



### Welcome to St. Francis Church

We are happy to welcome you! For your health and safety, we strongly recommend all persons be vaccinated against COVID and influenza. Masks are not required, but encouraged, particularly for unvaccinated and immunocompromised persons. Please take advantage of our online worship to stay home if you are feeling unwell in any way.

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 Claire in the Church Office: 310-375-4617 or [claire.erbeznik@stfrancispalosverdes.org](mailto:claire.erbeznik@stfrancispalosverdes.org).

Celebrant/Preacher: ..... The Rev. Jerry Sather

Deacon: ..... The Rev. Celeste Stump

Prelude: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* ..... Thomas Dorsey

*The Organ pieces for today have been chosen in honor of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King.*

**Processional Hymn—Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word ..... Hymn #440, vv. 1-3**

Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to hear thee;  
All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness shroud - ed,  
Gra - cious Lord, thy - self in - part! Light of Light, from God pro - ceed - ing,

let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;  
till thy Spi - rit breaks our night with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed;  
o - pen thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing.

by thy teach - ings pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
thou a - lone to God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
Hear the cry thy Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

The Opening Acclamation.....Book of Common Prayer, p. 323  
*(this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer—the red book in the pew rack in front of you)*  
The Gloria ..... p. 324  
The Collect of the Day ..... p. 163  
The First Lesson ..... Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named  
me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and  
vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."  
And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my  
servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the  
earth."  
Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the na-  
tions,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Response: Psalm 40:1-12, *Expectans, expectavi* ..... p. 640  
The Second Lesson.....1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called  
to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given  
you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and  
knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among  
you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on  
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellow-  
ship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Holy Gospel ..... John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes  
away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks  
ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing  
with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified,

“I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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## 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.

### Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Amy Clute, Daniel Drayling, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, Sally Hill, Mick Mohuchy, Marjorie Morris, Anne Marie Morris, Greg Morris, Mike Morris, Bruce Schaefer, Patricia Stewart, and Stephen.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Closing Hymn: Lift Every Voice and Sing .....Hymn #599, vv. 1-3

Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven  
 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening  
 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

4  
 ring, ring with the har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re -  
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a  
 9  
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on — the way; thou who hast

13  
 joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies; let it re -  
 stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry — feet come to the  
 by thy might led us in - to the — light; keep us for

18  
 sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the  
 place for which our fa - thers sighed? We have come ov - er a  
 ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

22  
 faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the  
 way that with tears has been wat - ered; we have come, tread - ing our  
 pla - ces, our God, where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the

26  
 hope that the pre - sent has brought us; fac - ing the ri - sing  
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y  
 wine of the world we for - get thee; sha - dowed be - neath thy

30  
 sun of our new day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to -  
 past, till now we stand at — last where the white gleam of our bright  
 hand may we for ev - er — stand, true to our God, true to our

ry — is won.  
 star — is cast.  
 na - - - tive land.

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Postlude: *Soon Ah Will Be Done* .....arr. William Dawson



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