



# Pentecost 16 / Proper 17

Sunday, September 1, 2024 ❖ 8:00 am

*Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby*

*Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump*

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*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. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.*

*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Joy Bacon in celebration of and good luck to all the teachers and students returning to school, godspeed and God bless! And by Stephen Larrabee in memory of Christopher R. Larrabee and all victims of 9-11.*

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

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## Coming Events

**Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist** – Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel

**Labor Day** – Mon., Sept. 2 the church office will be closed

**Good Grief Support Group** – Wed., Sept. 4, 11:00 am and Wed., Sept. 11, 5:00 pm

**Nurture Group** – Wed., Sept. 4, 6:15 pm

**Quilting Group** – Thur., Sept. 5, 1:00 pm

**Get Connected Sunday** – Sun., Sept. 15 after the 10:00 am service

**Wayfarers Chapel Exchange**

- Sept. 22: Wayfarers Chapel to worship with us at the 10:00 am service
- Sept. 29: We will worship with Wayfarers in the St. Francis Chapel at 10:15 am.
- On both Sundays, we will have our usual 8:00 am worship in the St. Francis Chapel.

## Ongoing

**Get involved at St. Francis by joining one or more of our ongoing Life Groups.**

**For a full list, visit our website at:**

<https://www.stfrancispalosverdes.org/small-discussion-groups/>

**For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar: <https://bit.ly/stfranciscalendar>**

The Processional: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymnal #423



Im - mor - tal, in - vi - si - ble, God on - ly wise, in  
Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor  
To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; in  
Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light, thine



light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bles - sed, most  
want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice, like  
all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; we blos - som and  
an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all laud we would



glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy  
moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove thy clouds, which are foun - tains of  
flour - ish, like leaves on the tree, then with - er and per - ish, but  
ren - der; O help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of



great Name we praise.  
good - ness and love.  
nought chan - geth thee.  
light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: "St. Denio," Welsh hymn from "Caniadau y Cyssegr," 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. "The English Hymnal," 1906, alt.  
The Opening Acclamation .....Book of Common Prayer p. 323  
The Collect for Purity .....Book of Common Prayer p. 323  
The Summary of the Law.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324  
The Kyrie.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324  
The Collect of the Day .....Book of Common Prayer p. 181  
The First Lesson..... Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
1So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.  
6You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and

discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The Response ..... Psalm 15 (Book of Common Prayer p. 599)

The Epistle ..... James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Holy Gospel ..... Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

The Nicene Creed ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 327


The Prayers of the People ..... Book of Common Prayer p. 328

The Confession .....Book of Common Prayer p. 331  
 The Peace .....Book of Common Prayer p. 332  
 The Welcome and Announcements

*Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:*  
 Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving .....Book of Common Prayer p. 333  
 The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339  
 The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

**The Recessional: Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel** **Hymnal #574**



Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give  
 Search out our hearts and make us true; help  
 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for  
 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our

5  
 us a con - science quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to  
 us to give to all their due. From love of plea - sure,  
 pride am - bi - tious to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and  
 in - most spi - rits pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge

11  
 un - der - stand the mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what -  
 lust of gold, from sins which make the heart grow cold, wean  
 sub - tle snare to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for  
 out the shame; O God, be with us in the flame; a

17  
 e'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther,  
 us and train us with thy rod; teach us to know our  
 lives be - reft of pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O  
 new - born peo - ple may we rise, more pure, more true, more

23  
 near - er thee.  
 faults, O God.  
 Lord, we cry.  
 no - bly wise.


Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: "St. Petersburg," Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

# Annual Rummage Sale Thank You!

Thank you to all the volunteers who spent multiple hours working on the Annual Rummage Sale. We also appreciate the great items that were donated for the sale. Those who shopped were so pleased with the wonderful purchases they made. If you didn't have a chance to be part of the volunteers crew this year, I hope you will consider it next year. We do enjoy the time we spend together for the benefit of our beautiful St. Francis buildings and grounds.

Heartfelt thanks!

Gloria Jones, Chair



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## Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Bruce Schaefer, Ceri Falk, Chris, Chris Goldsmith, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jane Sharp, Jean Dicus, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Russell, Sally Hill, Sandy, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Lowe, and William Zak Sr., and for the people of the Middle East, and victims of violence everywhere.

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

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