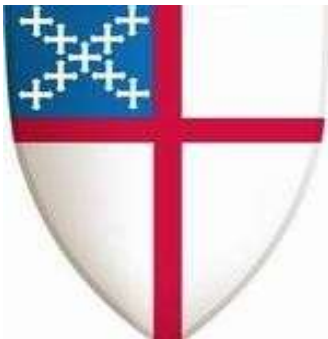


Sunday August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



HOLY CHILD & ST. MARTIN
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Liturgy of the Word

Entrance song

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

People: And blessed be his Kingdom now and forever. **Amen**

Informal Introduction

Celebrant: 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.**

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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray

Collect of the Day: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The first reading is from the book of Isaiah

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;

joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People**

People: **Thanks be to God**
The Psalm

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The second reading is from the letter of Paul to the Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in

ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People**

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Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Deacon

People

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ

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We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Prayers of the People

Form III

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others

Celebrant: We give thanks for the blessings our congregation has received and for the continued financial support from the Diocese of California and our beloved donors.

We give thanks for the ministry of the Bishop's Committee, the Music, Altar Guild, Lectors and Acolytes, Building and Grounds, Online, Outreach, and Food Pantry ministries.

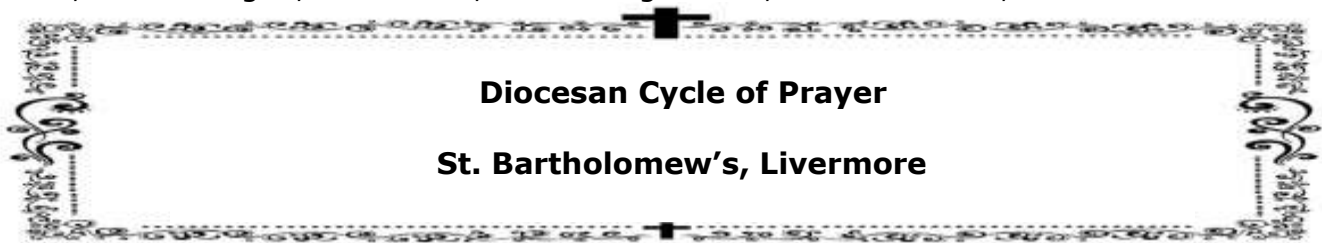
We lift our prayers for the intentions of: Montalan & Quinere, Villalon, Angustia, Downs, Rubi, Bowdish, Gonzales, Dayrit, Flores, Perez

We give thanks for the gift of life being celebrated this month by: Marcus Anthony Cruz, Lito Parangan, Digna Sales, Gwendolyn Dimples Mejino, Myrna Villalon, Princess Parangan, Claudia Soto, Joselito Caravana, Lily Perez

We ask for the grace of healing and peace for: Rosalia Basa, Marietta Flores, Romy and Amy Mijares, Chris Stock, Elizabeth Reece, Edna Marfori, Tita Bartolata, Alona Pailano, Ray Flores, Frankie Lino, Anna Angustia, Teresita Cochangco, Ellie Billington, Amelia Quinere, Susan Gabelo, Lily Young, Alice Yunevich, Debbie Yunevich, Ken Yunevich, Pablito Quinere, Arnold Dayrit, Nelly Sarmiento, Jane Tronoff, Myrna Villalon, Bernaliza Benin Ponco, Marlene Dayrit, Jennifer Downs, Mirella Pumacayo, Karen Gonzalez, Michael Quinere, Marcia Bowdish, Rev. Lynn Bowdish, Floreliza Sanchez,

Christopher Officer, Sheena Officer, Mariko Rubi, Larry Susoeff, Maritess Clemente, Gil Galang, Lolita Lamsen, Luisa Garcia, Mario Bugarin, Alma Beltran, Bigette Encinas.

We pray for the eternal rest of the souls of: Serfin Cudiamat, Walter Fields, Marcelina Aguila, Andronico Guntang, Filipina Guillermo, Lisandro Martínez, Rene Roa, Cristostomo Vellon, Aila Parangan, Oscar Perz, Carino Angustia Jr, Isabel Santoro, James H. Eason Jr



Celebrant: Gracious Father, accept and grant our prayers if these are for our good and for the greater glory of your name. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

Celebrant and People: 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.**

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.**

Celebrant: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory song:

The Doxology

(Sung to the tune of Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below,

Praise God above the Heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

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

Celebrant: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleuia!

Lamb of God: Sung

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.

Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, heavenly Father, we thank you because you have accepted us as living members of the Body of your Son Jesus Christ, and have nourished us with the Sacrament of his victorious life. May your words on our lips speak peace to all people. Send us with vision and courage to love and serve your Son Jesus Christ and your people. So will your name be praised and glorified, now and in time to come, until all be fulfilled in your kingdom. **Amen**

Prayer blessings for Sundays after Pentecost

May God the Father, who calls you by your name and gathers you into Christ's flock, give you courage to follow where God leads. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who teaches, heals, and sends forth his disciples, grant you the grace of compassion for everyone you encounter. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who empowers the Church for ministry and service, strengthen you to bear witness to God's love in the world. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you today and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer blessings for travelers, life's milestones and memorial

Summary of donations/pledges/plate collection for the month of June

\$2,113.64

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

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HCSM VISION

"A diverse, welcoming church embracing all to live and grow in faith, guiding our community to the healing presence of Christ."

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Season after Pentecost: A Reflection

The season that follows Pentecost Sunday and ends with the Feast of Christ the King invites us to engage in the daily work of spiritual growth (both collective and personal), healing, wholeness, and discipleship.

After receiving the Holy Spirit, we are called not only to believe in Jesus Christ but also to follow him in all aspects of our lives. This long season of the Church year serves as a reminder that ordinary acts of faithfulness, such as personal and communal prayer, worship attendance, commitment to service and generosity, and love for our fellow humans, frequently lead to spiritual growth.

As Jesus' disciples, we learn to recognize God's presence in our everyday lives and respond to His call with courage, humility, and compassion. The Holy Spirit continues to guide, strengthen, and transform us, allowing us to grow into the beloved people God created us to be.

May this season bring a renewed commitment to Christ, a deeper relationship with one another, and joyful participation in God's mission of reconciliation, healing, and hope for the world.

May the grace of God be with you.

The Rev. Jureck Fernandez

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Calendar of Events

August 30, 2026

Feast of St. Rose of Lima

September 12, 2026

*Bishop's Committee Meeting
10:30 AM in the Narthex*

September 13, 2026

*Church Picnic
Westborough Park
2350 Galway Drive
South San Francisco*

September 29-October 1

Clergy Conference

October 4, 2026

*Feast of St. Francis
Blessing of the animals*

October 23-October 24

177th Diocesan Convention

October 25, 2026

*Feast of Señor de los
Milagros*

A Prayer for Peace

Gracious God of peace, have mercy on our troubled world. Put an end to violence, mend divisions between peoples and nations, and guide all leaders in the paths of wisdom, justice, and compassion.

Comfort those in need, protect the vulnerable, and support all those working for reconciliation. Make us instruments of your peace, so that we can spread Christ's love wherever we go.

And may your peace be present in every heart, community, and nation until the day when swords are turned into plowshares and your kingdom of justice and peace is fully revealed.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

