

The Feast of St. Francis

Sunday, October 4, 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, October 4 — Feast of St. Francis

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:20 am St. Francis Day Celebration
- 4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals (St. Francis Garden)

Monday, October 5

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 7

- 10:00 am Service of Healing and Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group Meeting
- 5:00 pm Investment Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 8

- 7:00 am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Saturday, October 10

- 4:30 pm Schubert Mass in G, Camerata Catalyst Singers

Sunday, October 11

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

Flowers for the Altar: Consider making a donation of altar flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of someone you love. (The suggested donation is \$50.) Contact Gina in the church office at 310-375-4617 or Gina.McQueen@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

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

Prelude

The Lark Ascending

Ralph Vaughn Williams

The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Processional Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymnal #400



All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mus - ic for your Lord to
Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

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sing; Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Bright burn-ing sun with gold-en beams, pale
loft, O__ praise him, Al-le - lu - ia, Fair ris - ing morn, with praise re - joice, stars
hear, Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Fire, so in - tense and fierce-ly bright, you
ness, O__ praise him, Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praisethe Son, and

9
sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O__ praise him, O__ praise him, Al - le -
night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
give to us both warmth and light,
praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

13
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: "Lasst uns erfreuen," melody from "Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang," 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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: Job 39:1–18

Reader A Reading from the book of Job.

¹"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?

²Can you number the months that they fulfill,
and do you know the time when they give birth,

³when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?

⁴Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

⁵"Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,

⁶to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling place?

⁷It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

⁸It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

⁹"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?

¹⁰Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?

¹¹Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labor to it?

¹²Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing floor?

¹³"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.

¹⁴For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,

¹⁵forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.

¹⁶It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear;

¹⁷because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.

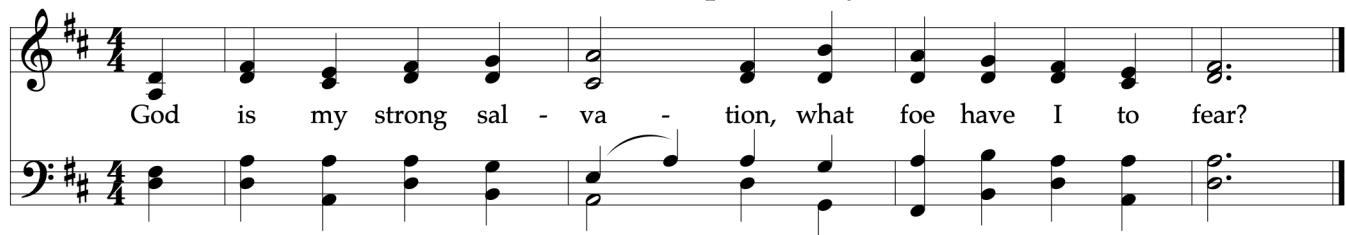
¹⁸When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 121

Reader Let us read from Psalm 121 responsively.



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- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- ² My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;Refrain
- ⁵ The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- ⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- ⁸ The Lord shall watch over your going out and
your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.....Refrain

The Second Lesson: Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). ³⁷He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

¹But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; ²with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and

brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. ³Ananias, Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" ⁵Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. ⁶The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

⁷After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." ⁹Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." ¹⁰Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn

I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes

Hymnal #668



I to the hills will lift mine eyes, from whence shall
He will not let thy foot be moved, his own he
Thy faith-ful guard-ian is the Lord, thy shelt-er
From e-vil he shall keep thee safe and shall thy



come my aid? My help is from the Lord a-bove who
safe-ly keeps; with watch-ful and un-tir-ing eye he
and thy shade; nor sun by day, nor moon by night, need
strength re-store and guard thy go-ing out and in, both



heaven and earth hath made.
slum-bers not, nor sleeps.
make thy soul a-fraid.
now and ev-er-more.

Words: "The Psalmes of David in Meeter," 1650, alt.; st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984);
para. of Ps. 121. Music: "Burford," from "A Book of Psalmody," 1718.

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

For the Beauty of the Earth by John Rutter

St. Francis Choir

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of praise.
For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and bud of heaven:
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of praise.*

The Offertory Hymn

Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted

Hymnal #302

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil, guard it still,'. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: 'per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con - formed un - to thy will.' The third staff continues: 'As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, was in this bro - ken bread made one,'. The fourth staff concludes the hymn: 'so from all lands thy Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.'

Words: Greek, ca 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Music: "Rendez à Dieu,"
melody and harm. att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Hymnal #593

Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace; where there is
 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 night to end - less day; Lord, make us ser - vants of your

give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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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.

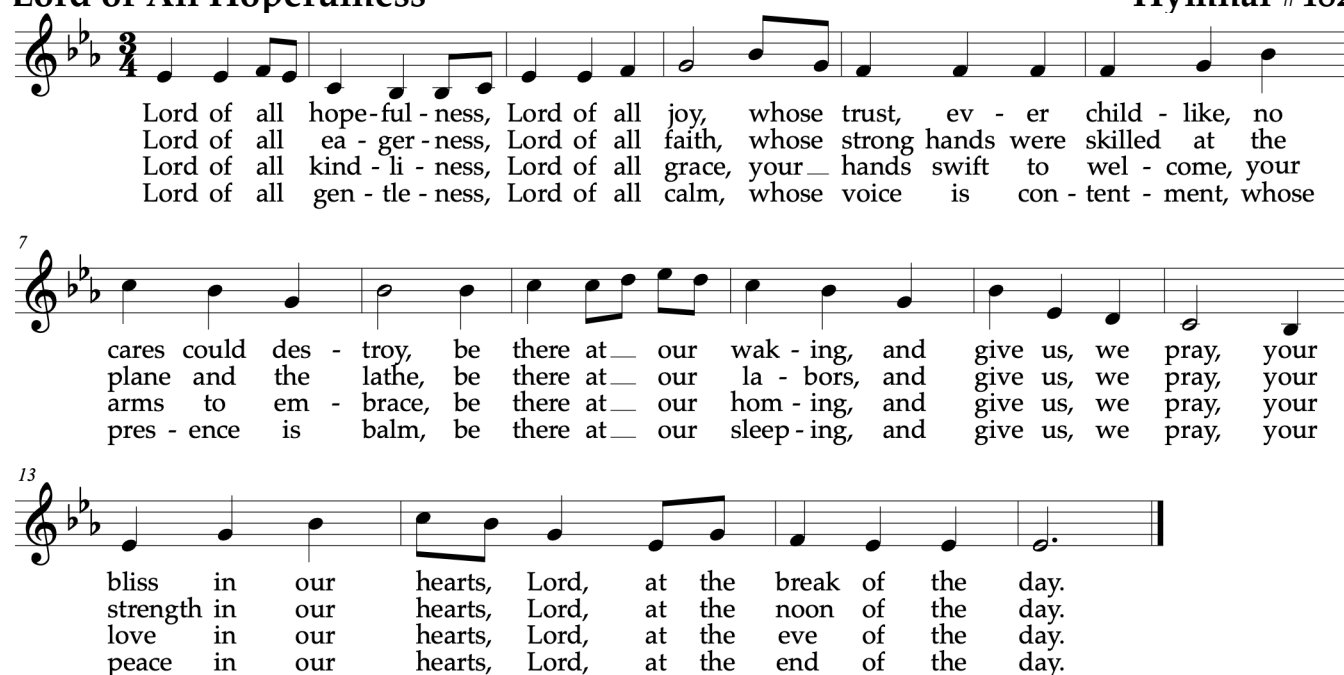
The Communion of the People

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 Lord of All Hopefulness

Hymnal #482



Lord of all hope-ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ev - er child - like, no
 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the
 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to wel - come, your
 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose

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 cares could des - troy, be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, your
 plane and the lathe, be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray, your
 arms to em - brace, be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, your
 pres - ence is balm, be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, your

13
 bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953). Music: "Slane," Irish ballad melody; adapt. "The Church Hymnody," 1927; harm. "Hymnal 1982."

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 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymnal #405



All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small, all things wise and won-der-ful, the

7 Lord God made them all. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that
The pur - ple head - ed moun-tains, the riv - er run-ning
The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer
He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might

12 sing, he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
by, the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
sun, the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - 'ry one.
tell how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: "Royal Oak," melody from "The Dancing Master," 1686;
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The Postlude

Alleluya - "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"

William Faulkes

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)!

Socktober!

Help Support St. Luke's Breakfast & Shower Program

We're celebrating Socktober by collecting new, still in the package, men's tube socks of all sizes. We're also grateful for gently used clothing, shoes, backpacks, blankets, and other needed items. 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.

Morning Prayer at St. Francis

Thursday 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/>

Liturgy Lab: Holy Eucharist from the 1662 Prayer Book

Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 pm

Join us Sunday, October 18, at 5:00 p.m. as St. Francis continues our Liturgy Lab series with a special celebration of Holy Eucharist from the 1662 edition of the Book of Common Prayer. Experience the historic Anglican liturgy that has shaped generations of Christian worship, with its beautiful language, prayers, and traditions. Everyone is welcome, whether you're familiar with the 1662 Prayer Book or experiencing it for the first time.

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.

Newcomer's Brunch

Sunday, October 25 at 11:30 am

New to St. Francis? Join us for a Newcomer's Brunch on Sunday, October 25, at 11:30 a.m. in the Boardroom. It's a relaxed opportunity to meet fellow newcomers, enjoy some food, and spend a little time getting to know one another. The brunch will be hosted by Alex and Jennifer Sams and the Rev. Jason Shelby. We'd love to see you there!

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



CAMP PENDLETON AND FORT MACARTHUR COLLECTION

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026

9:00am-12:00pm

SUPPORT OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Camp Pendleton is home to over 70,000 Marines and 10,000 children under 5. More than 160 babies are born there each month. Most families arrive with only what fits in their car and often lack essentials for newborns and small children, plus furnishings for their housing. The Rotary Clubs of District 5280 are collecting new and gently used items for these families to select from at Camp Pendleton's "Warrior Warehouse" and Fort MacArthur's "Airman's Attic", which is filled with donated items that are free for local military families.

ITEMS NEEDED

- Diapers
- Baby & children's clothes
- Toys, books, bathtubs, strollers, cribs
- Dishes, cookware, meal prep tools
- Bedding
- Gift cards (\$25) to Target/Walmart

DROP OFF


Hawthorne High School
 4859 El Segundo Blvd.
 Hawthorne, CA 90250

For More Information:

David Henseler
 Rotary Club of South Bay Sunrise
 310-753-0929

Bring items by Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026, to the church office or Susie's house (call for address).

Items will be loaded to drop off at Hawthorne High School on Oct. 17. Meet at St. Francis at 8:15 AM to load. Leave at 8:45 AM.

St. Francis Contact:

Susie Zimmerman

susiezimmerman@gmail.com

or leave text: (310) 316-5941

If you can help drop off items on Oct. 17, please contact Susie.

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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