



### 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. Jason Shelby  
Deacon: .....The Rev. Celeste Stump

*Prelude: Come Sunday ("Black, Brown and Beige")..... Edward "Duke" Ellington/larr. Lawrence  
Note—the organ pieces today have been specially selected in honor of Black History Month.*

### 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 im - 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. 164

The First Lesson .....Sirach 15:15-20

If you choose, you can keep the commandments,  
and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.

He has placed before you fire and water;  
stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.

Before each person are life and death,  
and whichever one chooses will be given.

For great is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is mighty in power and sees everything;

his eyes are on those who fear him,  
and he knows every human action.

He has not commanded anyone to be wicked,  
and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

The Response: Psalm 119:1-8, *Beati immaculati* ..... p. 763

The Second Lesson.....Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

The Holy Gospel .....Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

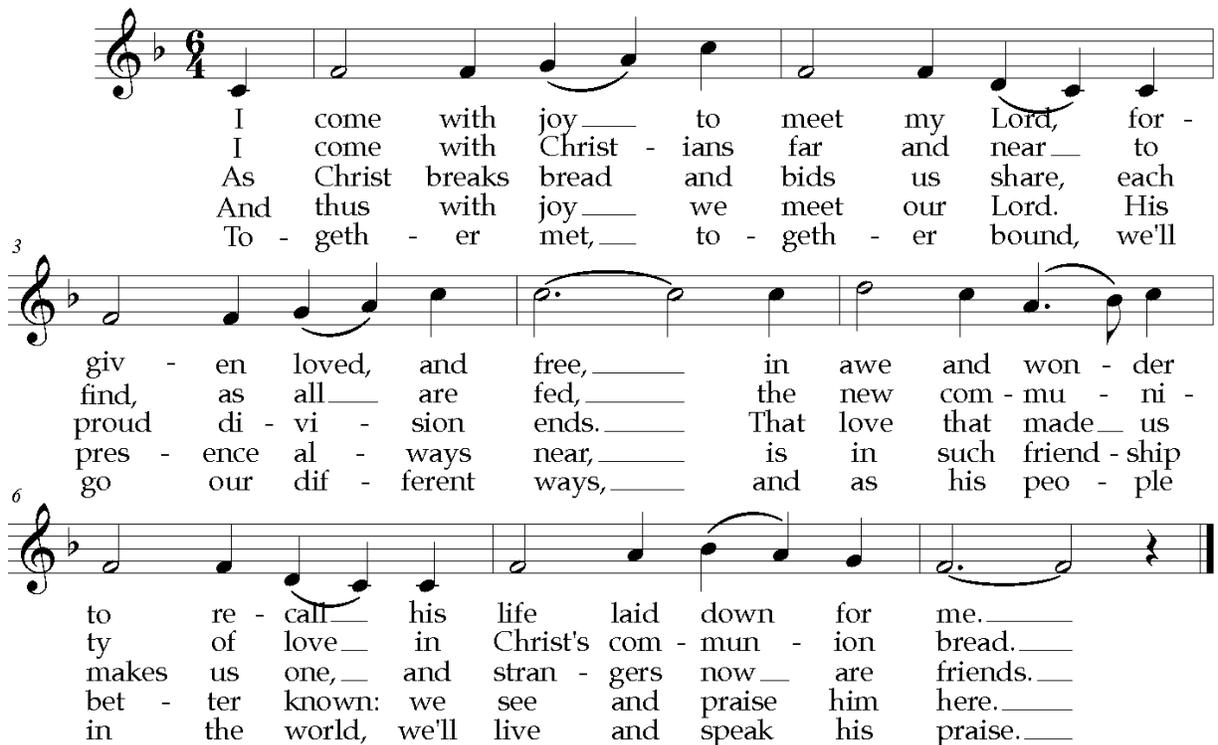
“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The Sermon ..... The Rev. Jason Shelby  
 The Nicene Creed ..... p. 326  
 The Prayers of the People ..... p. 328  
 The Peace..... p. 332  
 Welcome and Announcements  
 The Great Thanksgiving ..... p. 340  
 The Breaking of the Bread ..... p. 337  
*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  
 Blessing and Sending Forth ..... p. 339  
 Closing Hymn: I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord ..... Hymn #304, vv. 1-5



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Postlude: Joyful, Joyful ..... Beethoven/arr. Melvyn Warren

# 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!

### **New this year! Shrove Tuesday – February 21—Service and then Pancake supper**

Service of Healing/Reconciliation, 5:00pm in the Chapel; pancake supper, 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. Read more about the meaning of Shrove Tuesday in our weekly enews or on our website at <http://stfrancispalosverdes.org/shrove-tuesday/> (*hint – it's not just about pancakes!*)

### **Ash Wednesday**

12:00pm – Liturgy of the Word and imposition of ashes in the Chapel.

6:00pm – Full service, with imposition of ashes.

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