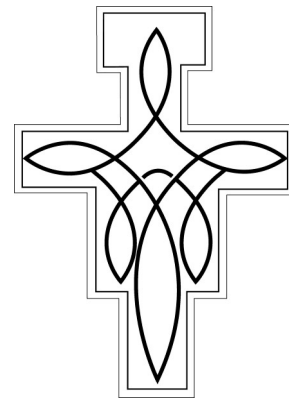


Names of those we pray for this week.

All those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families: Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

All those who are sick or in need of any kind: Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Claudia, Nancy Christianson, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, David Iida, Jake Madrid, Shelby Martyniak, Michael, Joy Merrill, Mike Mohuchi, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Jane Sharp, John Spalding, Sue, Ted Wong, Joan Youd, and Jennifer Zimmerman.



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Dick and Liz Cantine in memory of Liz's mother's birthday on August 21, 1909 and the passing of Liz's brother on August 21, 2018.

Important Covid Safety Reminders

In accordance with LA County Public Health requirements, Bishop Taylor has requested that although social distancing is no longer required, masks must be worn at all times indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Non-vaccinated persons must continue to wear masks and maintain a six foot distance from those not in your immediate household at all times on campus, both indoor and outdoor.

Some areas of the nave remain taped off for those who must remain distanced and for those, though vaccinated, choose to do so. You may sing during the hymns if you are fully vaccinated but please refrain if you are not vaccinated. We are confident that you will treat one another with love, dignity, and respect.

Please also note that we publicly livestream our worship service.

The Word of God

Prelude

Allegro (from Concerto in A Minor)

J. S. Bach

Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing. Unvaccinated persons please refrain from singing.

Processional Hymn

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Hymn 304, v. 1-5

I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 I come with Christ - ians far and near to
 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll
 giv - en loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 pres - ence al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple
 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.
 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

A ✠ appears where you may wish to make the sign of the cross. The sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is a way to engage your body (not just your speech and mind) in worship and physically embrace the blessing of God.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please remain STANDING, as able, and say together.

Canticle of Praise

A Song of Our Adoption

Ephesians 1:3-10

**Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for you have blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.**

**Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ,
that we should be holy and blameless before you.**

**You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure of your will,
to the praise of your glorious grace,
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.**

**In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,
the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of your grace
which you have lavished upon us.**

**You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight,
the mystery of your will, according to your good pleasure
which you set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time,
To gather together all things in Christ,
things in heaven and things on earth.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 Blessing

Celebrant 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 if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing. Unvaccinated persons please refrain from singing.

Recessional Hymn

Go Forward Christian Soldier

Hymn #563, v. 1, 2, 4

Go for - ward, Chris - tian sol - dier, be - neath his ban - ner
Go for - ward, Chris - tian sol - dier, fear not the se - cret
Go for - ward, Chris - tian sol - dier, fear not the gath - ering

true: the Lord him - self, thy Lead - er, shall all his foes sub -
foe; far more o'er thee are watch - ing than hu - man eyes can
night: the Lord has been thy shel - ter; the Lord will be thy

due. His love for - tells thy tri - als; he knows thine hour - ly
know; trust on - ly Christ, thy Cap - tain; cease not to watch and
light. When morn his face re - veal - eth thy dan - gers all are

need; — he can with bread of hea - ven thy faint - ing spi - rit
pray; — heed not the treach - erous voic - es that lure thy soul a -
past: — O pray that faith and vir - tue may keep thee to the

feed.
stray.
last!

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Improvisation on 'Lancashire'

David Tinoco

You are invited to be seated during the postlude to pray or simply to enjoy the music.

Alternatively, you may depart in peace following the Sending Forth.

Please join us for a coffee fellowship under the arches.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Saint Francis and all your people into the joy of your eternal home.

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,

All 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.

Celebrant This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

For our online community—*an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Please return to your seats before consuming the elements. If you do not wish to receive, 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 Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

Following communion, please STAND, as able,

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The First Lesson Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Response

Psalm 34:15-22, *Benedicam Dominum*

Reader Let us read from Psalm 34 responsively by half verse—*(the People reading the text in bold).*

¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

¹⁹ Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

²⁰ He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

²¹ Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²² The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Lesson Ephesians 5:15-20

2nd Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present

darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

2nd Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing. Unvaccinated persons please refrain from singing.

Sequence Hymn Alleluia! Sing to Jesus Hymn 460, v. 1,2,4,5

Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter, his the throne;
 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as orph - ans are we left in sor - row now;
 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of lords we own:
 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter his the throne;

Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;
 Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how;
 Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne:
 Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er,
 thou with - in the veil has en - tered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
 Hark! the songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;

Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 thou on earth both Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
 And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation
 as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or STAND as you prefer.

The Celebrant continues. The People join in reading the text in bold.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

**Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin,
 brought us into your life, reconciled us to you,
 and restored us to the glory you intend for us.**

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread,
 and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:
 "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
 "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection
 and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts
 your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us
 the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
 may be a people of hope, justice and love.

The Holy Communion

Please remain seated for the Anthem. For the offertory, collection baskets will be placed at the exit of the church as you leave.

Offertory Anthem **Let Us Break Bread Together** Gwyneth Walker

*Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us love one another on our knees. Let us love one another on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, mercy.

*Let us rise up together all as one. Let us rise up together all as one.
When I rise from my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy.*

*O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy, have mercy.
And bring us peace, peace.*

St. Francis Choir & Friends

Please STAND, as able,

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, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The people join in reading the parts in bold.

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.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;

You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Please remain standing, as able.

The Holy Gospel — John 6:56-69

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Celebrant ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?"

It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated for the sermon.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jerry Sather

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,

The Apostle's Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

Please remain STANDING, as able, for

The Prayers of the People

(Names of individuals we pray for this week are at the end of this service bulletin.)

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. Therefore, let us pray in the Spirit in supplication for the church and the world saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For grace to serve the Lord who delivered us, to believe and know Jesus is the Holy One of God, and to stand strong in the Lord in the strength of his power, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For John, our Bishop, and for all clergy and ministers, that they may declare the gospel of peace with boldness, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from the cosmic powers of this present darkness, the spiritual forces of evil, and all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may take up the armor of God and stand firm against all evil, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For all teachers, students, and staff as a new school year begins, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we name before you now let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For our own concerns Let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who partake in the fellowship of the altar and receive Christ's body and blood this day, that God would strengthen their faith and sustain them by this Holy Communion for life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, have mercy.*

Let us say together our prayer for transition.

O gracious Lord, you have told us that we are your sheep, and that you are our shepherd. We humbly ask you to open our eyes and minds to your choice of the right person to care for St. Francis Parish and guide your flock here on earth as we continue forward on our journey to serve you.

(by Laurie Anderson)

Celebrant:

Almighty and eternal God, none who take refuge in you will be condemned: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

From Enriching our Worship

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Please STAND or kneel as able, and join in saying,

**All God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements