

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



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

The flowers on the altar are given by Sara Schulz Briggs and Dick Briggs to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for our St. Francis family.

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

The Lord Is My Shepherd

John Rutter

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

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn #390, vv. 1, 3, 4 (+Descant)

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de - fend thee;
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall ev - er at - tend thee;
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song. sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
ponder a - new what the Al - might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words by Joachim Neander (1650-1680) Music: LOBE DEN HERREN Melody from Erneuertem Gesangbuch, 1665; Hymn #390, The Hymnal 1982

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jerry Sather

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 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 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 Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 First Lesson Jeremiah 11:18-20

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"
But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

The Response Psalm 54, *Deus, in nomine*

Reader Let us read from Psalm 54 responsively by half verse—(the People reading the text in **bold**).

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

The Second Lesson James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

2nd Reader A reading from the Letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

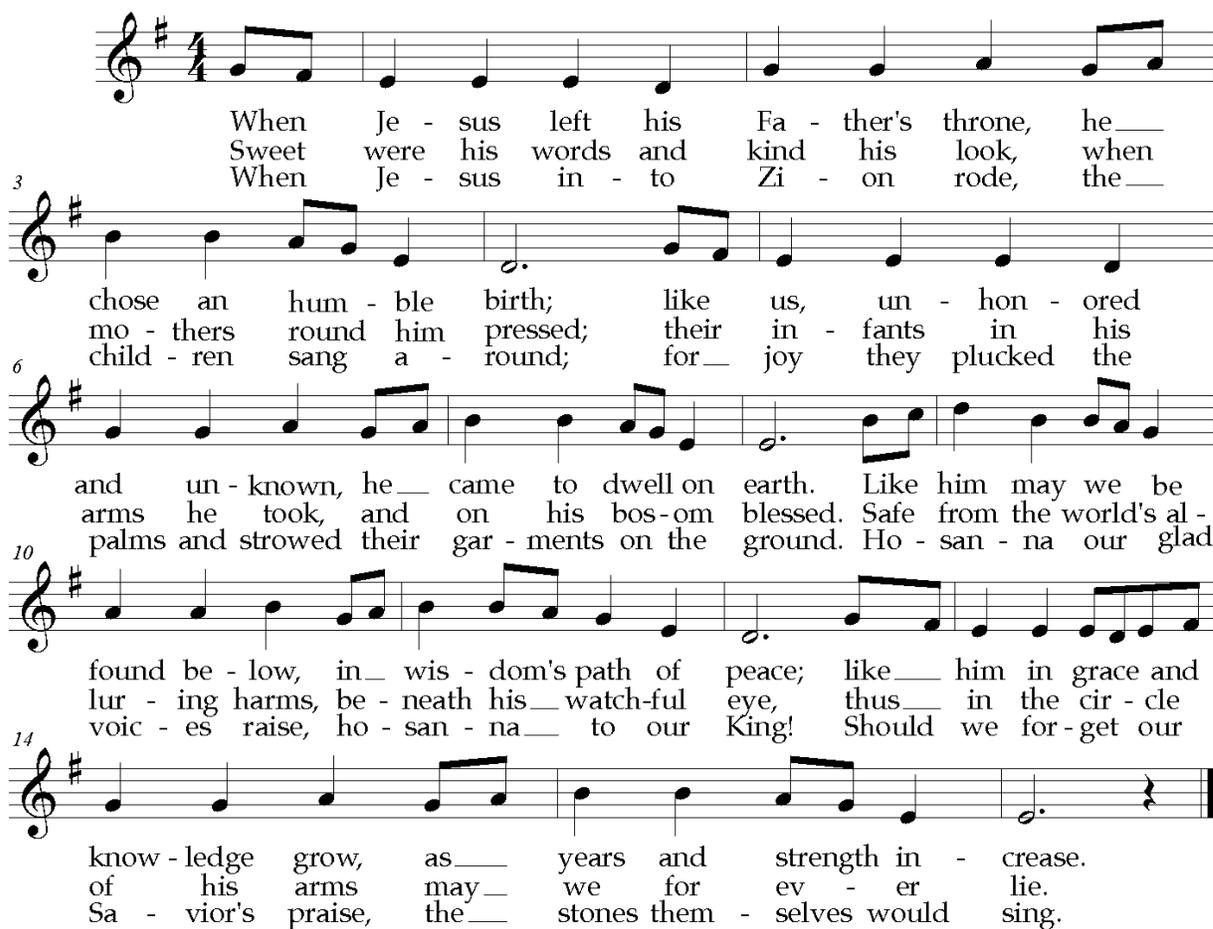
2nd Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

When Jesus left his Father's Throne

Hymn #480, vv. 1-3



When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he
Sweet were his words and kind his look, when
When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the
chose an hum - ble birth; like us, un - hon - ored
mo - thers round him pressed; their in - fants in his
6 child - ren sang a - round; for joy they plucked the
and un - known, he came to dwell on earth. Like him may we be
10 arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed. Safe from the world's al -
palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground. Ho - san - na our glad
found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace; like him in grace and
14 lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye, thus in the cir - cle
voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King! Should we for - get our
know - ledge grow, as years and strength in - crease.
of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

Please remain standing, as able.

The Holy Gospel Mark 9:30-37

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

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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,

Affirmation of Faith

from Philippians 2

All **Though in the form of God,
Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
and was born in human likeness.
Being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God has highly exalted him
and given him the name above every name,
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Please remain STANDING, as able, for

The Prayers of the People

"Surely God is my helper, the Lord is the upholder of my life."

God will hear our prayers; the Lord will give ear to the words of our mouths. Therefore, let us draw near to God in prayer for the church and the world saying,

Lord in your mercy, "hear our prayer."

For the church: that we may continually offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and be filled with good works done with the gentleness born of wisdom.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all bishops, ministers, and leaders of the church: that they may faithfully proclaim the gospel and care for the children of God with servant hearts.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For St Francis: that in this time of searching, the Holy Spirit will help us listen patiently to each other when opinions differ, guide us with wisdom to define the path that meets our needs, and know that the journey is to be treasured as much as the destination. *(Inspired by John Bukowski)*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the children of our church, our community, and the world: that may strive for their welfare and welcome them in the name of Christ.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the executive, legislative, and judiciary branches of government: that they may be granted wisdom from above that is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all the sick and suffering in body, mind, or spirit: *(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud...)* that the Lord will deliver them from every trouble.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died: (name persons silently or aloud) we entrust them to the Lord of hosts who will judge righteously.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

Celebrant:

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children.

Help us to lay aside our envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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

Get Connected—Opportunities for Ministry at St. Francis

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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Hymn #138, v. 1-5 [LEVAS II]

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, In my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, In my heart.

Solo: Suellen Eslinger

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, In my heart

Solo: Susie Zimmerman

I don't want to be like Judas in my heart, In my heart..

Solo: L. J. Clark

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, In my heart

St. Francis Choir

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *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 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 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 of All Hopefulness, Lord of All Joy

Hymn #482, vv. 1-4

Lord of all hope-ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ev - er child - like, no
Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the
Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your — hands swift to wel - come, your
Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose

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cares could des - troy, be there at — our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, your
plane and the lathe, be there at — our la - bors, and give us, we pray, your
arms to em - brace, be there at — our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, your
pres - ence is balm, be there at — our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, your

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bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Irish ca 700. Music SLANE Irish ballad melody. Hymn #482 The Hymnal 1982

The Sending Forth

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher

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, Jeff Ferme, 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, Jonah and Jada Woullard, Ted Wong.

All those who have died: Bob Daily (*brother-in-law of Rick Cappellino*) and Joan Youd.