

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION & REAFFIRMATION

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, 10:00 a.m.



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

Consider making a donation of altar flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of someone you love.

The suggested donation is \$40. To arrange, please contact Mary in the Church Office:

310-375-4617 or [mary.sanchez@stfrancispalosverdes.org](mailto:mary.sanchez@stfrancispalosverdes.org).

*We are in the season of Eastertide, a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. Eastertide season is celebrated as a single joyful feast, indeed as the "great Lord's Day". Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter, and, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday. The season is marked with white vestments, extra candles, the presence of the paschal candle near the altar, and at the 10am service, sung parts for the Great Thanksgiving. We include more alleluias, and The Confession of Sin is absent.*

## The Word of God

Prelude

Kyrie - Gloria, et in Terra Pax

François Couperin

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

Processional Hymn

**I Sing the Almighty Power of God**

**Hymn #398**

### The Opening Acclamation

† Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Bishop then continues*

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

*A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper.*

*It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.*



**Celebrant/Preacher:** The Rt. Rev. Diane Bruce, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles

**Deacons:** The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic & The Rev. Peter Huang

The Gloria

Glory to God

Ronald Arnatt

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'ly King, al-  
 13 might-y God and Fa - ther, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
 25 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Father, 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 Father: re - ceive our prayer. For  
 56 you a - lone are the Holy 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

**Bishop** Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 for the readings.*

**The First Lesson** Acts 17:22-31

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader** A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.



# Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Confirmation, Reception & Reaffirmation

Bishop The Candidates for Confirmation, Reception & Reaffirmation will now be presented.

*The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic (Presenter)*

**I present these persons for Confirmation:** Trace Basich, Aiden Boyles, Grace Buchen, Chloe Dowling, Elizabeth Glavis, Cole Humiston, Joseph Miyashita, Sofia Pelá, Lauren Sams, Sidney Smith, Maxwell Yee.

**I present these persons for Reception:** Elizabeth Cantine, Terri Humiston, Mark Frey and Doug Vogel, Richard and Donna Paine.

**I present these persons for Reaffirmation:** Richard Cantine, William Omer, Michele Petersen.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People We will.**

*The Bishop then says*

Let us join with all these who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*All STAND as able*

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

**People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers for the Candidates

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for all these women and men who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*The Candidates kneel.*

Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The Congregation is seated.*

## Confirmation

*Each candidate receives the laying on of hands as a sign of God's love, blessing and grace, and then is also given a gentle squeeze on the shoulder. This gesture signifies the guiding, correcting role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all Christian people. It is a welcome alternative to the traditional 'slap' that many of us received at our Confirmations.*

*The Bishop lays hands upon each and says a prayer.*

## For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each and says a prayer.*

## For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes saying,*

Almighty and ever living God, let your gracious hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please STAND as able, and join in singing Hymn 370, Vs. 6*

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

Please STAND as able for,  
The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**



The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Children of God

Mark Hayes

*Children of God, we shall be called the children of God. Loving the world, sharing God's peace,  
we shall be called the children of God.*

*With eyes full of compassion for the multitudes, hands to touch the lepers and the lame,  
arms to hold the hurting and the prodigals, offer love and peace in Jesus' name.  
Children of God...*

*Listen to the empty cries of loneliness, souls imprisoned, yearning for release. Drawing from the fullness of the Savior's love,  
offer gifts of fellowship and peace. Speak a word of love to a wounded heart; to the troubled spirit whisper peace. Happy are the  
ones who share the love of God, knowing that God's love will never cease.*

*Children of God... We are God's children, yes, we are God's children.*

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

Offertory Hymn

**Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!**

Vulpius

Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph of our King! To all the world glad  
new we bring: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Hymnal 1982 Hymn #205.

The Offertory Prayers

Bishop Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer,  
which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and  
the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Bishop Receive, O Lord, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Please remain STANDING, as able, for,

The Great Thanksgiving

*Adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco*

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Bishop

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of  
heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our  
Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his  
death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise  
you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this  
hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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Richard Proulx

8 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and earth are full of your  
 14 glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est! Ho-san-na in the high-est! Blest is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est! Ho-san-na in the high-est!

*The People remain standing, or kneel, as the Bishop continues, with the People reading the words in Bold.*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. You make all things and call them good. You love us into being; you form us in your image; and breathe into us the breath of life. When we turn away, and our love fails, your love remains steadfast. You deliver us from captivity, and bring us to a land flowing with milk and honey. In Christ you have set before us the way of life. By his baptism of suffering and death you give your church birth into a living hope.

**Raising Jesus from the dead, you make a new covenant with us, by water and the Spirit, and deliver us into freedom. We who were no people are now your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

On the night when he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, 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."**

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, **do this for the remembrance of me."**

On the third day you raised him from the dead and revealed him to the women who came to the tomb to care for his body. On that day he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of bread. And so, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, and we praise you and we bless you.

**All We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you Lord our God.**

✠ Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

**By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in loving service to all the world, until all feast at your heavenly banquet.**

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **Amen**

Bishop And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem

The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus

Jack Burnam

The dis-ei-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-king of the bread.

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*The bread which we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ. (Refrain)*

## The Communion of the People

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread\* in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, 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 to be served in your seat.**

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 someone will be available to pray with you.

\*Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

## Communion Music

*If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments*

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he will give you another comforter.  
That he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the Spirit of truth.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Bishop Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Minister

Bishop We send you out to share this Holy Communion with our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_.

People **May you be guided by the Holy Spirit as you share this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Bishop May those who share in this Communion be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

Bishop Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the one that binds us to you. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us this day and always. **Amen.**



*Please STAND as able, and join in singing,*

## The Closing Hymn

**Be Thou My Vision**

**Hymn #488**

## The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## Voluntary

*Domine Deus, Rex Coelestis (O Lord God, heavenly King)*

*François Couperin*

## PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Kelly Hall, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, that they may be kept from harm's way.

Those who are ill or recovering from surgery: Andrea, Lynne, Ceri Falk, Dato Family (Kelly Lynch's sister), Rob and Pam Fitting, Mama Hill, Elizabeth Hodgson, Gail Joerger, Chong-Kyun Kim, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith, Chris Snapp, and Hayward and Phyllis Thomas, that they may know your healing power.

We pray for all who have died,  
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.