Pentecost 20 / Proper 22

Sunday, October 06, 2024 * 10:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump



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.

Consider making a donation of altar flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of someone you love. (The suggested donation is \$50.) Contact Jessica in the church office at 310-375-4617 or jessica.salazar@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

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

Coming Events

Sunday, Oct. 6

- 10:00 am St. Francis Day Celebration
- 4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals

Monday, Oct. 7 – 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Oct. 9

- 10:00 am Healing and Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Support Group
- 6:00 pm Men's Corner

Thursday, Oct. 10

- 1:00 pm Quilters and Knitters Group
- 5:00 pm Investment Committee Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 13 – 11:30 am Antiques Show Wrap Up Meeting.

Monday, Oct 14 – 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Oct 15

- 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 16

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Good Grief Support Group

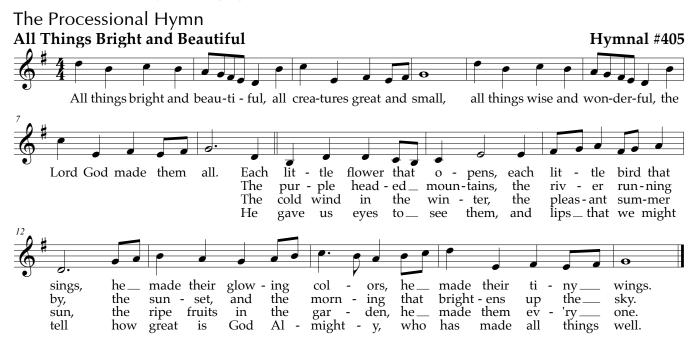
Thursday, Oct. 17 – 1:00 pm Quilters and Knitters Group

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

The organ prelude and postlude this morning were chosen in recognition of Hispanic-American Heritage Month.

The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.



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The Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

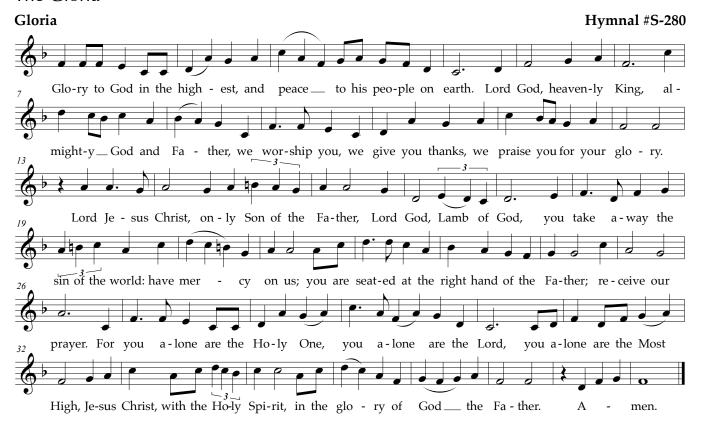
People to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

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 join in singing.

The Gloria



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932), S-280 The Hymnal, 1982

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated for the Lessons.

The First Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24

Reader A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 8

Reader Let us read from Psalm 8 responsively (the People reading the text in **bold**).



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O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

²Out of the mouths of infants and children *

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

³You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, * **to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

⁴When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, * the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁵What is man that you should be mindful of him? *

the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; *

you adorn him with glory and honor;

⁷You give him mastery over the works of your hands; * **you put all things under his feet:**

8All sheep and oxen, *

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

¹⁰O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Refrain

Refrain

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2.5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,

*subjecting all things under their feet."

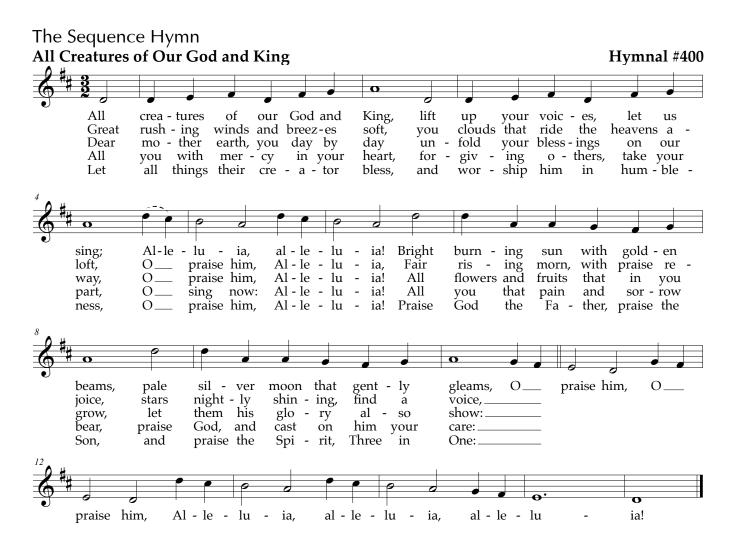
Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²Saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and join in singing.



Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: "Lasst uns erfreuen", melody from "Auserlesene Catholische Kirchengesang,"1623;
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Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom

of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

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

Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing as able.

The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in **bold**)

Deacon With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Make us instruments of your peace.

Deacon For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow

among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

Deacon For our enemies and those who wish us harm, especially those who are led to

acts of terror; that may we may grow ever more deeply in your spirit of justice

and peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.

Deacon For all who believe in you, Lord Christ, and all whose faith is known to you

alone, that they may be delivered from the darkness of fanaticism that arises

from poverty and oppression, and from the pride that arises from wealth and comfort, and then brought into your light, so that divisions that foster violence may cease, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Where there is discord, let us sow union.

Deacon For those who have lost their faith in you Lord God, for those who continue to mourn their loved ones who have died in terrorist attacks, war, and natural disasters, may your Church give them comfort and hope at all times and in all places, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.

Deacon For all those whose spirit has been broken and whose lives have been irrevocably disrupted by violence and its aftermath, we add our prayers to those of the persecuted, the lonely, and the sick who have bid our prayers today, that they may be relieved and protected. We pray to you, O Lord:

People Where there is despair, let us sow hope.

Deacon For the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church, especially in the Diocese of Los Angeles; that we may listen to the Gospel of reconciliation and proclaim it in word and action for the building of your reign here on earth, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

Deacon For all who died and for those others whom we remember today, for those who believe in your resurrection and those who knew not your promise of eternal life, in trust that they have been found by you and are at rest in your holy habitation, we pray to you, O Lord:

People Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.

> We pray for the concerns of our parish, especially 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.

> And for those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Albert, 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.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love.

People Take heart, in Christ we have been reconciled to God. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we reborn to eternal life. Amen.

> O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help;

Deacon

Celebrant

for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Please kneel or sit as able.

The Confession of Sin

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

All

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy + on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit

keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Please stand as able.

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.

Please be seated.

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

All

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 Holy Communion

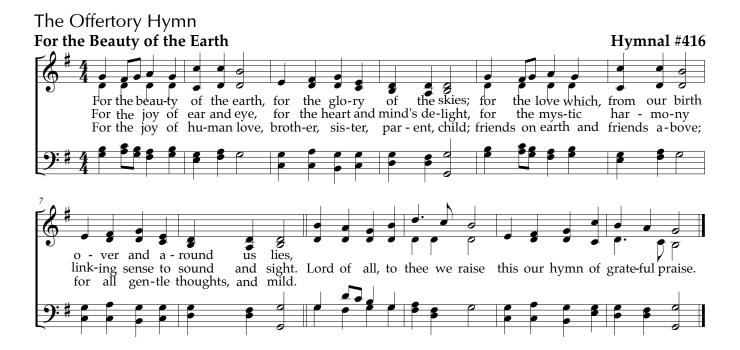
The Offertory Anthem

Simple Gifts

Shaker Song, adapt. and arr., Aaron Copland

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.

St. Francis Choir



Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpont, (1835-1917), alt. Music: "Dix," Conrad Kocher, (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. "The English Hymnal," 1906

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,

galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island

home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with

memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned

against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you

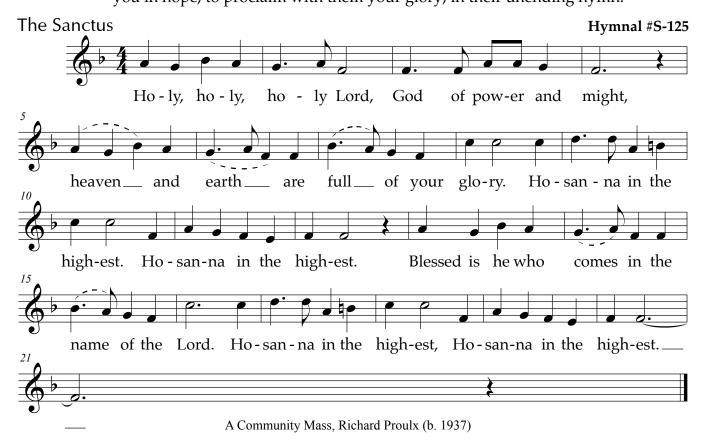
revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and

peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,

apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and God of our Mothers; God of Sarah, Hagar, Keturah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

Celebrant And now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

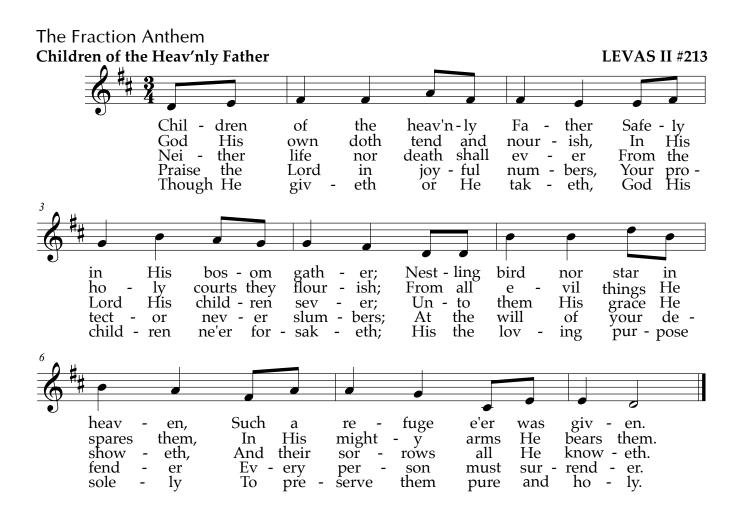
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.



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The Invitation

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God, Holy gifts, for Holy people.

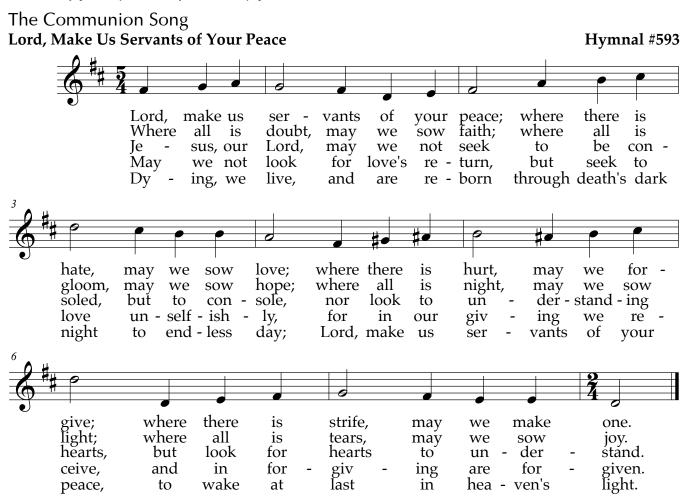
For our online community: an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

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)

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

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.



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Please kneel or stand as able as able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage, hold fast to that which is

good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Honor all persons. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And, the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, The Son,

and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

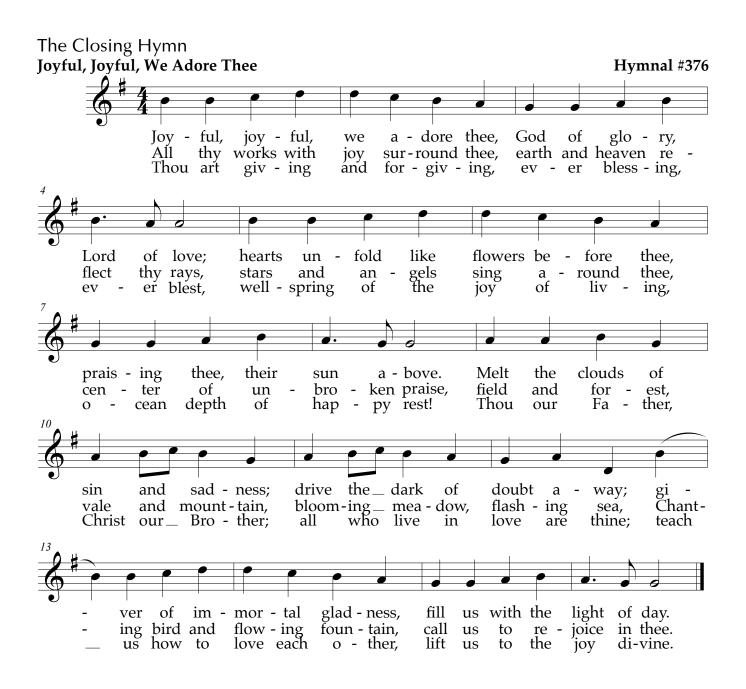
All Amen.

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Please stand as able and join in singing.



Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: "Hymn to Joy," Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

The Postlude

Fantasia Espanol

Lara/Granados/Corea (arr. David Knight)

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: Albert, 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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