

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 27, 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 27

- 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)
- 11:30 am Faithful Families Potluck (Parish Hall)

Monday, September 28

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

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, October 2

- 9:30 am Beaders Group

Sunday, October 4 — Feast of St. Francis

- 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)
- 11:30 am St. Francis Day Celebration
- 4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals (St. Francis Garden)

This service is dedicated to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and in loving memory of his servant Otto Vavrin; the flowers on the altar are also given in thanksgiving for the life of Otto Vavrin by his loving wife Betsy.

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

Prelude

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone

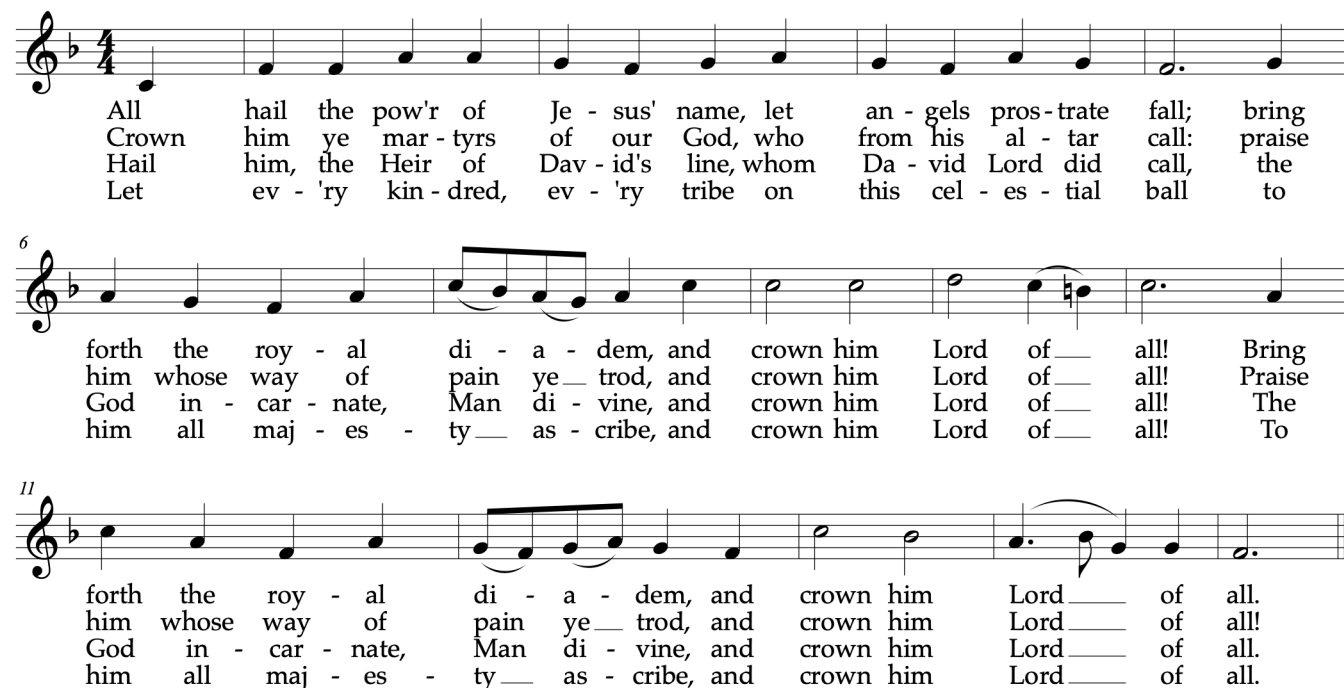
The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Processional Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymnal #450



All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name, let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring
Crown him ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call: praise
Hail him, the Heir of Dav - id's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call, the
Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this cel - es - tial ball to

6
forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring
him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all! Praise
God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all! The
him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all! To

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forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all.
him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all.

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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-
13 might-y God and Fa-ther, — we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
25 Lord Je-sus Christ, — on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, — Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
40 of the world: have mer-cy on us; — you are seated at the right hand of the Fath-er: — re-ceive our prayer. — For
56 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, — you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ,
70 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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Reader A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³"As I live," says the Lord GOD, "this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone," says the Lord GOD. "Turn, then, and live."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 25:1-8

Reader Let us read from Psalm 25 responsively.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; Come, O Lord, and set us

free.

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¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

²Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³Show me your ways, O LORD, *

and teach me your paths.

⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me, *

for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all the day long.....Refrain

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *

for they are from everlasting.

⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *

remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD; *

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸He guides the humble in doing right *

and teaches his way to the lowly.....Refrain

The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

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

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

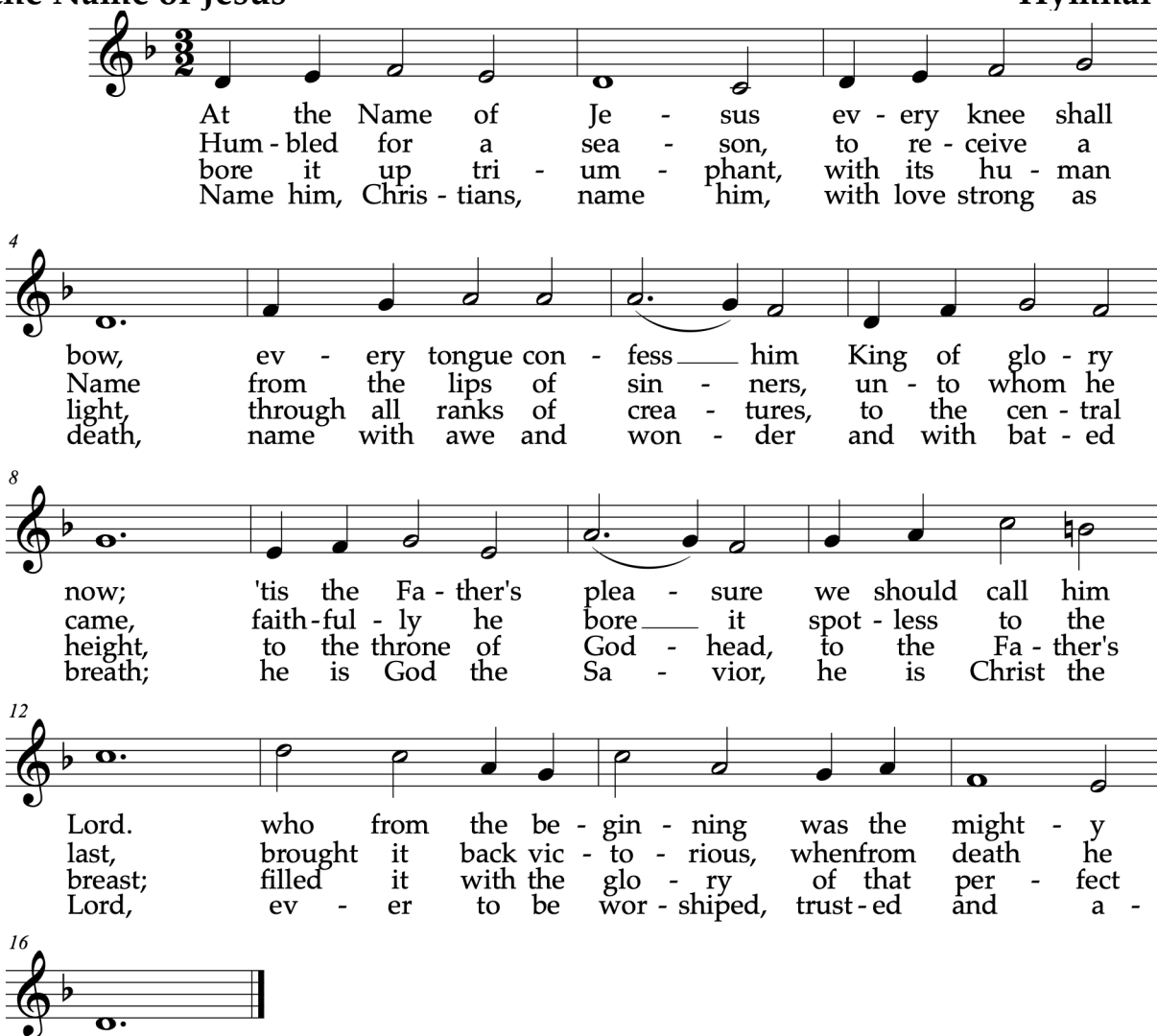
Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn At the Name of Jesus

Hymnal #435



At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall
Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a
bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man
Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as

4
bow, ev - every tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry
Name from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he
light, through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral
death, name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed

8
now; 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him
came, faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the
height, to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's
breath; he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the

12
Lord. who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y
last, brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he
breast; filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect
Lord, ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed and a -

16
Word.
passed;
rest.
dored.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt. Music: "King's Weston,"
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Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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

²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

Simple Gifts, Shaker Song, adapt. Aaron Copland

St. Francis Choir

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.*

The Offertory Hymn

Lord Jesus, Think On Me

Hymnal #641

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The hymn is divided into four measures, each starting with a measure number (1, 2, 3, 4) in the left margin. The final measure ends with a double bar line.

Lord Je-sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
Lord Je-sus, think on me, with care and woe op-pressed;
from harm - ful pas - sions set - me free,
let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be,
and make me pure with - in.
and taste thy prom - ised rest.

Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt.
Music: "Southwell," from "Daman's Psalter," 1579; adapt. "Hymnal, 1982".

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:

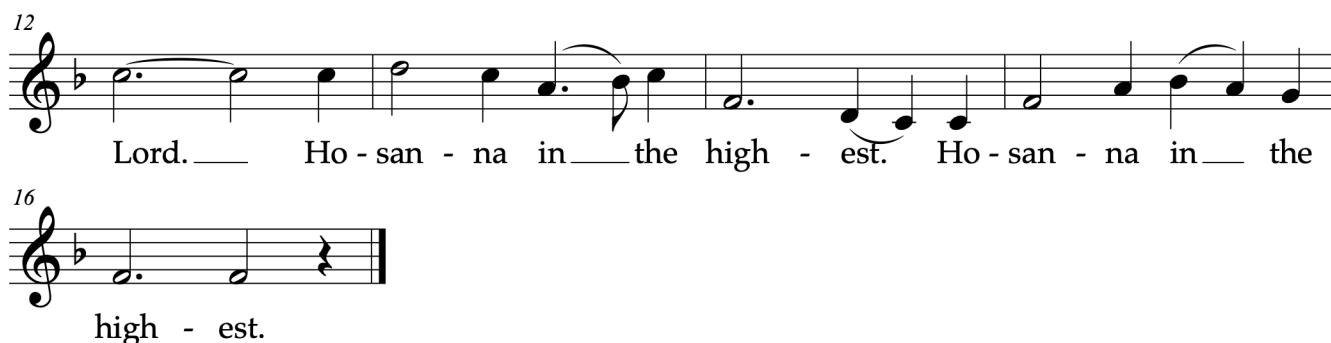
The Sanctus

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

The Sanctus continues on next page.



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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

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Hymnal #339

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of B-flat major (two flats), and 2/2 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 19, and 23. The final measure of the sixth staff ends with a double bar line.

Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
Je - sus, Bread of life, I pray thee, let me

5
gloom - y_ haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
glad - ly_ here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in - vit - ed,

10
there with joy thy prais - es ren - der un - to him whose grace un -
be thy love with love re - quit - ed; from this ban - quet let me

15
bound - ed hath this won - drous ban - quet found - ed;
mea - sure, Lord, how vast and deep its trea - sure;

19
high o'er all the heavens he reign - eth, yet to
through the gifts thou here dost give me, as thy

23
dwell with thee he deign - eth.
guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: "Schmücke dich,"
melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. "The English Hymnal," 1906.

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

What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymnal #439

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul? What
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, on; and
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on. What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb who when from death I'm free I'll
caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my soul, for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing
soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music : "Wondrous Love", from "The Southern Harmony", 1835.

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
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Hymnal #344



Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the
joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re -
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion in our hearts and
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us, glad thy sum - mons
deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this
lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may
to o - bey. May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with thee in
wil - der - ness.
we be found.
end - less day.

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: "Sicilian Mariners," Sicilian melody;
first published "The European Magazine and London Review," 1792, alt.

The Postlude

Toccata

Flor Peeters

Announcements

The Feast of St. Francis: Celebrate with Us!

Sunday, October 4

You are invited to join us after the 10 am service on Sunday, October 4, to celebrate our patron saint, Francis of Assisi (Italy). In his honor, our very own Friars will be serving Italian Sausages on buns with all the fixin's, and there will also be cannolis and sparkling Italian sodas on hand. For those averse to change, worry not, as there will still be coffee and donut holes.

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)!

Morning Prayer at St. Francis

Thursdays beginning on October 8 at 7:00 am

Beginning Thursday, October 8, the Rev. Deacon Celeste will lead a said service of Morning Prayer every Thursday at 7:00 a.m. in the St. Francis Chapel. All are welcome to begin the day together in prayer, Scripture, and quiet reflection.

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>

Undies Sundays: Help Support St. Luke's Breakfast & Shower Program

"Whatever you do for the least of these... you did for me." — Matthew 25:40

St. Francis helps provide breakfast and hospitality to about 150 people in need each month through the Breakfast and Shower Program at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Long Beach. On the third Saturday of every odd-numbered month, St. Francis volunteers prepare and serve breakfast, while St. Luke's provides showers, clothing, and other services.

This month, we're collecting donations to help stock the clothing and personal-care supplies distributed through the program. For Undies Sundays, please donate new underwear in its original package, with boxer briefs preferred for men, in all sizes.

We also welcome gently used donations of:

- Men's jeans and Dockers, sweatpants, belts, caps, and outerwear
- Backpacks and small roller bags
- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Sturdy casual shoes and sneakers for men and women

Other needed items include women's sports bras and panties, women's hygiene products, toiletries, lip balm, lotion, sunscreen, eye drops, reading glasses, and nail clippers.

Please bring donations to the St. Francis office or contact **Gayle Taylor** at gaylentaylor@gmail.com. Every donation helps us share food, dignity, and practical care with our neighbors in need.

Volunteer Recognition Brunch Beginning Sunday, October 11

Our volunteers give so much of their time and talent to make St. Francis a vibrant community, and we want to celebrate them! Beginning this fall, we'll host **quarterly appreciation brunches for Sunday service volunteers** between services at 9:15 a.m. Our first will be **Sunday, October 11**, since October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis. Future brunches will generally be held on the first Sunday of each quarter, unless another parish event is scheduled.

We'll also host an annual appreciation brunch or lunch on Epiphany Sunday for all St. Francis volunteers—including Vestry, guilds, choir, Friars, outreach, Sunday service volunteers, and our Antiques Show and Rummage Sale teams.

And there's one important rule: volunteers don't have to do a thing! These gatherings are our opportunity to say thank you, so simply come, enjoy some food and fellowship, and let us celebrate you.

Lectionary Study Group Returns

Beginning Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 pm

The St. Francis Lectionary Study Group resumes Wednesday, October 21, meeting on the **third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Library**. We'll continue our exploration of the weekly readings using *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year W* by Dr. Wilda Gafney. Everyone is welcome! Come join the conversation, deepen your understanding of Scripture, and prepare for Sunday's worship together.

Stay in-the-know!

Subscribe to our weekly email newsletter, *Bellringer Weekly*, and receive all the news and events in your inbox each week! *Bellringer Weekly* goes out on Thursday evenings (usually). Subscribe today at stfrancispalosverdes.org/subscribe

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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