

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 20, 2026 ❖ 10:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby



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.

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, September 20

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Board Room)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Tuesday, September 22

- 7:00 pm Taizé Service of Healing and Wholeness (Chapel)

Wednesday, September 23

- 10:00 am Service of Healing and Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group Meeting

Thursday, September 24

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Sunday, September 27

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Faithful Families Potluck (Parish Hall)

Flowers on the altar are given by Tom and Joan Tenney to the glory of God and in celebration of their 33rd wedding anniversary; and by Joanne Shultz and Doug Kendle in loving memory of John Shultz and Mary Harris.

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

Prelude

"Cantilene"

Flor Peeters

The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Processional Hymn

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!

Hymnal #551

Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er
 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries
 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have

things, give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
 long; Lord, bring the day of truth and love and end — the night of wrong.
 trod; and quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, — ye saints of God!

Words: William Pierce Merrill (1867-1893), alt. Music: "Festal Song," William H. Walter (1825-1893).

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

Glory to God

WLP #900

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-

might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin

of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath-er: re-ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Jonah 3:10--4:11

Reader A Reading from the book of Jonah.

¹⁰When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own

country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

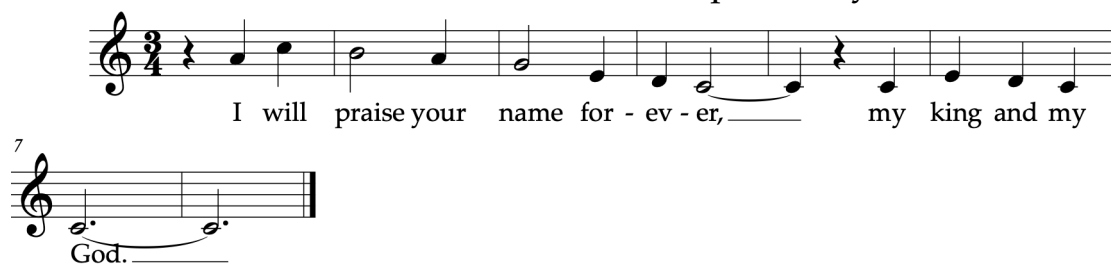
⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 145:1-8

Reader Let us read from Psalm 145 responsively.



Words: Psalm 145, v. 1; English translation of the Psalm Responses from the "Lectionary for Mass"
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¹I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

²Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

⁴One generation shall praise your works to another *

and shall declare your power.Refrain
⁵I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
⁶They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.Refrain

The Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

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

²¹To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn

O Bless the Lord, My Soul!

Hymnal #411

O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro -
 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in
 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience
 Then bless his ho - ly Name, whose grace has made thee
 claim! And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly
 mind! For - get not all his be - ne - fits! The Lord to thee is
 wait; his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a -
 whole; whose lov - ing kind - ness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my
 name.
 kind.
 bate.
 soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5.
 Music: "St. Thomas," melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776);
 harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Celebrant + The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one

hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Celebrant **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: Form V (the People read the responses in **bold**)

Reader Almighty God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

All **That we all may be one.**

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

All **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

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

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

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

All **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

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

All **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

All **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest;

All **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

All **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do
your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please kneel or sit as able.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant 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.

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 Offertory Anthem

Joy of Man's Desiring, J. S. Bach, arr, Bryceson Treharne

St. Francis Choir

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd with the fire of life impassion'd
Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying, round Thy throne.*

The Offertory Hymn O Food to Pilgrims Given

Hymnal #309

O Food to pil-grims giv - en, O Bread of life from hea - ven, O
O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee, hid - den in

5
Man - na from on and high! We hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor
forms of bread and wine. Grant when the veil is riv - en, we

9
thy de - lights de - ny us, whose hearts — to thee draw nigh.
may be - hold, in hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

Words: Latin, 1661; tr. John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945), alt.; by permission of Oxford University Press.
Music: "O Welt, ich muss dich lassen," present form of melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517), alt.;
harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

Please stand as able.



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The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **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:

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

WLP #858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 4 might, — heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in — the
 8 high - est. Bless - ed — is he who comes in the name of the
 12 Lord. — Ho - san - na in — the high - est. Ho - san - na in — the
 16 high - est.

American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983);
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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.

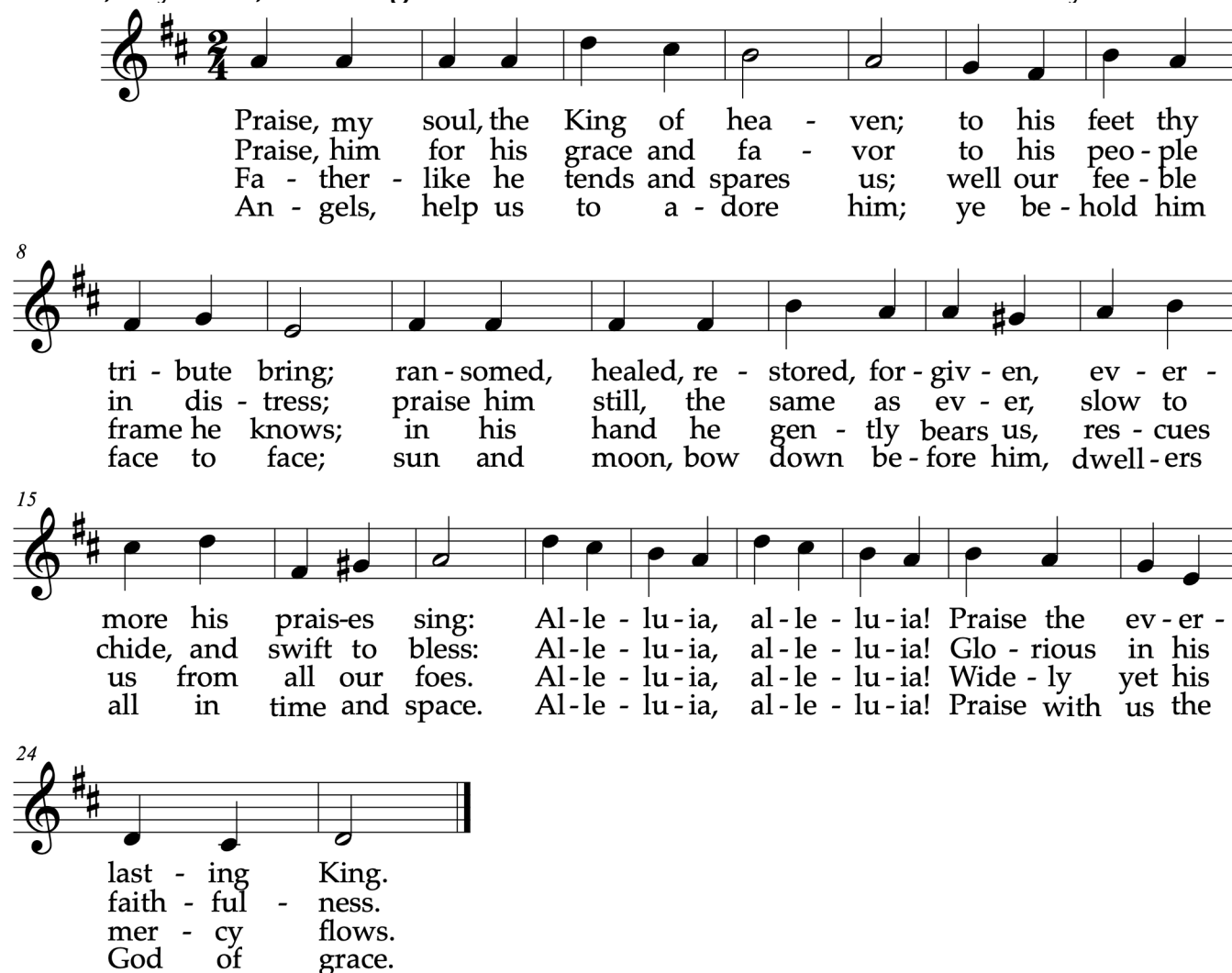
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Fraction Anthem

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Hymnal #410



Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy
Praise, him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple
Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him

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tri - bute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er -
in dis - tress; praise him still, the same as ev - er, slow to
frame he knows; in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues
face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers

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more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er -
chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his
us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his
all in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the

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last - ing King.
faith - ful - ness.
mer - cy flows.
God of grace.

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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

Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

Hymnal #325

Let us break bread to-gether on our knees; Let us
 Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees; Let us
 Let us praise God to-gether on our knees; Let us

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 break bread to-gether on our knees; when I fall on my
 drink wine to-gether on our knees; when I fall on my
 praise God to-gether on our knees; when I fall on my

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 knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord have mer-cy on
 knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord have mer-cy on
 knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord have mer-cy on

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 me.
 me.
 me.

Words: Afro-American spiritual. Music: "Let Us Break Bread," Afro-American spiritual;
 arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950)

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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

Celebrant 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

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).

The Postlude

"March and Cortège"

Flor Peeters

Announcements

Bring Your Best Friend to Church!

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 pm

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with our annual Blessing of the Animals. Join us on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 pm in the St. Francis Garden for this joyful annual tradition! All pets welcome – furry, feathered, or scaly. For the safety of humans and animals alike, please keep dogs on leash, and keep cats and exotic pets in cages. You may also bring a memento or photograph of your pet to receive a blessing. We can't wait to see you (and your pets)!

Schubert's Mass in G

Saturday, October 10 at 4:30 pm

Join us at St. Francis for an afternoon of beautiful choral music as the Catalyst Chamber Ensemble, the 14-member professional chamber choir of the Long Beach Camerata Singers, presents Franz Schubert's beloved Mass in G. Intimate, lyrical, and deeply spiritual, this radiant work is a wonderful introduction to Schubert's music and a treat for longtime lovers of choral music alike. Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.longbeachcameratasingers.org/>

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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, Angel Lara Gonzalez, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump and her family, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Irena Dybeic, Jeff, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, KT Martyniak, Liz, 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 that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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