

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 20, 2026 ♦ 8:00 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.

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.

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)



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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 AcclamationBook of Common Prayer p. 323

The Collect for PurityBook of Common Prayer p. 323

The Summary of the LawBook of Common Prayer p. 324

The GloriaBook of Common Prayer p. 324

The Collect of the Day: Proper 20Book of Common Prayer p. 182

The First LessonJonah 3:10--4:11

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?"

The Response Psalm 145:1-8 (Book of Common Prayer p. 801)

The Epistle..... Philippians 1:21-30

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.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

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."

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 Confession.....Book 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 Thanksgiving.....Book 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: 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

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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,

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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 Cortege"

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 Ghare, 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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