

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 12, 2026 ❖ 8:00 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Jason Shelby Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall

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.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Geoffrey Guenther in thanksgiving for Christian unity and the shared fellowship between St. Francis and Wayfarers Chapel. And by Liz and Bob Cook in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

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

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, July 12

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

Wednesday, July 15

- 10:00 am Healing Service
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group Meeting

Thursday, July 16

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, July 17

- 4:00 pm St. Luke's Breakfast Prep (Parish Kitchen)

Saturday, July 18

- 7:15 am St. Luke's Breakfast (St. Luke's Long Beach)
- 11:00 am Meditation Class (St. Francis Library)

Sunday, July 19

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

The Processional Hymn: Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word..... Hymnal #440



Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to hear thee;
All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness shroud - ed,
Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro - ceed - ing,
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;
till thy Spi - rit breaks our night with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed;
o - pen thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing.
by thy teach - ings pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
thou a - lone to God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
Hear the cry thy Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: "Liebster Jesu," melody by Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt.; "Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirche-Gesangbuch," 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

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 Gloria.....	Book of Common Prayer p. 324
The Collect of the Day: Proper 10.....	Book of Common Prayer p. 179

The First Lesson.....Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Response..... Psalm 65:9-14 (Book of Common Prayer p. 673)

The Epistle Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 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 GospelMatthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Sermon..... The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall

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 Christ, the Word Incarnate..... Hymnal #632

O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on
The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di -
O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est

high, O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark
vine, and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to
gold, to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of

sky; we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip-ature's
shine. It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing
old; O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to

page, a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to
sea, mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to
trace, till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to

age.
thee.
face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: "Munich," melody from
"Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch," 1693;
adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

The Postlude

Trumpet Tune No. 7 (opus 153)

Paul Fey

Announcements

Welcome Home, Bishop Jennifer Reddall!

We are delighted to welcome The Rt. Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, back to St. Francis on **Sunday, July 12**.

Bishop Reddall and her family were parishioners at St. Francis during the 1980s. She was ordained as a priest by the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles in 2003, and ordained as the first woman bishop of Arizona in 2019.

We are honored to welcome her home to preach at both our **8:00 AM and 10:00 AM** worship services, and look forward to hearing her share God's Word and celebrating this special homecoming with our parish family.

Please join us in giving Bishop Jennifer a warm St. Francis welcome!

A Note From Bishop Reddall:

Greetings, St. Francis! It is so exciting to return to the congregation where I was baptized, confirmed, and ordained to the diaconate. This will be my first time in your pulpit since I became the Bishop of Arizona in 2019, but it's also the pulpit where I preached my first sermon in 1997. My childhood at St. Francis gave me so much of what I needed to understand myself, my faith, and my capacity to love and serve my neighbor. From running around the campus with the rest of the kids my age, to singing in the Junior Choir, to being a lector and going on youth group ski trips, this is the place where I grew up. My parents, Walter and Roberta, are living in Tucson and doing well; my son Nate is about to be a senior in high school, and I will be joined at St. Francis by my husband, Paul.

Record Attendance! Record Proceeds! The Antiques Show raised over \$48,000!

For the first time, that I know of, we surpassed 1,000 tickets sold! It was music to my ears to be told during Saturday Brunch that the ticket sellers had run out of tickets! Fortunately, I had been keeping a stash of unused tickets from past shows just in case!

As it stands now the ECW has raised \$38,122+, Gloria and her St. Francis Treasures booth raised \$9,074.50 for the rummage sale funds and the Outreach Scholarship Fund received \$875. A check from the Antiques Show has been received by St. Francis for the annual ECW pledge to the parish of \$12,000.

Thank you one and all who volunteered, chaired, helped and attended the Antiques Show! We couldn't have done it without you!

There will be a wrap-up meeting on Sunday, July 26 at 11:30am in the board room where we will go over the numbers and discuss and critique this years show. All are welcome to attend!

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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, TJ Malzahn, and 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, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Frances Rosenthal, Irena Dybeic, Jeff, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, KT Martyniak, Marilyn and Dale Ghery, Mary Sharp, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Rex Claytor, Rob Ramsay, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Sofia, Susan Crouse, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

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

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