

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.

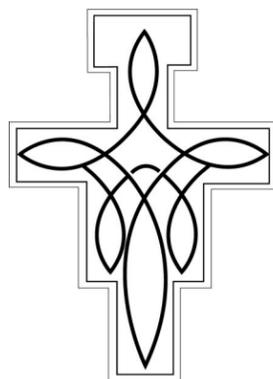
Please join us for a coffee fellowship under the arches.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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, Jane Africano, Claudia, Nancy Christianson, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, Jake Madrid, Shelby Martyniak, Michael, Joy Merrill, Mike Mohuchi, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Jane Sharp, Sue, Ted Wong, Joan Youd.



# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. 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 \$50. To arrange, please contact Mary in the Church Office: 310-375-4617 or mary.sanchez@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

## 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

Te Deum Laudamus

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jerry Sather  
Guest Organist: David Tinoco

## 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 Ezekiel Ezekiel 36:24-28

**I will take you from among all nations;  
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.  
I will sprinkle clean water upon you;  
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.  
A new heart I will give you  
and a new spirit put within you.  
I will take the stone heart from your chest  
and give you a heart of flesh.  
I will help you walk in my laws  
and cherish my commandments and do them.  
You shall be my people,  
and I will be your God.  
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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian #138, v. 1-5 [LEVAS II]

Traditional Spiritual

## The Sending Forth

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Prelude and Ciaconne in C Major*

*Dietrich Buxtehude*

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 We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Reader A Reading from the Book of Joshua

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

1<sup>st</sup> Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

### The Response Psalm 15, Domine, quis habitabit?

Reader Let us read Psalm 15 responsively by half verse—(the People reading the text in **bold**).

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
**who may abide upon your holy hill?**
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*  
**he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
**but he honors those who fear the Lord.**
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
**and does not take back his word.**
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
**shall never be overthrown.**

### The Second Lesson James 1:17-27

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader A reading from the Letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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Sequence Hymn                      **Blest Are the Pure in Heart**                      Hymn 656, v. 1-4

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our  
 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to  
 he to the low-ly soul will still him-self in -  
 Lord, we thy pres-ence seek; may ours this bless-ing

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God; the se-cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a -  
 bring, to dwell in low-li-ness with us, our pat-tern and our  
 part and for his dwell-ing and his throne will choose the pure in  
 be; give us a pure and low-ly heart, a tem-ple fit for

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 thee.

*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.

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.**

*Please be seated.*

Welcome and Announcements

# 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                    **O Master Let Me Walk With Thee**    *Hymnal 600*

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.

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 remain standing, as able.*

The Holy Gospel    Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Celebrant    Alleluia, alleluia! The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

**People    Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

The Lord is near whenever we call. Therefore let us pray for the church and the world saying,  
Lord in your mercy, “hear our prayer.”

We pray for the Holy Church of God . . .

For grace to be doers of the word, not merely hearers, and to be cleansed from wickedness.  
For all bishops, priests, and deacons, and all the people of God.  
For our Vestry, Profile, and Search committees, that God will bless them with both patience  
and perseverance as they search for the priest who will strengthen our church family.  
Pray for the church . . . *(add your own prayers silently or aloud)* . . .  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nation and all in authority . . .

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority.  
For the members of our Armed Services and their families.  
For our great nation, that God would grant us to be a wise and discerning people.  
Pray for the nation . . . *(add your own prayers silently or aloud)* . . .  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the welfare of the world . . .

For the people of Afghanistan under threat and Haiti recovering from the earthquake.  
For those places suffering from drought and wildfires; for those recovering from floods.  
For an end to the Coronavirus and strength to doctors, nurses, and medical professionals.  
Pray for the welfare of the world . . . *(add your own prayers silently or aloud)* . . .  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our local community . . .

For the communities that surround our church and the people who live there.  
For our schools — teachers, students and staff as a new school year begins.  
For police and firefighters and all who ensure public safety.  
Pray for our local community . . . *(add your own prayers silently or aloud)* . . .  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer and those in any trouble . . .

For the aged and infirm, the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and suffering.  
For the poor and homeless, the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives,  
and for all who remember and care for them.  
Pray for those in any suffering or trouble. . . *(add your own prayers silently or aloud)* . . .  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the departed . . .

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, including  
David Iida, Darlene Engquist, Marylen Ruston, Dana Harvey, and Bob Africano . . . And  
for all those we remember before you . . . *(add your own prayers silently or aloud)* . . .  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:*

Father of lights, from whose word of truth we have been born as first fruits of your creatures:  
make us quick to listen and slow to speak, that the word implanted in us may take root to  
nourish all our living, and that we may be blessed in our doing and fruitful in action, 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.*