

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.



Important Covid Safety Reminders

In acknowledgement of our love and commitment to our faith community, we remind you that face masks must be worn at all times at St. Francis. They must cover your mouth *and* nose. Please also keep a minimum of 6 ft distance from those not in your immediate household, regardless of your own immunization status.

Please also note that we are publicly livestreaming our worship service.

The Word of God

Prelude

Cantate Domino

John Rutter

Please **STAND**, as able. **Please do NOT join in singing.**

Diocesan safety requirements currently prohibit congregational singing regardless of covid or vaccination status.

Processional Hymn

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Hymn #524, v. 1, 3, 5

I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the
Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways, her
Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the

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Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
sweet com - mun - ion, so - lem - n vows, her hymns of love and praise.
bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

Singers:

*Mark Bennett, L. J. Clark, Kirsten Goulde, Suellen Eslinger, Lloyd Mistele, Susie Willigrod,
Alyson Witherspoon, Susie Zimmerman*

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Celebrant: The Rev. Jude Lyons
Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Jerry Sather

Please remain STANDING, as able, join in reading responsively, the People reading the parts in bold.

Canticle: **A Song of Creation** *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* *Song of the Three (from Enriching Our Worship)*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let the earth glorify the Lord,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams,
O whales and all that move in the waters. All birds of the air, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord,
sing praise and give honor for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Ezekiel 17:22-24

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Response

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14 *Bonum est confiteri*

Reader Let us read together from Psalm 92

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;**
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;**
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.**
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.**
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;**
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**

The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

2nd Reader A Reading from the second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

2nd Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Please STAND, as able.

The Holy Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Celebrant: Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will live forever.

People: Alleluia!

† Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Please be seated for

† The Sermon

The Rev. Jerry Sather

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

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,

The Affirmation of Faith

New Zealand Prayer Book

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

**You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.**

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Please remain STANDING, as able, for

The Prayers of the People

(names of individuals we pray for this week are at the end of this service bulletin)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord saying, "Lord, have mercy."

In thanksgiving to the Most High God, who has planted the Word among us; and for the Church's healthy growth, that we may ever bear the fruits of love and sing praises to God's name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the preaching and teaching of the Scriptures, scattered like seed here and abroad, that by the Spirit it may sprout and grow into a harvest for God's glory,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of authority among us that God's Spirit would guide them to be high in purpose, wise in counsel, firm in resolution and unwavering in duty; and for our nation and its people, that we may be live in peace with one another,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For an ever more generous sharing of the anti-covid vaccines by those who have with those who have not; for the peoples of the world to see more and more clearly that we are one human family,
let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For those we love as family, for service men and women and First Responders, for all who have asked for our prayers, for those in every need, especially those we name name before God now ... *(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud).*
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the confidence to walk by faith and not by sight; for all who mourn and for those who have passed into the presence of God . . . that we all may aim to please God and be ready to appear before the judgement seat of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us say together our prayer for transition.

All **O gracious Lord, you have told us that we are your sheep, and that you are our shepherd. We humbly ask you to open our eyes and minds to your choice of the right person to care for St. Francis Parish and guide your flock here on earth as we continue forward on our journey to serve you.**

(by Laurie Anderson)

Celebrant: Holy God, from Israel You have taken a tender sprig, Your chosen Messiah, Jesus, and planted Him on the mountain for our salvation. By his death and resurrection, let all people flourish and find shade in your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

New Zealand Prayer Book

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please STAND or kneel as able, and join in saying,

All **Merciful God,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Absolution

✠ Celebrant Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.
Amen.

Please be seated for,

The Commissioning of the St Francis Profile and Search Committees

Celebrant Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry of prayer and discernment to which they are called.

Senior Warden As members of the Profile and Search Committees, you are hereby charged to diligently study the congregation and search for a candidate to be the next Rector of St Francis Episcopal Church, Palos Verdes, in the Diocese of Los Angeles. The Clergy, Vestry and Congregation will pray for you and give you all the support necessary to fulfill your charge. May God, who has given you the ability to fulfill this ministry, give you the grace to accomplish it.

Senior Warden You have been called to a ministry in this congregation.
Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates *I will.*

Celebrant Let us pray.
Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: enlighten with your grace the Profile and Search Committees of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsel that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation I commission you as members of the Profile and Search Committees of St Francis Church.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.
Remember to observe physical distancing.*

Please be seated.

Welcome

The Holy Communion

*Please remain seated for the Anthem. For the offertory, collection baskets will be placed at the exit of the church as you leave.
Please follow instructions from the Ushers.*

Offertory Anthem

One Bread, One Body

Hymn #151

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,

One cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth,

We are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1: Gentile of Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.

Colin Snow

Verse 2: Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Susan Tsuji

Verse 3: Grain for the fields, scattered and grown gathered to one for all.

Lloyd Mistele

Singers:

Mark Bennett, L. J. Clark, Lloyd Mistele, Colin Snow, Susan Tsuji

Please STAND, as able,

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

People **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The people join in reading the parts in bold.

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 through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or STAND as you prefer.

The Celebrant continues. The People join in reading the text in bold.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

**Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will,
a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.**

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

† Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *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.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

For our online community—*an 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 and those watching online

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)*

Communion (bread only) will be distributed as you exit the church. Please follow the Ushers' instructions

Please STAND, as able,

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

† Celebrant May the peace of Christ which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Please remain STANDING, as able, but do NOT join in singing

The Closing Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn #525, v. 1, 3, 5

The Chu-rch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her
 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op -
 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in
 Lord; she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the
 pressed, by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis -
 One, and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is
 word; from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly
 tressed; yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How
 won. O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that
 bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he
 long?" and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of
 we like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with
 died.
 song.
 thee.

Singers:

St. Francis Choir and Friends

Please remain in your seat and wait for the Ushers' instructions in order to leave the church.

Postlude

Prelude in C minor (WTC I)

J.S. Bach



Names of those we pray for this week.

All those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families: Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

All those who are sick or in need of any kind: Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Claudia, Nancy Christian-son, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Darlene Endquist, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, David Iida, Jake Madrid, Shelby Martyniak, John McCabe, Michael, Joy Merrill, Mike Mohuchi, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, Sue, Ted Wong, Joan Youd, and Jennifer Zimmerman.

