



### 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: All things bright and beautiful..... John Rutter*

**Processional Hymn—Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies ..... Hymn #7, vv. 1-3**

Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the  
Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan -  
Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom, of  
on - ly Light, Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri - umph o'er the  
ied by thee; joy - less is the day's re-turn, till thy mer - cy's  
sin and grief! Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine; scat - ter all my  
shades of night: Day - spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my  
beams I see, till they in-ward light im-part, glad my eyes, and  
un - be-lief; more and more thy self display, shin-ing to the  
heart ap - pear.  
warm my heart.  
per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: "Ratisbon," 1524; adapt. & harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

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 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Response: Psalm 27:1, 5-13, *Dominus illuminatio* ..... p. 617

The Second Lesson.....Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Holy Gospel .....Matthew 4:12-23

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. When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Sermon ..... The Rev. Jerry Sather  
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*The clergy will carry the Sacrament to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward for Holy Communion. Please inform one of the ushers if you would like to be served at your seat. Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.*  
 Post Communion Prayer ..... p. 339  
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**Closing Hymn: Sent Forth by God’s Blessing** ..... **Hymn #664, vv. 1-2**

..... (The United Methodist Hymnal)

Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing, the people of God from this  
 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our every-day  
 dwell-ing take leave. The ser-vice is end-ed, O now be ex-tend-ed the fruits of our  
 life we will face. Our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car- ing, em-brac-ing God's  
 wor-ship in all who be-lieve. The seed of the teach-ing, re-  
 chil-dren of each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with  
 cep-tive souls reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for  
 your light now lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we  
 all. God's grace did in-vite us, and love shall u-nite us to  
 share. Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing give  
 work for God's king-dom and an-swer the call.  
 hon-or to Christ and that name which we bear.

Words: Omar Westendorf, 1964 (Ash Grove) Welsh folk tune.

# 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.

## What's Happening!

**Taizé - This Tuesday January 24th at 7:00pm, Chapel.** Join in our candlelit service of gentle music and prayer. Come enjoy refreshment for your spirit, and afterwards please join us for refreshments in the Board Room!

## Annual Meeting and Pot Luck

**Sunday January 29, after 10:00 a.m. worship. ONE SERVICE ONLY—no 8am.**

Each year we gather as a united faith community to review the past year, and look forward to the next. We will thank outgoing Vestry members, elect new ones, and find out who will be our new Senior Warden.

**Potluck!** We're back in person this year (Hooray!) so please bring your favorite dish according to your last name: A - G dessert, H - P main dish, Q - Z salad or side dish. Questions? — contact Mary Deley [mary\\_deley@yahoo.com](mailto:mary_deley@yahoo.com) or Kathy Compton [KathyLComp@gmail.com](mailto:KathyLComp@gmail.com).

## St Teresa's St Teresa's Chinese New Year

**Saturday, Feb 4 in the Parish Hall, 6:00 – 8:30.** Chinese Food, Beverages, Auction (multiple formats), Fun! *More details to follow.*

## Welcome to The Reverend Jason Shelby!

### Sunday February 5

Rev. Jason arrives from Mississippi and will be leading our worship for the very first time on Sunday February 5. Please make plans to be in church to welcome him and his family to their new church home and our warm, welcoming and loving community.



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