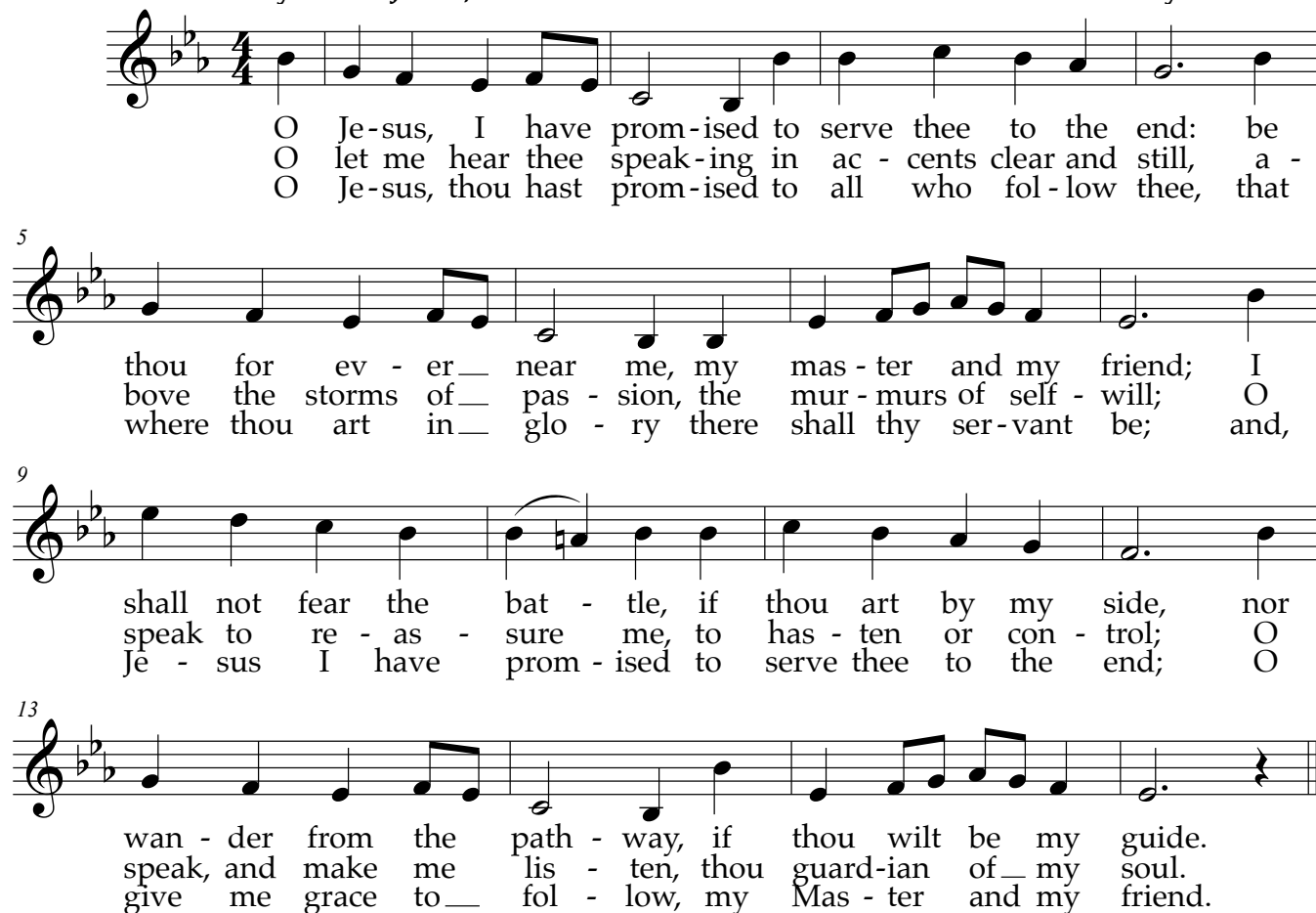
The Great ThanksgivingBook of Common Prayer p. 333

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

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

The Recessional Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised

Hymnal #655



O Je-sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end: be
 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still, a -
 O Je-sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee, that

5
 thou for ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend; I
 bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will; O
 where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be; and,

9
 shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side, nor
 speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol; O
 Je - sus I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end; O

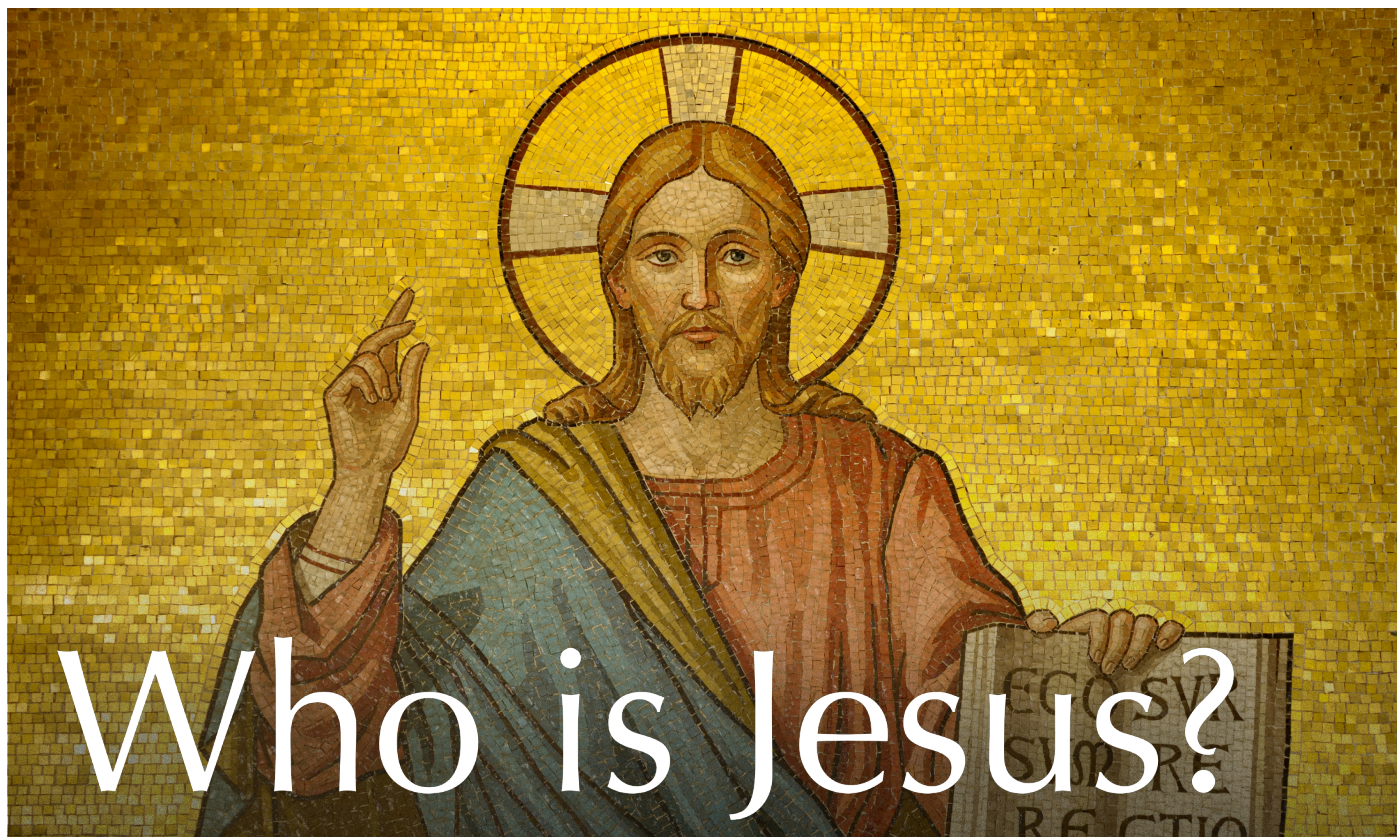
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 wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
 give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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The Postlude

Allegro Te Deum

Theodore Dubois
(organ arr. David Knight)



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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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, Jeff Mercer, 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, especially George Ginis, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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