

SAINT FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PALOS VERDES ESTATES  
CALIFORNIA

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 2, 2018



### Welcome to St. Francis Church

We are glad you are here.  
Newcomers and visitors, please see the 'Welcome' section in this bulletin  
for information to help you get to know St. Francis.

It is our parish custom to observe silence in the Church prior to the start of the Eucharist.

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. To arrange, please contact Mary in the Church Office:  
310-375-4617 or [mary.sanchez@stfrancispalosverdes.org](mailto:mary.sanchez@stfrancispalosverdes.org).

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

### 8:00 A.M. - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

Celebrant: ..... The Rev. Peter Huang  
Deacon: ..... The Rev. Laurel Coote  
Preacher/Gospeler: ..... The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic  
Prelude: *Es ist ein Ros entsprungen (A Lovely Rose is Blooming)* ..... *Johannes Brahms*  
**Processional Hymn – Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending** ..... **Hymn #57 vv 1& 4**  
The Opening Acclamation ..... Book of Common Prayer, p.323  
(*this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer*)  
The Collect of the Day ..... p. 159

#### Prayers for the Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning.  
This first candle is HOPE.

*Acolyte: The candle is lit.*

Leader: "We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield." (*Psalm 33:20*)

**People: Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us  
grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world.  
Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.**

The First Lesson ..... Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of  
Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to  
spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah  
will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called:  
"The LORD is our righteousness."

Response: Psalm 25:1-9, *Ad te, Domine, levavi* ..... p. 614

The Epistle ..... 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Gospel Procession: Come, Emmanuel..... Iona**

The musical score is for the hymn 'Come, Emmanuel'. It is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Come, Em-man - u - el. O come, O come, Em - man u - el. Em - man - u - el, O O come, O come, O come, Em - man - u - el. O Come, Em - man - u - el. O come, Em - man - u - el. Em - man - u - el, O come, O come, O come, Em - man - u - el.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

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The Holy Gospel ..... Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Please join in singing 'Come Emmanuel'.*

The Sermon..... The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

The Nicene Creed ..... p. 327

The Prayers of the People ..... p. 328

Let us say together our Mission Statement:

**All We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

**Offertory Hymn—Of the Father's Love Begotten ..... Hymn #82 vv 1 & 4**

Offertory Prayer All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee

The Sanctus

The Great Thanksgiving ..... p. 333

*The clergy will carry the Sacrament to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward for Holy Communion. Please inform one of the ushers if you would like to be served at your seat.*

*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.*

Post Communion Prayer ..... p. 339

Blessing and Sending Forth ..... p. 339

**Recessional Hymn—O Day of God, Draw Nigh ..... Hymn #601 vv 1-3**

*Postlude: Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn, BWV 601 (Lord Christ, the Only Son of God) ..... J.S. Bach*



## WELCOME

If you are new to our parish community, here are a few notes to help you get acquainted.

1. **PLEASE TAKE A "WELCOME" CARD** from the pew rack in front of you, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our clergy after the service. We will be happy to contact you in the week ahead and help you however we can.
2. **JOIN US AFTER THE SERVICE FOR COFFEE** and other refreshments so we can welcome you more personally. Coffee hour is on the Chapel Patio (turn right as you exit the Chapel). We promise we won't leave you standing in the corner, staring at your shoes! When raining or cold, we gather in the Parish Hall (turn left when you exit the Chapel and head for the green doors).
3. **STOP BY THE WELCOME TABLE** at the Chapel doors or the rolling bulletin board near the Main Church entrance, browse the information there, and pick up our most recent "Get Connected" brochure. This brochure contains information about becoming a member, details about our outreach, ministries, classes, groups, and events. It provides a one-stop guide to help you "get connected" – to God, to the inclusive community that is St. Francis, and to many opportunities to make a difference in the world.
4. **IF YOU HAVE COME WITH CHILDREN**, please know that children of any age are always welcome to stay with you during the worship service. We have found that sitting toward the front helps children feel they are more "a part of the action". Pew bags are available at the Chapel doors with child-friendly worship aids.

## PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, 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, Susie Allen, Stephanie Bezner, James Eakins, Ceri Falk, Amalia Fraker, Mary Louise Gordon, Sally Hill, Jake Madrid, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, James and Reiko, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith 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.



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