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An Episcopal Church in the Anglican Tradition

Welcome!

We're glad that you are here!

A children's play area (for little ones) is located toward the back of the church.

Young Children at 10:15 a.m. Worship

If you require nursery help, please see the Greeter or Usher.

Sunday School for children (2-10) takes place during worship. The children are led out by a teacher during the opening hymn and return at the peace.

We invite you to fill out a Visitors Information Card and to stay for beverages and refreshments after Worship.

Are you interested in the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, or being received into the Episcopal Church? Please see Fr. Jewson.

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Holy Eucharist, also known as the Holy Communion, the Mass, or the Lord's Supper, is the true Christian thanksgiving meal in which we remember and celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day.

Holy Eucharist Rite II at 8:00 & 10:15 A.M.

Lectionary Year C Daily Office Year 1

Biblical Texts are from The Revised Standard Version;
Liturgical texts are from The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) &
Enriching Our Worship (EOW). Hymn selections are from The Hymnal 1982 or other approved musical resources.

The few minutes before the service are an opportunity for quiet meditation and prayer. Please be respectful of those who are preparing for worship by keeping visiting in the pews to a minimum.

The Word of God

Prelude

After the Prelude we stand to sing Praise to the Living God!

Hymnal 372

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926)
 Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

The Celebrant greets us and we respond

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

The Celebrant says the Prayer for Purity and we respond **Amen.**

We say or sing Glory to God

8:00am

BCP 356

**Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.**

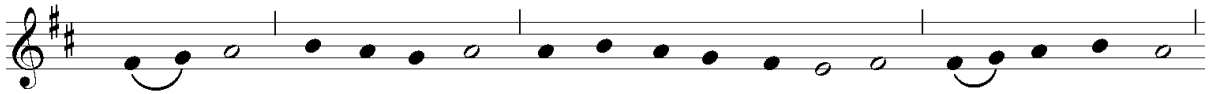
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.**

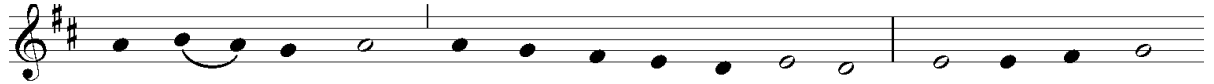
**For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Celebrant greets us and we respond

The Lord be with you

And also with you

*The Celebrant prays using the words of the **Collect**, a special prayer for this Sunday in the Church calendar.*

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayer for Grandparents

Grandparents Day, September 8

All together say

Heavenly God, we give thanks for grandparents. We give thanks for they connect us with our heritage and our roots through the mists of time. We give thanks for their Christian memory which inspires and enlightens us, for the example of their faith, for the witness of their lives and for the constancy of their love. Bless all grandparents with peace, health and healing. Reward them for their faith and fidelity, for their work and goodness, for their love and thoughtfulness, for their gifts and prayers. Give them a long and happy life together. May old age come to them in the company of family and friends. And when life is over, unite them again, where parting will be no more, in the Kingdom of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We sit for the **Lessons**

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand,

so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 *Domine, probasti*

Chant Setting 415

Jerome Webster Meachen
 (b. 1930)



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8:00am *The Leader reads the first line to the asterisk then all say the remainder of the psalm together.*

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and /known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from a/far.
- 2 **You trace my journeys and my resting /places ***
and are acquainted with all my /ways.
- 3 **Indeed, there is not a word on my /lips, ***
but you, O LORD, know it alto/gether.
- 4 **You press upon me behind and be/fore ***
and lay your hand u/pon me.
- 5 **Such knowledge is too wonderful for /me; ***
it is so high that I cannot at/tain to it.

- 12 For you yourself created my inmost /parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's /womb.**
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously /made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it /well.**
- 14 My body was not hidden from /you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the /earth.**
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them
were written in your /book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of /
them.**
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O /God! *
how great is the sum of /them!**
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the /
sand; * to count them all, my life span would need to be like /
yours.**

A Reading from the Letter to Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia (A'-FEE-A) our sister, to
Archippus (AR-KIP'-US) our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I
remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love
for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of
your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do
for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love,
because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.
For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your
duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as
an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for
my child, Onesimus (O-NES'-I-MUS), whose father I have become during my
imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both
to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted
to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during
my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your
consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something
forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that
you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a

beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

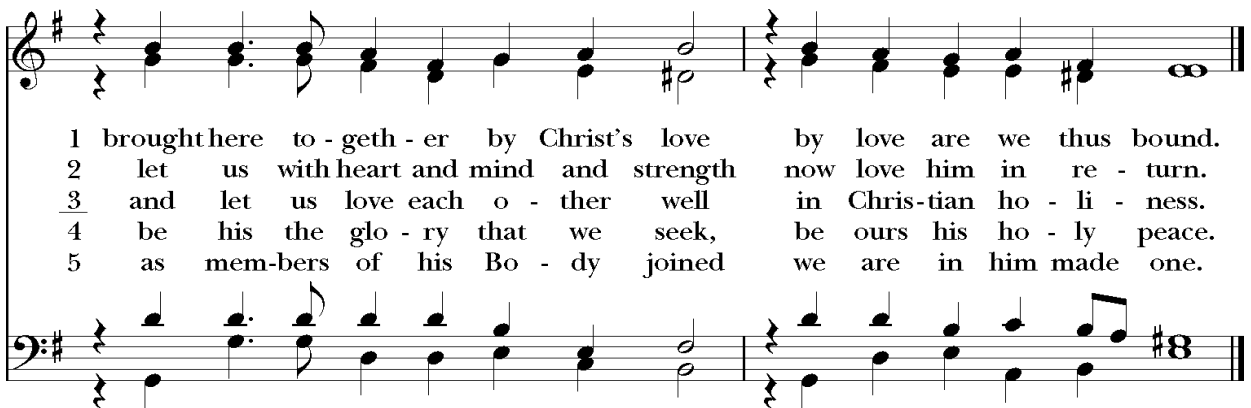
The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing Where Charity and Love Prevail Hymnal 581, verses 1-6



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
 3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
 5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;



1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
 2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
 3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
 4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
 5 as mem-bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
 if honored be God's Name;
 our common life embraces all
 whose Father is the same.

*During the hymn the Deacon carries the **Gospel Book** to the center of the church to symbolize bringing the Word of God to God's people. The Deacon says and we respond.*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *(Children when present and Adult)*

Fr. Alfred Jewson

After the Sermon all sit for a time in silent reflection.

On Sundays and other Major Feast Days there follows, all standing

The 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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 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**

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon invites all to prayer. In the course of silence after each bidding the People are encouraged to offer petitions or concerns aloud or silently.

O gracious God, we pray for your holy universal Church. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Wayne, our Bishop, and for the election of a new Bishop, Alfred our priest and Rebecca our deacon. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Episcopal Campus ministry at Rockwell House, and Beth, their Chaplain. In our companion Diocese of Lui we pray for Mata Parish, and Elisapa, their priest.

Silence Let us pray.

That all of us may faithfully and humbly serve you through your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for the leaders of different nations; and for all who hold positions in public trust, especially the elected leaders of our country and all those who serve in governmental authority. *Silence* Let us pray.

That they may serve wisely, compassionately, and justly to promote the well-being of all people.

We thank you for all that you have done for us: for St. Francis' Church and that the Holy Spirit guide our Search Committee, for Friends of St. Francis Childcare Center and the many blessings we receive as a result of your grace.

Silence Let us pray.

That we may acknowledge your immeasurable goodness and kindness to all of us.

We thank you and we adore you for the beauty and mystery of your creation.

Silence Let us pray.

That we may use the resources of creation rightly, with reverence, for the benefit of all people.

We pray for our police and firefighters and for those serving in the military. Keep them safe wherever they go. *Silence* Let us pray.

That they may find your presence wherever they are.

We pray for a deeper understanding of your will. *Silence* Let us pray.

That we, with our doubts and uncertainties, may find light and confidence in all our doings.

We pray for our families, our friends, our neighbors, and all those we love. We remember before you those who are homebound: Noel Choweller & Roger Shaw and those on our weekly Prayer Rota: Carol Ward, Paddy Wrob & George Vits, Sylvia Ahmad, and Vernon Alexander. For those who have asked for our prayers for healing and guidance and strength: Paddy Wrob & George Vits, Jackie, Caitlin, & Cristin Selle, Roger Reese, Rocco Regnier, Jack Doerr and Annie Rayman. For relatives and friends of parishioners: Jean Jewson, Deacon Dayna Jewson, Deacon Bryan England, Carol (Nip) Schaeffer, Mike Miller, Frank Baldwin, Hank Steinbrueck, Bob Manuel, Randy Long, Rick Kasper, Catherine O'Reilly, Tricia Niehoff, Angela Crawford, Virginia Stemme, John Young, Yasmeen Daud, the Ghandi family and Jim Lorrance.

Silence We lift them up.

That they may find healing, comfort and joy in your presence.

We remember before you all the departed, victims of terrorism and those who mourn. For Melvin Rayman and Jesh Gandhi and for the children murdered in the greater St. Louis area this year.

Silence Let us pray.

That we may receive, as you gave to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect and the People respond Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

The Deacon says

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Ministers and People say together

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution from sin. Amen

Then the Celebrant says,

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ. First welcome the visitor, then greet new friends, then greet old friends.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with these words:

Sisters and brothers present yourselves as living sacrifices to the Lord.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine to the celebrant.

Offertory Hymn

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

Hymnal 440



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

The Doxology

We stand as our gifts of thanksgiving are presented and we sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heavenly host

Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Tune of Hymn 380

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 1

EOW 57

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People

8:00am

**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

10:15am

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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.”

As supper was ending, 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 poured out 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis, St. Paul, Jeremiah the Prophet and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and 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,**

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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.

Breaking of the Bread

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

Then the following is said or sung

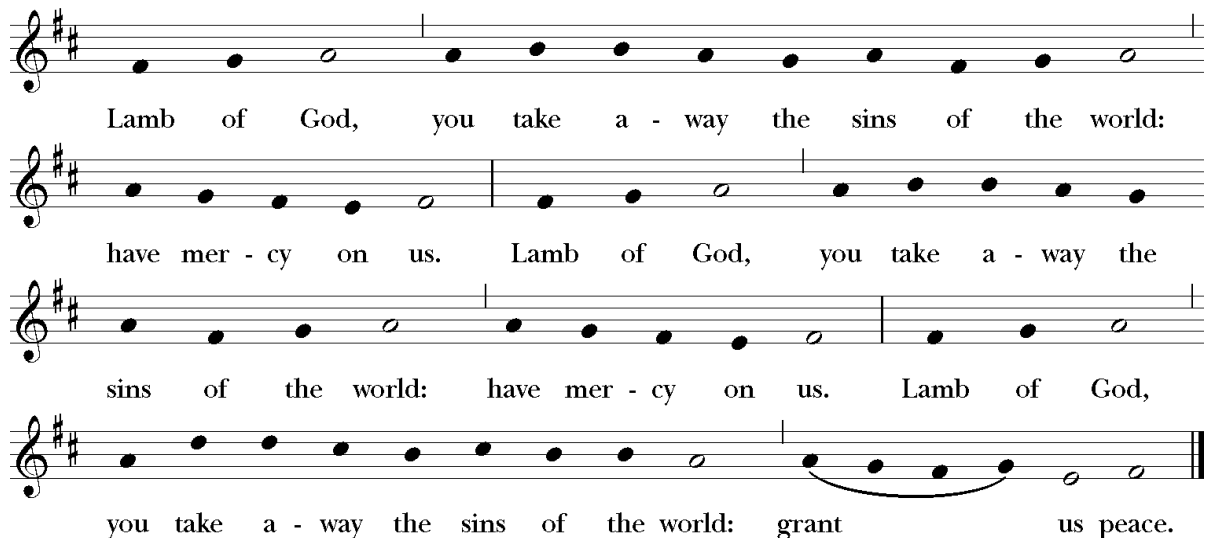
8:00am Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:15am

Hymnal S161

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The text is: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace." The final phrase "grant us peace." is marked with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

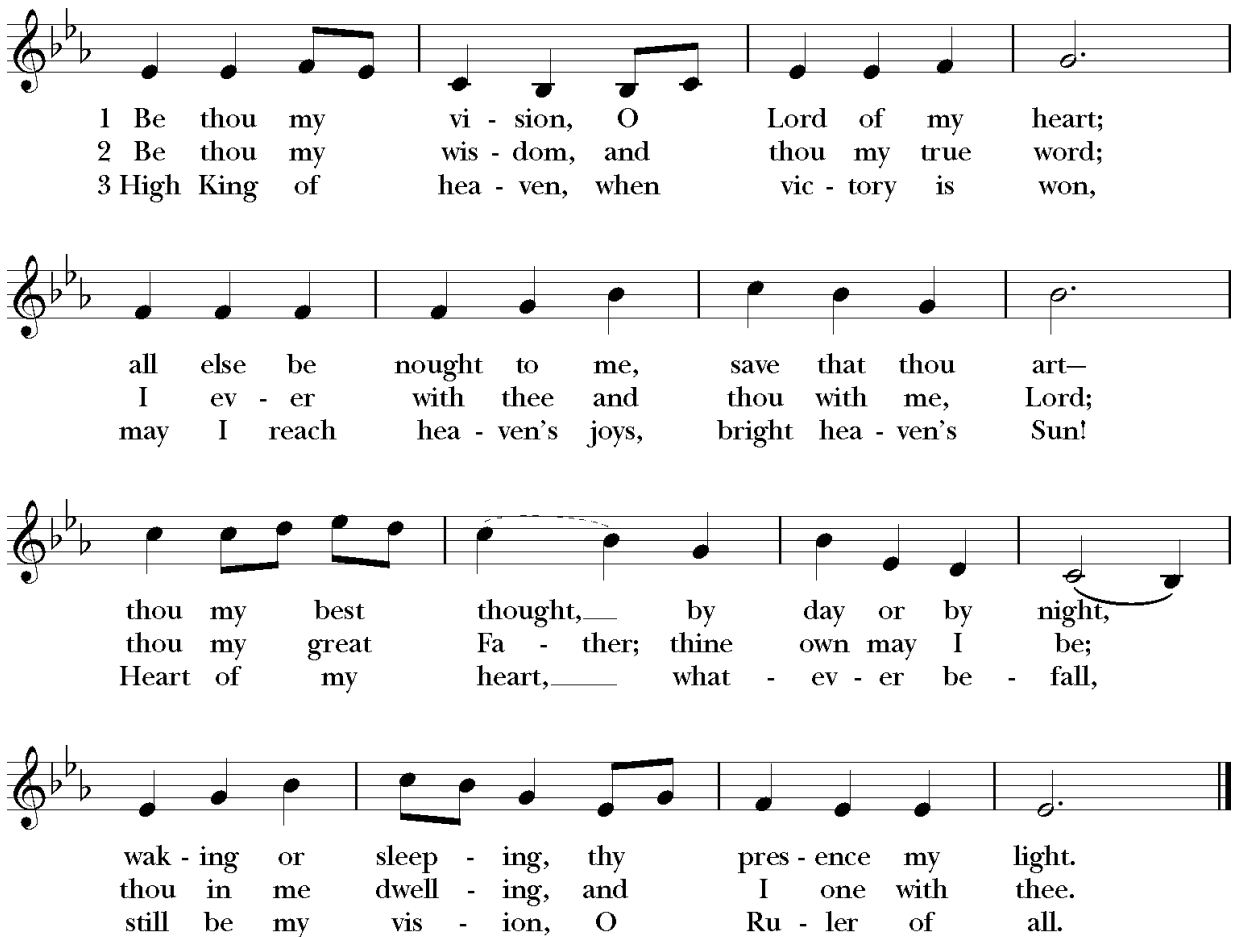
Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

*During the distribution of **Holy Communion** we sing*

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart

Hymnal 488



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitors

Deacon sends forth Eucharistic Visitors to bring Holy Communion to the homebound and infirm.

In the healing name of Jesus, you the members of St. Francis' Church send forth *name* bearing these holy gifts of bread and wine that *name* may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.

Then together we say a **Post-communion Prayer**

BCP 366

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses us

May the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, restore, establish, and strengthen us. To the one true God be dominion for ever and ever, and may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you always.
Amen.

Then we sing

Go Forth for God

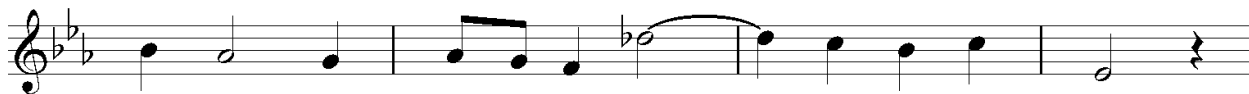
Hymnal 347



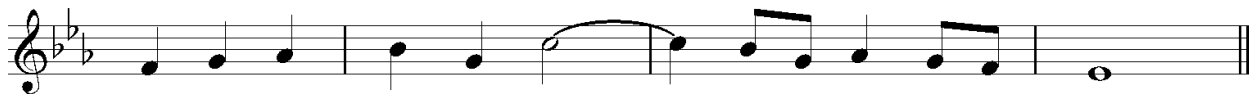
1 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we _____ be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace _____ and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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Birthdays/Anniversaries

Announcements

The Deacon sends us into the world to serve God.

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Our worship has ended-our service begins!
Jesus said faith the size of a mustard seed can uproot a tree
and cast it into the sea. What do you suppose "thinking
outside of the box' might do for St. Francis' Church?

Something to Think About

Brought to you by the Stewardship of Life

“God is the source of all things. God calls us to be accountable, as any steward is accountable, for all the things that God has given to us. We are accountable for 100 percent of all that we have in our possession. That means all of our time, our talents or gifts, and our money. Tithing helps us to manage better than 100 percent. To be able to tithe absolutely requires that we learn to manage well all that we have and all that we are. Every one of us can learn about money, about ourselves, about God as we grow in our ability to be good stewards of all that God has given us.” (Bishop C. L. Longest)

Today's Ministers of Worship

Celebrant	The Rev. Alfred Jewson
Deacon	The Rev. Rebecca Barger
Musician	Cheryl Foster
Choir Director	Max Starbuck
Christian Formation	Kathy Regnier
Altar Guild	Kathleen O'Reilly
Acolyte 8:00 am	Amanda Broom-Morse
Lector /Intercessor 8:00 am	Della Thompson
Announcements 8:00 am	Paul Becker
Greeter	Mary Ann Kinder
Usher	Chris Kinder
Acolyte 10:15 am	<i>Volunteer</i>
Lectors 10:15 am	Paul Jokerst & Bob Smith
Intercessor 10:15 am	Barb Sacco
Torchbearers 10:15 am	Jeff Veenstra & Paul Jokerst
Eucharistic Ministers 10:15 am	Kathleen McDonald
Eucharistic Visitor	Sally Hader
Tellers	Joe O'Reilly & Rich Mayfield
Announcements 10:15 am	Jack Laules

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of time.

--Matthew 28:19-20

This Week at St. Francis' Church

Sunday September 8 Proper 18 <i>Grandparents Day</i>	8:00 am 10:15 am 11:45 am <i>6:00 pm</i>	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Adult Forum <i>Al-Anon- Community Room</i>
Monday September 9	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Evening Prayer & Intercessions Worship & Music Committee Book Group
Tuesday September 10	8:30 am <i>10:00 am</i> 6:30 pm <i>7:00 pm</i>	Morning Prayer <i>Al Anon—Children's Room</i> Women's Group <i>Overeaters' Anonymous – Community Room</i>
Wednesday September 11	1:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Crafternoon – Community Room Centering Prayer Tutoring
Thursday September 12	8:30 am 3:30 pm <i>6:45 pm</i>	Morning Prayer Chalice Meeting <i>AA—Community Room</i>
Friday September 13	10:00 am <i>10:00 am</i>	Bible Study – Community Room OPEN 12 Step OA – Children's Room
Saturday September 14	<i>7:00 am</i>	<i>AA—Community Room</i>
Sunday September 15 <i>Pot luck follows the 10:15 Holy Eucharist</i>	8:00 am 10:15 am 11:45 am 1:00 pm <i>6:00 pm</i>	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist Adult Forum—"Immigration Issues" led by Michael Booker Bishop's Committee Meeting <i>Al-Anon- Community Room</i>



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!
John & Sue Schmidt-September 11



Polly Morse-September 11
Alex Broom-Morse-September 14

Scheduled Monthly Happenings

First Sunday	Loose plate offering goes to clergy discretionary fund during both Services.
Second Sunday	Food Pantry offerings are blessed at late Service Blood Pressure taken in Community Room between Worship Services.
Third Sunday	Pot-luck after 10:15 am Worship Bishop's Committee Meeting
Fourth Sunday	Holy Anointing takes place immediately after distribution of Holy Communion at both Services.
Fifth Sunday	Trinity Hot Lunch

Bible Study Questions

Jeremiah 18:1-11

1. How does the nature of the clay determine the quality of the vessel and for what it is used? What point is God trying to make about the nature of God's promises (verses 5-10)?
2. Are God's plans set in "concrete" or "wet clay"? How does God mold people and how much do they mold themselves (see Romans 9:19-23)?
3. If God were to re-create you, what chip, crack or bulge in your life's vessel would you like God to fix the second time around?

Philemon 1-21

1. What qualities in Philemon does Paul commend (verses 1-7)? How does this prepare the way for Paul's plea in verse 8?
2. Which of the qualities in Philemon (verses 4-7) do you wish to develop for yourself? How could doing so cause you to grow in new areas?

Luke 14: 24-33

1. What does Jesus say to the crowds about family? In this context, what does he mean by "hate"? By carrying a cross?
2. How do each of the three parables (verses 26-27, 28-30, 31-32) relate to the necessity of giving our primary love and loyalty to Jesus?
3. In summary, what kingdom values are taught? Why such tough talk from Jesus?

Readings for Next Sunday: September 15, 2019

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

The Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Coffee and Conversation

As part of the search process for our next vicar, the Search Committee would like to schedule small gatherings during the month of October. These gatherings will consist of no more than six members of the congregation, two or three search committee members and will be in the comfort of your own home. These are not designed to be dinner gatherings but rather, informative sessions discussing where church is currently, where we wish to see our church go in the future, and what we wish to see in our next vicar. If you would like to host one of these gatherings in your home, please contact Paul Jokerst at (636) 448-9772 or by email at paul@jokerst.us. Paul will ask you to select from a few dates those on which you would be willing to host such a gathering and if you will be providing refreshments or if those attending should bring their own. Please contact Paul by September 15th so the Search Committee can work out the final schedule at the next Search Committee meeting.

These gatherings are in addition to the church surveys going out this week to every member (older and younger) of our congregation. Each is asked to complete ONE survey. Copies are available in the narthex after the Holy Eucharist.

Join Us On

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