

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 25, 2026 ♦ 8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Celeste Stump



We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

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.

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, October 25

- 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 Newcomers Brunch (Parish Hall)

Monday, October 26

- 5:30 pm St. Anne's Guild Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 27

- 7:00 pm Taizé (Chapel)

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

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

Sunday, November 1 — All Saints Sunday

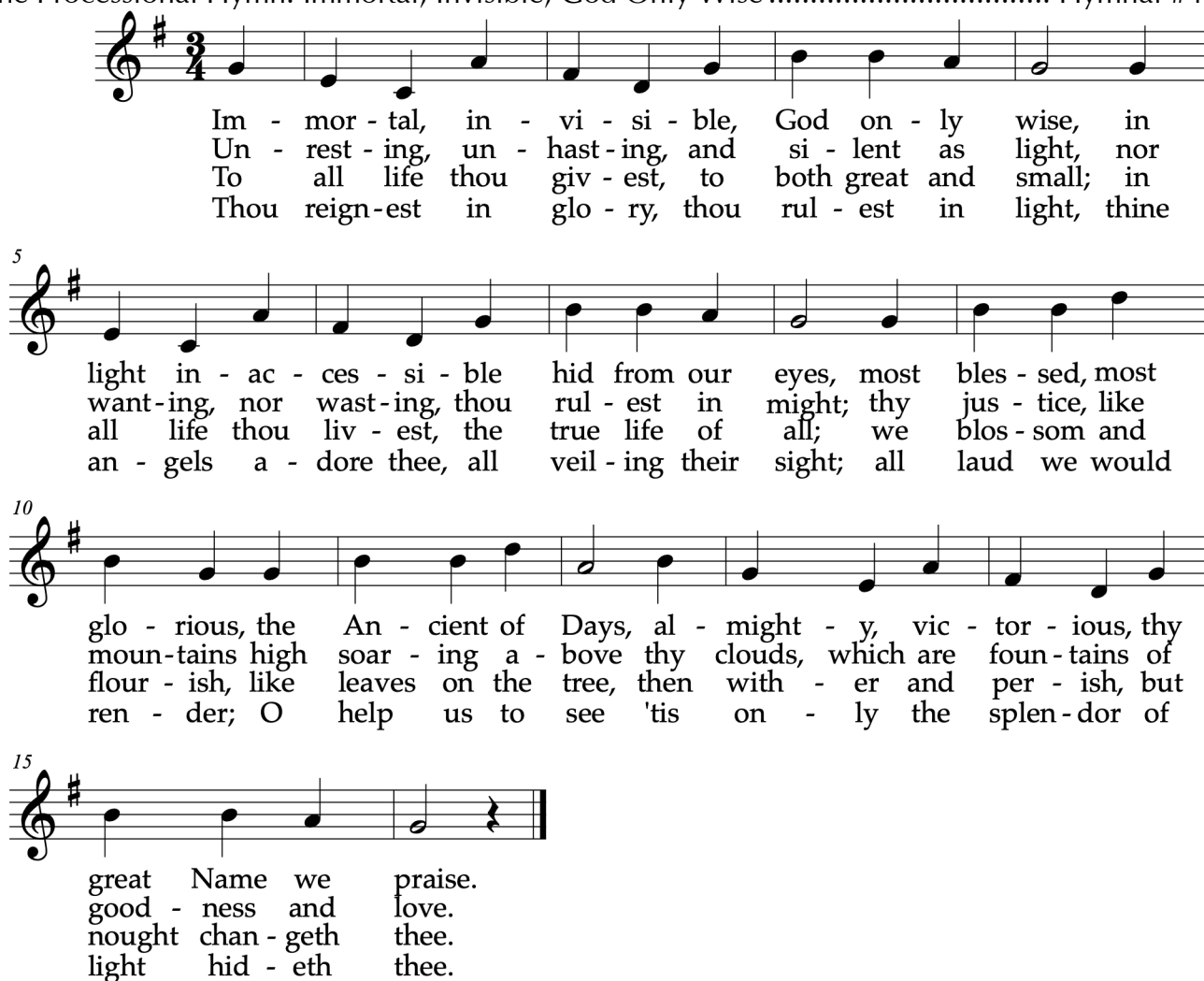
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The Processional Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Hymnal #423



Im - mor - tal, in - vi - si - ble, God on - ly wise, in
Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor
To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; in
Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light, thine

5
light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bles - sed, most
want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice, like
all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; we blos - som and
an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all laud we would

10
glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy
moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove thy clouds, which are foun - tains of
flour - ish, like leaves on the tree, then with - er and per - ish, but
ren - der; O help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of

15
great Name we praise.
good - ness and love.
nought chan - geth thee.
light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: "St. Denio," Welsh hymn from
"Caniadau y Cyssegr," 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877);
harm. "The English Hymnal," 1906, alt.

The Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 323
The Collect for Purity Book of Common Prayer p. 323
The Summary of the Law Book of Common Prayer p. 324
The Gloria Book of Common Prayer p. 324
The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson.....Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The Response..... Psalm 1 (Book of Common Prayer p. 585)

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Holy Gospel..... Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²"What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Sermon.....The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the People Book of Common Prayer p. 328

The Confession Book of Common Prayer p. 331

The Peace Book 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 Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. 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 and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel..... Hymnal #574

Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give
Search out our hearts and make us true; help
For sins of heed - less word and deed, for
Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our

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us — a con - science quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to
us — to give to all — their due. From love of plea - sure,
pride am - bi - tious to — suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and
in - most spi - rits pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge

11

un - der - stand the mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what -
lust of gold, from sins — which make the heart grow cold, wean
sub - tle snare to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for
out the shame; O God, be with us in — the — flame; a

17

e'er the pain and shame may be, — bring us, O Fa - ther,
us and train us with — thy rod; teach us to know our
lives be - reft of pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O
new - born peo - ple may — we rise, more pure, more true, more

23

near - er thee.
faults, O God.
Lord, we cry.
no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: "St. Petersburg," Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

The Postlude

"Little" Fugue in G minor (BWV 578)

J.S. Bach

Announcements

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!

All Saints Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 pm

The Welsh Choir of Southern California

Celebrate the Joy of Welsh Music

An afternoon of
Welsh hymns and folk songs

Directed by Luvi Avendano

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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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