

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
A SERVICE FOR THE ENDING OF A PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP
AND LEAVE-TAKING FROM A CONGREGATION



January 31, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

The Word of God

Prelude: Gabriel's Oboe"

Ennio Morricone

The Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn #686, v. 1, 2, 3

Robert Robinson (1735-1790);

Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

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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!

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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.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee;

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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;
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

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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.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Celebrant/Preacher: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic
Deacon: The Rev. Jude Lyons

The Opening Acclamation

✠ Celebrant Blessed be God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit.
People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**
Celebrant One Lord, one faith, one baptism.
People **One God and Father of all**

A † appears in the margin 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 join in saying,

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. Gracious God, you have apportioned to your people the manifold gifts of the Spirit: grant amid the changes of the world that your Church may abide, and be strengthened in ministry through the continuous outpouring of your gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Reader: Holly Henebry

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to his people.

Please join in saying,

The Response Psalm 121

Reader: Holly Henebry

**I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

**He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

**The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.**

The Holy Gospel Mark 1:14-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?'

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

† The Sermon

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

On occasions like today, the Creed and Confession may be omitted.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Mike Spalding

*The People join in reading the words in **bold**.*

Trusting in the nearness of Christ, who knows us and loves us more than we know or love ourselves, let us offer our prayers to God.

You have called us, O God, to follow you. Give us the grace to listen to your call, to lay aside the things of this world, and to follow you.

Help us, **let go, and let you be God and use us.**

You have sent us, O God, into the world to tell the story of your love and faithfulness. Give us a holy passion for the proclamation of the Gospel so we can preach this Gospel at all times and use words when necessary.

Help us, **let go, and let you be God and use us.**

You have called us, O God, with a variety of gifts to serve your church. Bless the ministries of artists, scholars and writers, pastors, priests and teachers, mothers and fathers, spouses and partners, of being a family and of being a friend that our work enrich our common life and offer us a glimpse of the life to come.

Help us, **let go, and let you be God and use us.**

You have called us to love and service. May you guide and protect those who are first responders and who serve in the armed and foreign services and their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, that their work may further the cause of peace.

Help us, **let go, and let you be God and use us.**

You gave life, O God, that we may give life to others. We remember before you those who are unemployed and underemployed, unhoused, sick, injured, or lonely, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Claudia, Darlene Endquist, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, Gale Lovrich, the Miles family, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, and all those we name to you now...

Please add your prayers. Enable us to reach out to all suffer in any way.

Help us, **let go, and let you be God and use us.**

You call us home to you, O God. Unite us someday in eternal life as we remember those we love but see no longer, especially Richard Pearson, brother of Gloria Jones, and all those we name to you now...

Please add your prayers.

And may we all come at last to feast with Blessed Francis and all the saints at your heavenly banquet.

Help us, **let go, and let you be God and use us.**

Let us pray together:

Glory to you God whose power working in us is doing infinitely more than we can ask for or even imagine. Amen

A Liturgy for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

The Very Reverend Paula Vukmanic, Departing Rector

I have served this parish in several capacities over the last 12 years: as a seminarian, Deacon, and Associate Rector and then, on January 25, 2015, I began leading this parish family and was installed as Rector on Palm Sunday 2016. I have exercised this trust, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, accepting the blessings, privileges and responsibilities of these priestly and pastoral ministries. After much prayer, careful consideration, a full heart and with this deepest gratitude for this most fulfilling relationship, I know it is the right time in God's time for me to leave this charge. I publicly state that my tenure as rector of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Palos Verdes Estates ends this day.

Holly Henebry, Senior. Warden

On behalf of the people of St. Francis Episcopal Church, I recognize and accept the conclusion of your pastoral ministry.

Paula+ to the congregation

The work of ministry is empowered by the gifts of the Spirit. You have shared your gifts with me, and now I want to share a gift with you as I prepare to take leave of this ministry—a reminder of our common calling to pray and to share the Light of Christ in the world.

Paula+ to the Senior Warden, Holly Henebry

Holly, receive these keys and let the doors of this parish continue to be open and welcoming to all people, a sanctuary of loving renewal and sending forth.

Paula+ to the Junior Warden, Michael Spalding

Mike, receive this photo of our church tower and let the buildings and grounds of St Francis reflect the beauty and presence of the Spirit of God holding it all together.

To the Associate Rector, The Rev. Jude Lyons

Jude+, receive this Gospel Book and may the Word of God be proclaimed in the transforming power of the Spirit. Jude+, receive this bread and wine. May they be made holy by the power of the Holy Spirit, and sustain the life of grace in all who come to the Table of the Lord.

Paula+ will describe some of her future plans and dreams.

Paula+ to the congregation

Let us pray together. **O God, you have knit us together for this time as priest and people to pray and work together for the growth of your kingdom of love: We give you humble thanks for the life and ministry we have shared in these years together. We have walked together in moments of sorrow and joy; love and laughter; fellowship and outreach; healing and peace.**

Be with Paula+ who leaves, and with us who stay. Bless us in every way we each most need that we are always held together in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Jude+, Holly and Mike bless Paula+ on behalf of the congregation.

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

*O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee the back of the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Joy, O Joy, O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.
O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back of the life I owe,
And in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.
O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go.*

Today's singers: St. Francis Episcopal Choir, St. Peter's by the Sea Sanctuary Choir, and friends of the Rev. Paula Vukmanic.

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, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People Blessed be God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son 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:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*We will read the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer responsively, with the People reading the parts in **Bold**.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it...

...do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.



Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things under the influence of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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.

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.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All 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 Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of your Son, and for uniting us in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Paula+ among us. Grant that Paula+ and this parish family may always serve you, being grateful for all that has been and saying yes to all that shall be as we go forward to love and serve through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world.

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

† May God be with you and bless you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

The Closing Hymn

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky Hymn #812, v. 1, 3 (Wonder Love and Praise)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, my hand will save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? ___ 'til their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? ___ Here I am, Lord. ___ Is it I, Lord? ___ I have heard you call - ing in the night. ___ I will go, Lord, ___ if you lead me. ___ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart. ___

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Postlude: Bridges

Nascimento/Brant/Lees