

SAINT FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PALOS VERDES ESTATES  
CALIFORNIA

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 16, 2018



Bear fruits  
worthy of  
repentance

### 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 Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic  
Deacon:..... The Rev. Laurel Coote  
Preacher:..... Mr. Peter Marshall, *Licensed Lay Preacher*  
Prelude: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 (Now come, saviour of the gentiles) ..... J.S. Bach*  
**Processional Hymn – Prepare the Way** ..... **Hymn #65**  
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, second and third candles of the Advent wreath.

Each candle has a meaning.

This first candle is HOPE. The second candle is PEACE, and the third candle is JOY.

*(Acolyte: The candles are lit)*

Leader: "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song  
before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." *(Isaiah 55:12)*

**People: Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit.  
Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world.  
Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.**

The First Lesson ..... Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
 shout, O Israel!  
 Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
 O daughter Jerusalem!  
 The LORD has taken away the judgments  
 against you,  
 he has turned away your enemies.  
 The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
 you shall fear disaster no more.  
 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
 Do not fear, O Zion;  
 do not let your hands grow weak.  
 The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
 a warrior who gives victory;  
 he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
 he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
 as on a day of festival.  
 I will remove disaster from you,  
 so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
 I will deal with all your oppressors  
 at that time.  
 And I will save the lame  
 and gather the outcast,  
 and I will change their shame into praise  
 and renown in all the earth.  
 At that time I will bring you home,  
 at the time when I gather you;  
 for I will make you renowned and praised  
 among all the peoples of the earth,  
 when I restore your fortunes  
 before your eyes, says the LORD.

Response: Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah, *Ecce Deus* ..... p. 86

The Epistle ..... Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.  
 The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with  
 thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all  
 understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of vocal and piano parts. The vocal parts are in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Come, Em-man-u-el. O come, O come, Em-man-u-el. O come, O come, O come, Em-man-u-el. O come, Em-man-u-el. Em-man-u-el, O come, Em-man-u-el. come, O come, O come, Em-man-u-el.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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The Holy Gospel .....	Luke 3:7-18
<p>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."</p> <p>And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."</p> <p>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."</p> <p>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.</p> <p><i>Please join in singing 'Come Emmanuel'.</i></p>	
The Sermon .....	Mr. Peter Marshall
The Nicene Creed .....	p. 327
The Prayers of the People .....	p. 328
Let us say together our Mission Statement:	
<b>All</b>	<b>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.</b>
The Confession .....	p. 331
Welcome and Announcements	
<b>Offertory Hymn— Surely It Is God Who Saves Me</b> .....	<b>Hymn #679</b>
Offertory Prayer	All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee
The Sanctus	
The Great Thanksgiving .....	p. 333
<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion.</i></p> <p><i>If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.</i></p>	
Post Communion Prayer .....	p. 339
Blessing and Sending Forth .....	p. 339
<b>Recessional Hymn— O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</b> .....	<b>Hymn #56 vv 1-3, 6, 7</b>
<i>Postlude: Gott, durch deine Güte, BWV 600 (God, through your goodness)</i> .....	<i>J.S. Bach</i>

# 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, Jack Lovrich, Christine Ma, Jake Madrid, Marjorie Morris, Bob Pilmer, 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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