## Christ the King

#### Sunday, November 23, 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.

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, November 23 - In-Gathering Sunday

- 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, November 24

• 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, November 25

- 4:30 pm Teen Tuesdays (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Taizé Service of Healing and Wholeness

#### Wednesday, November 26

• 11:00 am Good Grief Group

#### Thursday, November 27

Office Closed

#### Friday, November 28

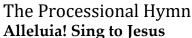
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#### Sunday, November 30

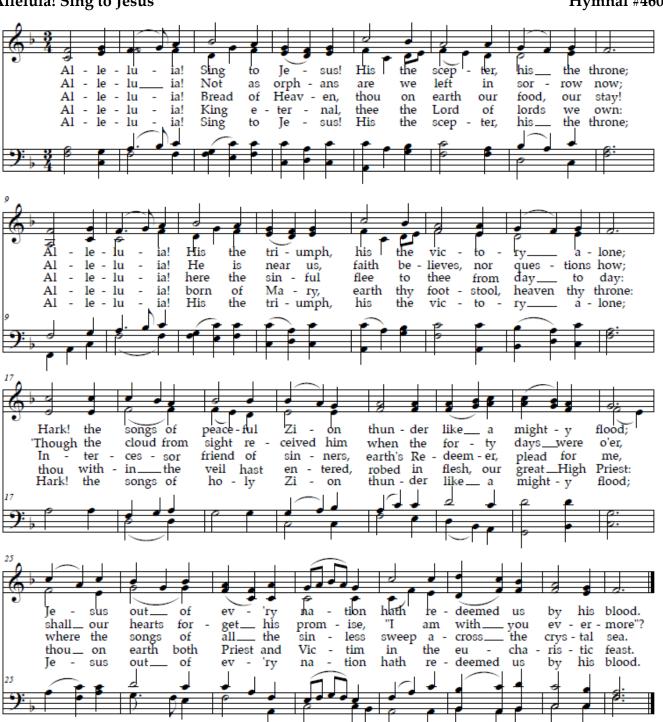
- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 5:00 pm Blue Christmas Service

## The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.



#### Hymnal #460



Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: "Hyfrydol," Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

#### 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

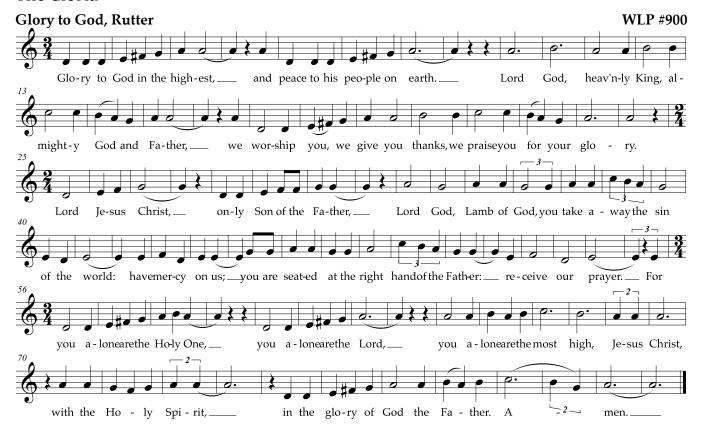
Celebrant Almighty God,

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



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#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated.

#### The First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

*Reader* A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. <sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

The Response: Canticle 16

*Reader* Let us read from Canticle 16 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).



Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt. Music: "St. Anne," melody attr to William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, \*

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

and to remember his holy covenant. ......Refrain

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give people knowledge of salvation \*

by the forgiveness of their sins. .....Refrain

In the tender compassion of our God \*

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen......Refrain

The Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

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

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

Please stand as able and join in singing.

#### The Sequence Hymn

#### Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Hymnal #495



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).

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

DeaconPeopleThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

<sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Deacon Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Deacon We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Deacon We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Deacon Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

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, Michael 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, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Patt Parker, Phyllis Massey, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Susie Zimmerman, 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. Let us pray to

the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Deacon Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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.

Please remain standing 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

#### The Windows of Heaven

by Pamela Stewart & Craig Courtney

You bend from the windows of heaven, where there is no darkness or night to shine on this imperfect servant and fill me with Your perfect light.

Your Spirit, the breath of my service, that fans into flame as I move In an ever-widening circle, where the center is always You.

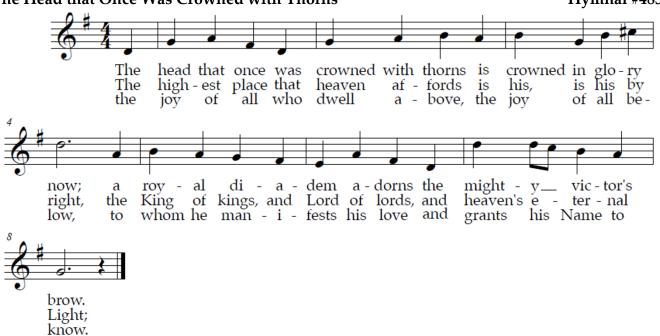
Your light shining within me; The times I serve alone;
The hands that work beside me beyond these walls of stone;
The joy and pain of living; The gift of gratitude.
All these windows around me as I make my way to You.
I sing to the windows of heaven, to the heights I cannot see,
A song beyond music or language, from the depth of Your love for me.
I sing! O I cannot be silent, for the sound of my voice must rise
To join with the saints in Your service and sing in your house of light.
You bend from the windows of heaven and fill me with Your light.

St. Francis Choir

#### The Offertory Hymn

#### The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns

#### Hymnal #483



Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855). Music: "St. Mangus," melody from "Divine Companion," 1707; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after John Pyke Hullah (19th cent.).

Please stand as able.

#### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

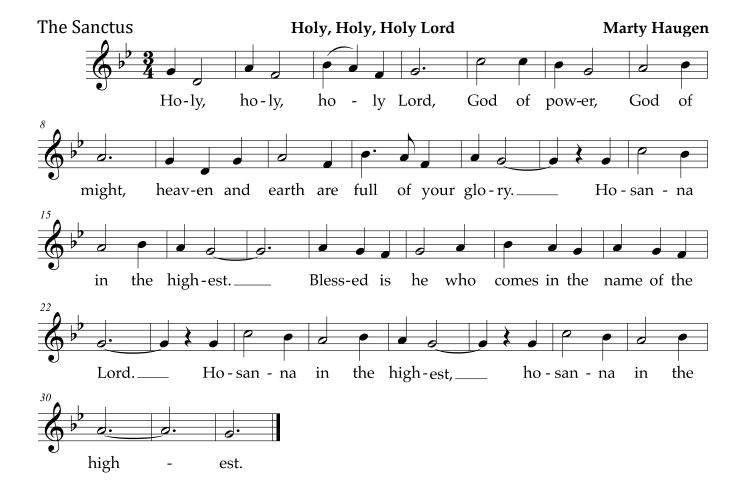
Celebrant
People
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People
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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:



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 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

#### Hymnal #616



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: "Ellacombe," 1784, melody from "Gesangbuch. . .der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katolischen Hofkapelle, " 1784, alt.; adapt. "Katolisches Gesangbuch, "1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); Descant by permission of Oxford University Press.

#### 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)

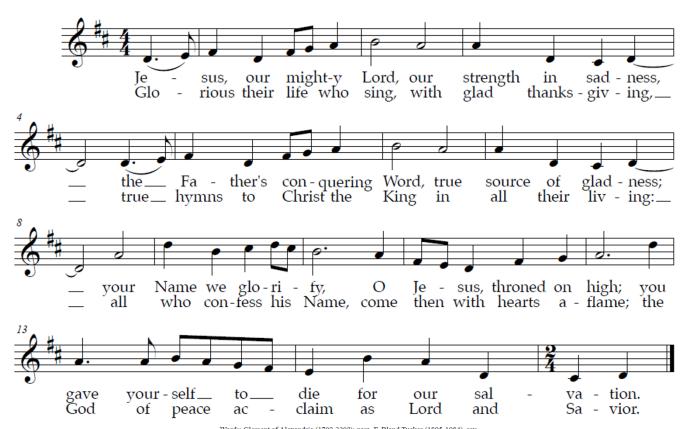
If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

#### 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 Jesus, Our Mighty Lord

Hymnal #478



Words: Clement of Alexandria (170?-220?); para. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Music: "Monk's Gate," Sussex folk melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); By permission of Oxford university Press "Thankful" Tony Lowe, tenor David Foster, Carole Bayer Sager, & Richard Page

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

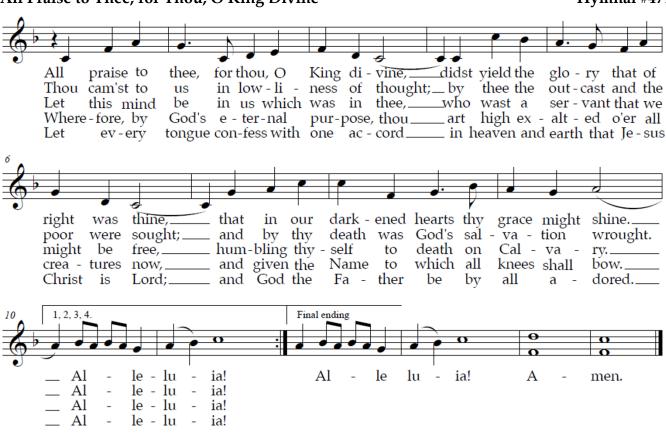
Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please stand as able and join in singing.

#### The Recessional Hymn All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

#### Hymnal #477



Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984). Music: "Engelberg," Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937); Descant © 1979, G. I. A. Publications, Inc...

The Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C minor (BWV 847)

I.S. Bach

# Teen Tuesdays STUDY SNACK CONNECT



Join us every Tuesday from 4:30–6:00 PM in the Parish Hall for a relaxed after-school hangout! Bring your homework—we'll provide pizza and snacks—and unwind with friends. We'll mix in a short devotional, plus time for games, music, and conversation.

Hosted by St. Francis and Wayfarers Chapel, all teens ages 13–18 are invited.

Bring your friends!

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# Save the Date ...

## St. Anne's Guild Annual Christmas Auction

Friday, December 12, 6-9 pm

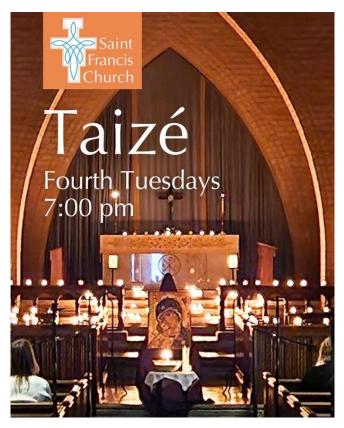
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Refreshments ... Christmas items for sale ... Live auction.

It's an evening of fellowship with opportunities to take home Christmas gifts and holiday baked goods.

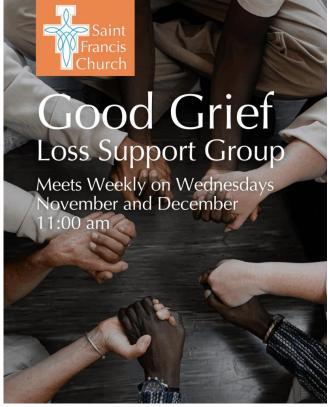


St Anne's Guild distributes proceeds to various charities.









#### 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, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Patt Parker, Phyllis Massey, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Susie Zimmerman, 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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