

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 22, 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 22

- 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)

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

- 4:30 pm Teen Tuesday Youth Group (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Taizé (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 25

- 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 26

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Saturday, March 28

- 11:00 am Meditation Class (Library)

Sunday, March 29 — Palm Sunday

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

The Processional Hymn: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Hymnal #495



Hail, thou once de - spis - ed_ Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
Je - sus, hail! en - throned in_ glo - ry, there for ev - er_



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal -
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, thou hast full a -
to_ a - bid; all the_ heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy



va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal Sa - vior, bear - er of our
tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en through the vir - tue
Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing; there thou dost our



sin and shame! By thy_ mer - it we find fa - vor: life is_ giv - en
of thy blood: o - pened is the gate of_ hea - ven, re - con - ciled are
place pre - pare;_ ev - er_ for us in - ter - ced - ing, till in_ glo - ry



through thy Name.
we_ with God.
we_ ap - pear.

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

Music: "In Babilone," melody from "Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu," 1710; harm. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935).

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

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

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

The First Lesson.....Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these

bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

The Response..... Psalm 130 (Book of Common Prayer p. 784)

The Epistle Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Holy Gospel.....John 11:1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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 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 Prayer of Humble AccessBook of Common Prayer p. 337

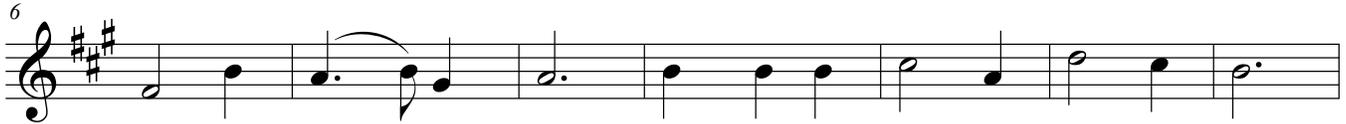
The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Hymnal #512



Come, gra-cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian, thou our guide
know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in ev - ery heart,
from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li - ness, the road
joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our fin - al rest,



o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
that we must take to dwell with God.
to be with him for ev - er blest.

Text: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt. Music: "Mendon," melody from
"Methodist Harmonist," 1821; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Postlude

*Te Es Petrus
Lenten Postlude*

*Jeanne Demessieux
Flor Peeters*

Hoppy Easter!

All children are welcome to join us on

Easter Sunday after the 10am service for an Easter Egg Hunt!

Bring your camera so you can get photos with the Easter Bunny. And, bring your favorite Easter Basket to collect your eggs— we will also have bags available.



Easter Eggs wanted! Please help us prepare for our children's Easter Egg Hunt by donating plastic eggs pre-filled with candy or stickers. *Please do not include any candy containing nuts or peanut butter.* **Eggs may be donated in the church office, and we are asking if you can please turn them in by Wednesday, April 1st.** If you have any questions, please contact Mary Deley at mary_deley@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!

Announcements

Volunteers Needed: Folding Bulletins for Good Friday and Easter

Are you available to come to the church office on **Thursday, April 2, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**, to fold bulletins for the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services? If you can help, please contact Gina at 310-375-4617 or gina.mcqueen@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

Military Outreach Collection – April 11

St. Francis will once again participate in our quarterly Military Outreach donation drive to support families at Camp Pendleton and Fort MacArthur. Donations will be delivered on Saturday, April 11, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Hawthorne High School. The most needed items right now are diapers and kitchen supplies such as dishes, cookware, and meal preparation tools. We will also continue to accept men's and women's clothing for Fort MacArthur and shoes in very good condition. Please note that we are unable to accept home décor, electronics, large toys, stuffed animals, or car seats unless they are new in the box. Thank you for helping St. Francis support military families in our community. For more info, contact Susie Zimmerman at susiezimmerman@gmail.com or or text (310) 316-5941, or visit our website at stfrancispalosverdes.org.

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 27, 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: Amy Clute, 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, Otto Vavrin, 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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