

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 8, 2026 ❖ 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.

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

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, March 8

- 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 Altar Guild Meeting (Board Room)

Monday, March 9

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 10

- 4:30 pm Teen Tuesday Youth Group (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, March 11

- 10:00 am Midweek Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Women's Lectionary Study (Library)

Thursday, March 12

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Sunday, March 15

- 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 Annual Antiques Show Meeting (Board Room)
- 5:00 pm Liturgy Lab

The Processional Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymnal #690



Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land; I am weak, but
O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow; let the fire and
When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my an - xious fears sub - side; death of death, and



Thou art might - y, hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand; bread of heav - en,
cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
hell's des - truc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: "Cwm Rhondda," John Hughes (1873-1932).

A Penitential Order: Rite One.....Book of Common Prayer p. 319

The ConfessionBook of Common Prayer p. 320

The Kyrie.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324

The Collect of the Day: Third Sunday in LentBook of Common Prayer p. 167

The First Lesson.....Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Response..... Psalm 95 (Book of Common Prayer p. 724)

The Epistle Romans 5:1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,

knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Holy GospelJohn 4:5-42

⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him

who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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 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 Prayer of Humble Access	Book of Common Prayer p. 337
The Post-Communion Prayer.....	Book of Common Prayer p. 339
The Blessing and Sending Forth.....	Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymnal #686

Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 Here I raise my E - ben - e - zer, hith - er by thy grace I'm come;
 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

5 streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 5 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee;

9 Teach me some mel - o - dious son - net sung by — flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er. wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 9 prone to — wan - der, Lord, I feel — it, prone to — leave the God I love;

13 praise the mount, I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 13 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: "Nettleton," melody from "A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II," 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

The Postlude

Now Let Us All With One Accord

arr. Robert Lind

Announcements

Liturgy Lab on Sunday, March 15

Join us on **Sunday, March 15, at 5:00 pm** in the main church for the second installment of Liturgy Lab. This evening worship series explores historic and alternative forms of the Eucharist in a thoughtful, hands-on way. We'll worship together, reflect, ask questions, and deepen our understanding of why we worship the way we do.

Meditation Class begins

David Knight will be leading a new Meditation Class in the St. Francis Library on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of each month. For more info, contact David at nemomediagroup@gmail.com.

Men's Corner on March 11 has been canceled.

There will be no Men's Corner meeting this month. Men's Corner returns next month at Corner Bakery in Redondo Beach as usual. Contact: Ed Hinz (kn6jn@yahoo.com) for details.

Evening of Music update

Dear St. Francis,

I wanted to again thank everyone who made, "An Evening of Music," a huge success. The event grossed \$4,800. After our receipts were paid we cleared \$2,200. The money will be split 60/40 between Harbor Connects and our St. Francis Music program. I am very pleased with our efforts. This was the first time we have had this type of event at St. Francis. Hopefully there will be more to come. Thanks again,

—Alex Sams, Sr. Warden

Antique Show Gala Silent Auction – We're Collecting Treasures!

Do you have a special something that could steal the spotlight at our Gala Silent Auction? We're on the hunt for silent auction donations to help make our event on Wednesday, May 28th a sparkling success!

Think crowd-pleasers like:

- Handmade jewelry or craft items
- Themed dinners, wine tastings, gardens tours or other fun social experiences - always our TOP SELLERS!!!
- Sports or theater tickets
- Beautiful home décor or luxury items
- Specialty services - handyman, sports or music lessons
- Gift cards for restaurants, entertainment or retail
- ...or any unique treasure guests would love to bid on!

If you'd like to contribute, please contact Mary Deley at mary_deley@yahoo.com. Items may be dropped off at the church office, or we're happy to arrange a pickup that works for you. Tax-deductible donation statements are available upon request.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Antique Show — we truly couldn't do it without 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, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, and TJ Malzahn, 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, Bob Cook, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Ceri Falk, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Daniel Drayling, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Irena Dybeic, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Marilyn and Dale Ghere, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Richard Cantine, Rob Ramsay, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Susan Crouse, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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