

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



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

The flowers on the altar are given by the Cook Family, to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving & joyous celebration for the marriage of Kristen Elizabeth Cook & Stephen Michael Keck.

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

"At The River"

Lowry/Copland

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

Processional Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn #686, v. 1-3

Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Here I raise my E - ben - e - zer, hith - er by thy grace I'm come;
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

5 streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
5 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee;

9 Teach me some mel - o - dious son - net sung by — flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er. wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
9 prone to — wan - der, Lord, I feel — it, prone to — leave the God I love;

13 praise the mount, I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
13 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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 text 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.

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. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preacher/Celebrant: The Rev. Jerry Sather
Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Daniel 12:1-3

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Daniel.

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

The Response Psalm 16, *Conserova me, Domine*

Reader Let us read from Psalm 16 responsively by half verse—(the People reading the text in **bold**).

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

The Second Lesson Hebrews 10:11-25

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

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

Help Us, O Lord, to Learn

Hymn #628, v. 1-3

Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

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 stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
 all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your name.
 yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

Please remain STANDING, as able.

The Holy Gospel Mark 13:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

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 has opened a new and living way into the presence of God where there is fullness of joy. Therefore, let us approach God with confidence as we pray for the church and the world saying, "High Priest Jesus, hear our prayer."

Give grace to your church that we will spur one another on to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together but encouraging one another in Christ.

High Priest Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Guide our St Francis parish through this interim season in the knowledge that we have a goodly heritage and that the Lord will give us counsel for our rector search.

High Priest Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and deliver all those suffering from anguish, war, strife, earthquakes, storms, and famine; help us to see that all such troubles are the birth pains of your coming peaceable kingdom.

High Priest Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Provide wisdom to all in authority, especially the President and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of California, and all judges; enable them to seek the good for all people. High Priest Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Protect all those who take refuge in you: especially Andrea, Barbara, Amy Clute, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Frances Hailwood, Sally Hill, Michael, Mike Mohuchy, Anne Morris, Marjorie Morris, Bruce Schaefer and all others we name before you now... *(please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud)*; show them the path of life and let their spirits rejoice in your goodness.

High Priest Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to you all the departed, especially those we name to you now ... *(please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud)*; do not abandon them to the grave but let them awake to eternal life to shine like the brightness of the sky.

High Priest Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our great high priest, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Please STAND or kneel as able

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health

William Byrd

I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord;

Thy Law is my delight, O Lord.

O let my soul live and it shall praise Thee,

And Thy judgements shall help me.

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.

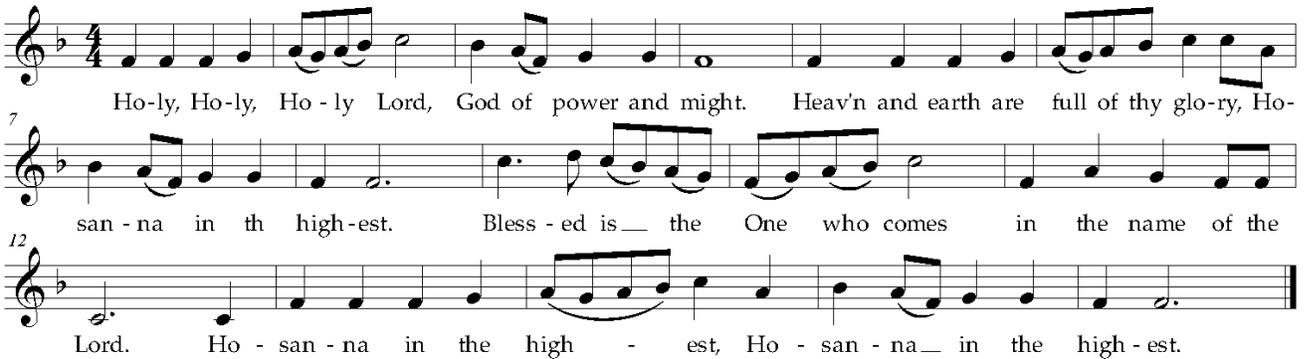
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

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

All My Hope on God is Founded

Hymn #665, v. 1-3, 5

3 All my hope on God is found - ed;
Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry,
God's great good - ness e'er - en - dur - eth,
Still from earth to God e - ter - nal

5 he doth still my trust re - new, me through
sword and crown be - tray our trust; though with
deep his wis - dom pass - ing thought: splen - dor,
sac - cri - fice of praise be done, high a -

8 change and chance he guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly
care and toil we build them, tower and tem - ple fall to
light, and life at - tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of
bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his

12 true. God un - known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his
dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my
nought. Ev - er - more from his store new-born worlds rise and a -
son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not

own.
tower.
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fall.

The Sending Forth

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

“Plein Jeu a la Couperin”

Gordon Young

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!

Memorial service—David Kent Witherspoon at Saint Peter's By the Sea Presbyterian Church, Saturday, November 20th at 11:00am

Thanksgiving Day—Thursday November 25—Worship on Zoom 10am. Link to follow soon.

Ongoing

Bible Study on Zoom—Contacts: Jack Hailwood, john.w.hailwood@outlook.com or Suellen Eslinger, suellesl@verizon.net

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—in the library. 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 in the armed forces 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.

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