

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 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

Allegretto (excerpt Sym. #7, 2nd movmnt.)

Ludwig van Beethoven

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

Processional Hymn

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Hymn #487, v. 1-3

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can
breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as kill -
feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes ____
move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys ____
eth his death.
in his guest.
love.

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.

Preacher/Celebrant: The Rev. Jerry Sather

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

Cantor: Kirsten Goulde

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.

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Deuteronomy 6:1-9

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

The Response Psalm 119:1-8, *Beati immaculati*

Reader Let us read from Psalm 119 responsively by half verse—(the People reading the text in **bold**).

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *

who walk in the law of the Lord!

2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *

and seek him with all their hearts!

3 Who never do any wrong, *

but always walk in his ways.

4 You laid down your commandments, *

that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *

that I might keep your statutes!

6 Then I should not be put to shame, *

when I regard all your commandments.

7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *

when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; *

do not utterly forsake me.

The Second Lesson Hebrews 9:11-14

2nd Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Hymn #602, v. 1-4

Chorus

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
 us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.
 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were
 feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh - bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

Please remain standing, as able.

The Holy Gospel Mark 12:28-34

Deacon The Holy Gospel ☩ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Deacon 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 Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please remain STANDING, as able, for

The Prayers of the People

Jesus, our high priest, understands our weaknesses because he was tested as we are. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness so that we may receive mercy and grace to help in our time of need, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the church: that we would teach our children the commandments of God and we would learn to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our St Francis parish community: that the Spirit of the Lord may guide us through our story day, profile development, and search process and bring us the rector we need to lead us into the future; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Nation: that God would grant our leaders wisdom and strength, and that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those suffering from domestic violence: that God will deliver them, grant them shelter, heal them, and restore them to the fullness of life; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For safety: that God will protect all young people who participate in Halloween activities; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we name before God ... *(please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud)*; 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.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

From Enriching our Worship

Deacon 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

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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashion'd with the fire of life impassion'd
Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying, round Thy throne.
Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings!
Where the flock, in Thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in the love of joys unknown.*

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

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

Sanctus

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry, Ho-
san - na in th high-est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

FOREST GREEN Traditional English tune adapt by Ralph Vaughn Williams

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.

Recessional Hymn

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Hymn #517, vv. 1-4

How love-ly is thy dwell-ing place, O
Be-side thine al-tars, gra-cious Lord, the
They who go through the des-ert vale will
One day with-in thy courts ex-cels a
Lord of hosts, to me! My thirst-y soul de-
swal-lows find a nest; how hap-py they who
find it filled with springs, and they shall climb from
thou-sand spent a-way; how hap-py they who
sires and longs with-in thy courts to be; my
dwell with thee and praise thee with-out rest, and
height to height till Zi-on's tem-ple rings with
keep thy laws nor from thy pre-cepts stray, for
ve-ry heart and flesh cry out, O liv-ing God, for
hap-py they whose hearts are set up-on the pil-grim's
praise to thee, in glo-ry throned, Lord God, great King of
thou shalt sure-ly bless all those who live the words they

thee.
quest.
kings.
pray.

The Sending Forth

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

Toccatà in D minor (BWV 565)

J.S. Bach

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!

Welcome!

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome *all* people into our community – without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here.

With blessings and peace from the community of St Francis Church.

Coming Up!

Saturday Nov 6, 3:00 p.m. —Derek Steel Memorial service

Sunday, Nov 7, ONE service only—10:00 a.m. —Feasts of All Saints and All Souls; Lunch following worship, then **Story Day noon-2pm.**

Ongoing

Bible Study on Zoom—Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

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Yoga—Mondays from 11:15am -12:45pm - Level 1/2 Hatha Yoga for Strength and Mobility.

Wednesdays 9:00-10:15am Level 1 Gentle Yoga for Vital Mobility and Balance.

(free-will offering)

Contact: Jill, jillfenskelynych@gmail.com

Meditation—Thursdays 9:30-10:30am—one group on zoom; one in person.

Contact: Kristina Pelá, krab3@yahoo.com;

AA—Thursdays & Sundays 7:30 pm, **Al-Anon**—Thursdays 7:00pm

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Children and families—free childcare in the nursery on the Parish Hall stage, during 10am worship; pre-K thru 5th grade—Meet in classrooms at 9:55 a.m. Children re-join their families in Church in time for Communion. Contact: Kristina Pelá, krab3@yahoo.com;

Teens (6th-12th grades)—Meet Sundays 4:00—6:00 p.m. Contact: Wayne —901-219-6564; wayne@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

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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, Amy Clute, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, Jake Madrid, Shelby Martyniak, Michael, Joy Merrill, Mike Mohuchi, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross & Bruce Schaefer.



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