

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 2017, 10:00 am



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.

The Word of God

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arr. Mary McDonald

We hope you enjoy our piano-led worship while our beautiful church organ undergoes restoration and repair.

Thank you to Allan Petker, Trever Ferrell, and Clayton Cobb for making music with us today!

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Processional Hymn

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

Here in this place— new light is stream-ing. Now is the dark - ness
4 We are the young, our lives are a myst - ry, we are the old who
Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,
van - ished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings
7 yearn for your face. We have been sung through out all of hist' - ry.
light years a - way. Here in this place a new light is shin - ing.
brought here to you in the light of this day.
11 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
Now is the King - dom! Now is the day!
Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en. Gath - er us in, the
14 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty. Gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, and hold us for - ev - er. Gath - er us in and
blind and the lame. Call to us now and we shall a - wa - ken.
17 proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
make us your own. Gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er.
We shall a - rise at the sound of your name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Huang
Deacon/Preacher: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

† The Opening Acclamation
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.

The Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Genesis 50:15-21
1st Reader A Reading from the first Book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

1st Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated, and join in singing,

The Response

Psalm 103

Marty Haugen



Psalm 103 paraphrased by Marty Haugen. Music by Marty Haugen. Used by permission.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all my being bless his name; bless the Lord, and forget not his benefits. (Refrain)
He pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows, redeems your life from destruction, and crowns you with his kindness. (Refrain)
Merciful and gracious is our God; slow to anger, abounding in kindness. (Refrain)

The Second Lesson Romans 14:1-12

2nd Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,

The Gospel Procession

"Step by Step"

Beaker

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise you.— O God, you are my God, and
 I will ev-er praise you.— I will seek you in thorn - ing,— I will learn to walk in your
 ways,— and step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

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The Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21-35



Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.'

Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please repeat singing "Step by Step", as the Gospel Procession returns.

Please remain seated for



The Sermon

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.



Please STAND as able, and join in saying,

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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People

The People join in reading the words in bold.

We thank you, God, for your abiding guidance and presence. You continually invite us to become our best selves and, in Jesus, model for us the way of love. We offer these prayers in faith and in hope on behalf of ourselves and all with whom we share life in this time and place.

For God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael; for our Bishops Jon, John and Diane, for all our ministers, and for us gathered as your church family. Let us be available to your Spirit.

Lord, make us wise and faithful.

For peace; for goodwill among nations; for the well-being of all people, and for boldness in confronting injustice of any kind. Let us respect the dignity of every human being.

Lord, make us compassionate and loving.

For all who serve in our civil services, especially first responders, and in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. Let us pray for a safe and peaceful world.

Lord, make us strong to help and serve.

For the unemployed and underemployed; for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, those in prison or afraid; for those facing challenges of any kind, especially: Andrea, Lynne, Howard Dale, Ceri Falk, Dato Family (Kelly Lynch's sister), Rob and Pam Fitting, Mama Hill, Elizabeth Hodgson, Gail Joerger, Chong-Kyun Kim, Joni McIntyre, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith, Chris Snapp, Hayward and Phyllis Thomas, and all those we name to you now...
(please add your own prayers silently or out loud). Let us pray for healing of any kind.

Lord, make us whole and holy.

For all those killed or injured from terrorism, violence of any kind, from natural disasters and for those who grieve for them. Let us pray for the safety of life.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace and comfort.

For those we love but see no longer, for all those who have died, especially all those we name to you now...
(please add your own prayers silently or out loud). Let us pray in God's comfort and grace.

Lord, help us live for you all the days of our lives.

For all who anticipate birthdays, anniversaries and joyful events *(please add your own prayers silently or out loud).* Let us pray that we remember moments of blessing.

Lord, make us grateful for all we have.

Please continue standing, as able, for
The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant 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.

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

People Blessed be God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

From Enriching Our Worship, supplement to the Book of Common Prayer

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 God thanks and praise.



The Celebrant continues. The People read the parts in bold.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. **But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.**

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

LAND OF REST

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
6 full of your glo-ry, Ho-san - na in the 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 high - est.

LAND OF REST American Folk Tune, Arrangement by Annabel Buchanan (1889-1983)Worship, Love, & Praise #859

All stand or kneel at the Celebrant continues, with the People reading the parts in Bold.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. **He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.**

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. **Do this for the remembrance of me.**"

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, **do this for the remembrance of me.**"

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is, and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Francis and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

"Whoever Comes to Me"

Carl Haywood

Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger, and
5 who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

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.*

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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

Celtic Communion

Mark Hayes

*Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead.*

*Look on the heart by sorrow broken; look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed!*

*Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, One in Three; Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ within me,
Three in One. Amen.*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of all Life, we have seen with our own eyes and touched with our own hands the Bread of Life, this precious gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you, in love for one another, and in love for all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Minister

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant May the peace of Christ which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Recessional Hymn

Called As Partners

BEECHER

Called as part - ners in Christ's er - vice, called to min - i - stries of grace,
Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Thus new pat - terns for Christ's in - sion in a small or glo - bal sense,
So God grant us for to - mor - row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re - spond with deep com - mit - ment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol - low, nev - er fal - tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens, break - ing down each wall or fence.
that sur - round each per - son's sor - row with a calm that con - quers strife.

May we learn the art of shar - ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom - en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
Words of com - fort, word of vi - sion, words of chal - lenge, said with care,
Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, our com - pas - sion to in - crease,

e - qual part - ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.
mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

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The Sending Forth

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

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy / It Is Well

Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram