

SAINT FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PALOS VERDES ESTATES  
CALIFORNIA

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 23, 2023  
8:00 AM

**Welcome to St. Francis Church**

The flowers on the altar today are given by Karin Petersen to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sister Francie Ewalt and dear friend Mary Ann Larson.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

**8:00 A.M. - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I**

Celebrant/Preacher: ..... The Rev. Jason Shelby  
Deacon: ..... The Rev. Celeste Stump  
*Prelude: Peaceful Meditation* ..... *Paul Fey*  
**Processional Hymn—Come, Thou Almighty King** ..... #365, vv. 1-4

Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,  
Come, thou In - car - nate Word, by heav'n and earth a - dored;  
Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
To Thee, great One in Three, the high - est prais - es be,  
7 help us to praise. Fa - ther whose love un-known all things cre - at - ed own,  
our prayer at - tend: come, and thy peo - ple bless; come, give thy word suc - cess;  
in this glad hour: thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
hence ev - er - more; thy sov - ereign ma - jes - ty may we in glo - ry see,  
13 build in our hearts thy throne, An - cient of Days.  
'stab - lish thy right - eous - ness, Sa - vior and friend.  
and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power.  
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Words: Anon ca. 1757, alt. Music: "Moscow," Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. "The New Hymnal," 1916, based on "Hymns Ancient and Modern," 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Opening Acclamation ..... Book of Common Prayer, p. 323  
*(this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer)*  
Gloria ..... p. 324  
The Collect of the Day ..... p. 178  
The First Lesson ..... Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

The Response: Psalm 86:11-17 ..... p. 713

The Epistle..... Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The Sermon ..... The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed ..... p. 327

The Confession ..... p. 331

The Prayers of the People ..... p. 328

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The Great Thanksgiving ..... p. 333

*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  
 Recessional Hymn—Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing..... #344, vv. 1-3

Lord, dis - miss us\_ with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
 so that when thy love shall call\_ us, Sa - vior, from the\_

4  
 joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re -  
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of\_ thy sal - va - tion in our hearts and\_  
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us, glad thy sum - mons

8  
 deem - ing grace: O\_ re - fresh us, O\_ re - fresh us, trav - eling through this  
 lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to\_ thy truth may  
 to o - bey. May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with thee in\_

12  
 wil - der - ness.  
 we be found.  
 end - less day.

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: "Sicilian Mariners," Sicilian melody;  
 first published "The European Magazine and London Review," 1792, alt.

Postlude: Festival Toccata .....Percy Fletcher

## 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.*

### 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, Joseph Leahy, 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, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Sally Hill, Mick Mohuchy, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Marie Morris, Greg Morris, Mike Morris, Daniel Drayling, Colette Furbush, Thomas Francorsi, Mary Smith, Roxanne Wall, Liz Cook, Christa (mother of Tina Van der Velden), Jean Dicus, Chris Goldsmith, and Loren.

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

# What's Happening!

## Watch this space for Summer Art Camp

Read our upcoming bulletins, or in our enews for details of Art Camp for our youngest parishioners this August 7–11th.

## Rummage Sale

**Friday July 21 and Saturday July 22 8am till 2pm.**

Workers needed every day, please help as you are able.

## Weekly Worship

### Sundays

**8am—Rite I Holy Communion, Chapel**

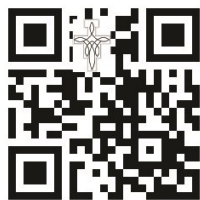
**10am– Rite II Holy Communion, Main Sanctuary**

## Our Clergy

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