

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

Consider making a donation of altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, or in memory of someone you love. The suggested donation is \$40. To arrange, please contact Mary in the Church Office: 310-375-4617 or mary.sanchez@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

Important Covid Safety Reminders

Bishop John Taylor now allows churches in the Diocese of Los Angeles to adopt the CDC Covid guidelines.

Therefore, for fully vaccinated people, face masks and social distancing are now optional. Non-vaccinated persons must continue to wear masks and maintain a six foot distance from those not in your immediate household.

Some areas of the nave remain taped off for those who must remain distanced and for those, though vaccinated, choose to do so. You may sing during the hymns if you are fully vaccinated but please refrain if you are not vaccinated. We are confident that you will treat one another with love, dignity, and respect.

Please also note that we publicly livestream our worship service.

The Word of God

Prelude

Dresden Amen ("Parsifal")

R. Wagner

Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing. Unvaccinated persons please refrain from singing.

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn #390, v. 1, 3, 4 + Descant

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de - fend thee;
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall ev - er at - tend thee;
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words by Joachim Neander (1650-1680) Music: LOBE DEN HERREN Melody from Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665; Hymn #390, The Hymnal 1982

St. Francis Choir

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jerry Sather

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

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 remain STANDING, as able, and say together.

Jubilate: Psalm 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Jeremiah 23:1-6

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

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

The Response

Psalm 23, *Dominus regit me*

Reader Let us read together from Psalm 85—(*responsively by whole verse, with the People reading the text in bold*).

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson Ephesians 2:11-22

2nd Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

Please STAND, as able.

The Holy Gospel Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

People Alleluia! Alleluia!

✠ Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Philippians 2:6-11

**Though in the form of God,
Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *
and was born in human likeness.
Being found in human form, he humbled himself *
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.
Therefore, God has highly exalted him *
and given him the name above every name,
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, *
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *
to the glory of God the Father.**

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)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

For the Church: that built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as the cornerstone, we may be built together as a holy temple, a dwelling place for the Lord.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who serve in ministry: that God will bless their efforts, help them keep their lives in balance, and work through them to show a shepherd's care. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the Jewish and Christian communities of faith: that God will heal the wounds that exist, open new opportunities for cooperation, and help us be faithful witnesses to God's presence and action in the world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who exercise leadership around the world and in our national, state, and local governments: that they may place their gifts unselfishly in the service of others and draw forth the skills of others for the fulfillment of God's work. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our Armed Forces: that God will protect them and their families with heavenly grace and assure them of our nation's gratitude. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For healing of those suffering in body, mind, or spirit: (*add your own intercessions silently or aloud*) that they may touch the fringe of Jesus' cloak and know his healing and wholeness. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died: (*add your own intercessions silently or aloud*) that God will welcome them to the eternal banquet in God's presence. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our own concerns and the concerns of this community (*add your own intercessions silently or aloud*).
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Prayer for Transition

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. Amen.**

(by Laurie Anderson)

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

From Enriching our Worship

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

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

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

✠ Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need American Folk, Arr. Virgil Thompson

*My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name; In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways, He leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay; One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.*

Singers:

Mary Abbott, Carolyn Carpenter, Anna Eakins, Jill Lynch, Suzanne Miller

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. 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. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey you are welcome here at Christ's table. Take these gifts 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.

For those participating 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)

The Communion of the People

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you.** Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.*

Please STAND, as able,

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God,

we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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 STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing.

Unvaccinated persons please refrain from singing.

The Closing Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn #708, v. 1, 2

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked '5' and contains the next two lines. The third staff begins with a measure rest marked '9' and contains the final two lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Sa - vior, like a — shep-herd lead us; much we need thy ten - der care;
Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us learn thy will;

5
in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us; for our use thy folds pre - pare.
do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior, with thy love our bo - soms fill.

9
Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Jill Lynch, soprano

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C major (BWV 553)

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, Michael, Joy Merrill, Mike Mohuchi, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Jane Sharp, Sue, Ted Wong, Joan Youd, and Jennifer Zimmerman.

