

# The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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An Episcopal Church  
In the Anglican Tradition

## **Holy Eucharist Rite II at 8:00 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.**

*Lectionary Year A      Daily Office Year 2*

*In the absence of the Deacon the Celebrant fills such roles.*

## **Welcome!**

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- If you are interested in the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, or being received into the Episcopal Church please see one of the clergy.
- Before you leave, please pray for us as we carry out the ministry of the love of God and service in our communities.

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**St. Francis' Church is a Two Rule Church:  
Love God, Love Each Other!**

Prelude

# The Word of God

Gathering Hymn

The Church's one foundation

Hymnal 525

8:00 am Verses 1, 3, 4 10:15 am All Verses



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endowed.  
 3 and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

### Greeting and Collect for Purity

BCP 355

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity.*

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.

**People** Amen.

**Hymn of Praise** 8:00 A.M.

BCP 356

*All together say*

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.

**Hymn of Praise** 10:15 AM      Glory to God in the Highest      Hymnal S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty 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 -

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, stems, beams, and slurs. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over the notes for 'Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God' and 'take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy'. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical lines.

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.

**Prayer (Collect) for the Day**

BCP 217

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**People**

And also with you

Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

**People** Amen.

**Prayer for God's Will in Seeking a new Vicar**

*All together say*

Loving God, we pray that your will for us and for St. Francis' Church be done. Rid our minds of personal goals and expectations, doubts and fears so that we may be vessels for your will and your expectations. We pray that your will for our new Vicar be made manifest to us; and give us the courage to carry out your will whatever it is. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who always lived out your will in his life. Amen.

*The people sit.*

## **The First Lesson**

**Exodus 24:12-18**

**Reader**      A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**Reader**      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 99**    *Dominus regnavit*      *The Lord reigns*

8:00 A.M. *The Reader reads the first verse to the asterisk and then all say the remainder of the psalm together.*

10:15 A.M. *All together chant the psalm.*

*The Psalm is on the next page*



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- 1 The LORD is King; let the people /tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth /shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in /Zion; \*  
he is high above all /peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and /awesome; \*  
he is the /Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established /equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in /Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his /  
footstool; \*  
he is the /Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call  
upon his /Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he /answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of /cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he /gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them in/deed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil /deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his  
holy /hill; \*  
for the LORD our God is the /Holy One.



## The Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21

**Reader** A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*The people stand.*

**Hymn before the Gospel** Blest are the pure in heart

Hymnal 656

*All verses*

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

*The Deacon carries the Gospel Book through the church symbolizing bringing the Word of God to God's people.*

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 17: 1—9**

**Deacon People**      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
Glory to you Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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

*The people sit.*

**Sermon**      *Children when present and Adult*      Fr. Alfred Jewson  
*All sit for a moment in silent reflection.*

*The people stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**  
*All together say*

BCP 358

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.

### **Prayers of the People**

*The Deacon calls the people to prayer*

Let us offer prayers to God who shows the glory of Christ in all the world.

*The Intercessor leads the petitions and the People respond*

By the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah in this Epiphany Season.

**People**        Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Wayne our Bishop, Deon our Bishop elect,  
Alfred our priest and Rebecca our deacon. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Carondelet, St. Louis, and Rebecca, their Rector.  
In our companion Diocese of Lui we pray for Medeh Parish, and Francis, their  
priest. For all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

**People**        Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our Discernment Team, for those discerning a call to ordained ministry, for Deaconess Anne House interns, for the ministry of the chaplains, staff and volunteers at Episcopal City Mission and the children in detention and their families, and in thanksgiving for all believers who put their trust in the Incarnate Son of God.

**People**        Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our political leaders and all in authority that their leadership may be in the best interest of all the people of this nation and for peace and justice.

**People**        Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We remember first responders, those in the military, especially Kyle, those working abroad, especially Ryan and Lauren, and those traveling.

**People**        Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We lift up the oppressed, those in prison, patients, families, and communities affected by substance use disorders and those suffering from untreated and undertreated pain and chronic diseases.

**People**        Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We remember those on our Prayer Rota: Darla, Noel, Jack, Paul Becker, Rosie & Ernie Beneke and Donna & Joe Bernert for the sick, the suffering, special intentions and especially those who have asked for prayers. For parishioners: Roger, Annie, Sylvia, Cheryl, Bill and Paul. For others who have asked for prayer: Deacon Dayna, Will, Tammy, Virginia, Steven and Delora. Please name those you wish to remember, either silently or aloud. *Pause* For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

**People**        Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the ministry of Friends of St. Francis Childcare Center, especially students: Bella, Hadlie, Hudson, Priceless, Ethan, Addison, Ava, Bently, Charlie and teachers: Teri, Tracey, Herb & Marsha. O God, we give you thanks for this ministry.

**People**        Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We remember all who have died, especially Mark Becker and the youth in the greater St. Louis area whose lives were lost in gun violence. Please name those you wish to remember, either silently or aloud. *Pause* Lord, in your mercy.

**People**        Hear our prayer.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**People** To you, O Lord.

**Celebrant** God of the stars of night, accept the prayers we offer on this day. Fill our hunger with your word of truth and summon all who thirst to the banquet of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** Amen.

### **Confession of Sin**

EOW 56

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept. Minister 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.

### **Absolution**

EOW 56

*The Celebrant says*

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

**People** Amen.

### **The Peace**

EOW 56

**Celebrant** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People** 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 Celebrant begins the offertory with these words*

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

Offertory Hymn Jesu, Jesu

LEVAS 74

All Verses

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and  
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are  
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

*D.C.*

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.  
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.  
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you.

*The Celebrant invites all to stand Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine to the celebrant.*

### **The Doxology**

8:00 A.M.

**Celebrant**  
**People**

All things come of thee O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee.

10:15 A.M.

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.

*Sung to the tune of Hymn 380*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP 367

**Celebrant**  
**People**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

**Celebrant**  
**People**

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant**  
**People**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is inserted*

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

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:

8:00 A.M.

*All together say*

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.

10:15 A.M.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Hymnal S129

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The lyrics are: "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.\_\_\_\_\_". The melody features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over the notes for "heaven and earth", "san - na", and "comes in". The piece concludes with a double bar line.



*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and people*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with

the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Francis, Moses, Sts. Peter, James & John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

**People** AMEN.

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

*All together 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  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP 364

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



8:00 A.M.  
**Celebrant**  
**People**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:15 A.M.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Hymnal S154

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*All Baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion the Celebrant will give you a blessing.*

**Communion Hymn**

I come with joy to meet my Lord Hymnal 304  
8:00 am Verses 1, 2, 4 10:15 am All Verses

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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## **The Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors**

*After the ablutions (washing) of the vessels used for Holy Communion, the Deacon sends Eucharistic Visitors forth to bring Holy Communion to the homebound and infirm.*

*The Deacon says*

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.

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

## **Prayer after Communion**

BCP 366

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*All together say*

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.

## **Epiphany Blessing**

BOS 24

*The Celebrant blesses the People*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**People** Amen.

## **Sending Hymn**

The golden sun lights up the sky  
*All verses*

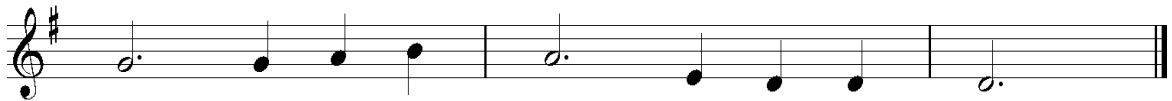
Hymnal 12



1 The gold - en sun lights up the sky, im - part - ing  
2 At the third hour you took your cross, you stum - bled,  
3 At the third hour your faith - ful band was clothed with  
4 O God, cre - a - tion's rul - ing force, O Je - sus,



vi - gor to the day. A - mid our cus - tom - ar - y  
Lord, be - neath its weight. Now help us bear our dai - ly  
power on Pen - te - cost. Be - stow your Spi - rit on us  
cru - ci - fied for us, O Spi - rit, love's life - giv - ing



round, we of - fer you our prayer and praise.  
load and strive to fol - low where you lead.  
now, and give us strength to do your will.  
ray, we praise and bless you ev - ery hour.

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## Announcements

**Dismissal** *The Deacon sends the people forth*

**Deacon** May Jesus be the heart of your Epiphany Season! Go in joy and peace in the name of Christ.

**People** We will go and spread the Good News! Amen.

## **Prayer Rota**

Members of the congregation for whom we are asked to pray this week.

*Homebound:* Darla Becker, Noel Choweller and Jack Doerr;

*Weekly Prayer Rota:* Paul Becker, Rosie & Ernie Benecke, and Donna & Joe Bernert

## **Prayer List**

*Parishioners:* Roger Reese, Annie Rayman, Tracey Oswald, Sylvia Ahmad, Cheryl Foster, Bill Thompson and Paul Becker

*Parish and Diocesan related requests:* St Francis' Discernment Committee and Friends of St. Francis' Childcare Center, especially students: Bella, Hadlie, Hudson, Priceless, Easton, Addison, Ava, Bentley, Charlie and teachers Teri, Tracey, Herb & Marsha. For those working abroad: especially Ryan & Lauren Smith. For Deaconess Anne House interns, for the children in the juvenile justice system and their families and the ministry of Episcopal City Mission's chaplains, staff and volunteers who bring them hope and healing. For those discerning a call to ordained ministry. For patients, families and communities affected by substance use disorders. For those suffering from untreated and undertreated pain and chronic diseases.

*Diocese:* For the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Carondelet and Rebecca, their rector

*Companion Diocese:* Mideh Parish and Francis their priest

*For those who have asked for prayers:* Deacon Dayna Jewson, Will Johnson, Tammy, Virginia Stemme, Steven Weaver and Delora Kindel, sister-in-law of Linda Carter and for those deployed to Iran, especially Kyle Buchanan.

*For those who have died,* especially Mark Becker, and the youth in the greater St. Louis area whose lives were lost in gun violence.

## The Holy Season of Lent, 2020

***Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*** With the imposition of ashes on our foreheads we are reminded that this life is only a transition from our birth to that larger and everlasting life with God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days, but have you considered fasting throughout the Lenten Season? Fasting can mean: not eating between meals, eating one meal a day, eating two light meals a day, not eating meat, not consuming dairy products, not eating desserts, not drinking alcoholic beverages, etc. Fasting is a time honored spiritual discipline that is recommended for all who do not have a medical reason not to fast. Meatless Fridays are also a suggested practice during Lent.

Fasting can come in other ways—come to church on Ash Wednesday to find out.

You are encouraged to enter the Season of Lent with a purpose and plan in mind for your spiritual growth. Daily Scripture reading, participating in St. Francis' Church Lenten offerings, Bible study, praying the Daily Office, spiritual reading small group activities are all opportunities to deepen your spiritual life and grow positively in the Jesus Christ.

### **Lenten Weekdays**

*Please note: weekday Lenten Services with Holy Eucharist will last approximately 45 minutes. All other services will last approximately 20 – 30 minutes*

Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
February 26 at 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm

Monday Evening Prayer w/Intercessions at 5:00 pm  
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6

Tuesday & Thursday Morning Prayer at 8:30 am  
February 27, March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, April 2, 7, 9

Thursday Centering Prayer at 6:15 pm  
February 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2



Thursday Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm

February 27- Holy Eucharist, St. Matthias the Apostle  
*(transferred)*

March 5 – Holy Eucharist with Healing

March 12 – Holy Eucharist with Bible Study


March 19 – Holy Eucharist, Feast of St. Joseph

March 26 – Holy Eucharist, Annunciation of our Lord  
*(transferred)*

April 2 – Taize Holy Eucharist

Friday Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm:

February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3



"Lent is not something  
we do for God – Lent  
is something we do  
*with* God."

# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



**Tuesday, February 26th from 6:00—8:00 pm.  
Invite your relatives, friends, neighbors**

Menu—pancakes, sausage, bacon, dessert peaches, coffee, tea, beverages

Suggested donation is \$5.00 for adults and children over 9 years of age

Call Rich Mayfield 314/956/3413 to sign up to help.

*The world famous  
**Men's Pancake Singers**  
will be back again for more inspiring renditions of beloved songs*

## Bible Study Questions

### **Exodus 24:12-18**

1. Why did God make Moses wait for 6 days? How does this "mountain top" experience compare to that recorded in Chapter 3?
2. Were "mountain top" experiences important for the people of God of the Exodus story? Do we still have them today? If so, why are they important for the people of God today? If not, why not?
3. Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience? What did it do to you?

### **Matthew 17:1-9**

1. Why do you suppose Jesus waited 6 days (cf. 16:13-21) to take Peter, James and John up the mountain?
2. Read Elijah's "mountain top" experience in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19. Why did Elijah need a "mountain top" experience?
3. Did Jesus need a "mountain top" experience or only the disciples? If Jesus, why? Do you need "mountain top" experiences? Does the whole church need them?

### **Readings for next Sunday, March 1, 2023**

The First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

The Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

The Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

## United Thank Offering Ingathering

Ingathering for UTO mite boxes is today. Let us give thanks to God Almighty for the opportunity to share with others through our gifts.

Forgot your Mite Box?  
No worries!  
Bring your Mite Box in next Sunday  
or just write a check to  
United Thank Offering  
and place it in the offering basket

### *The United Thank Offering Prayer*

*Heavenly Father,  
source of all creation, all love, all true joy:  
accept, we pray, these outward signs  
of our profound and continuing thankfulness  
for all of life.*

*Bless those who will benefit  
from these gifts through the outreach of the  
United Thank Offering,  
and keep each of us ever thankful  
for all the blessings of joy and  
challenge that come our way;  
through Him who is the greatest gift  
and blessing of all,  
Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

## This Week at St. Francis' Church

<p>Sunday, February 23</p> <p>Last Sunday after the Epiphany</p>	<p>8:00 am 9:00 am 10:15am 11:45am  6:00 pm</p>	<p>Holy Eucharist Choir Practice Holy Eucharist Adult Forum—Companion Planting by Marsha Smith <i>Al-Anon- Community Room</i></p>
<p>Monday, February 24</p>	<p>5:00 pm</p>	<p>Evening Prayer &amp; Intercessions</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 25</p>	<p>8:30 am 10:00am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Morning Prayer <i>Al Anon—Children's Room</i> Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper <i>Overeaters' Anonymous – Children's Room</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, February 26</p>	<p>12:00 pm 1:30 pm 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes Crafternoon – Community Room Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes</p>
<p>Thursday, February 27</p>	<p>8:30 am 1:00 pm  6:45 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Morning Prayer Marketing Meeting—Children's Room <i>AA—Community Room</i> Centering Prayer Holy Eucharist, St. Matthias the Apostle <i>transferred</i></p>
<p>Friday, February 25</p>	<p>10:00am 10:00am 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Bible Study – Community Room <i>OPEN OA Group—Children's Room</i> Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Saturday, February 29</p>	<p>7:00 am</p>	<p><i>AA—Community Room</i> .</p>
<p>Sunday, MS arch 1</p> <p>First Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>8:00 am 9:00 am 10:15am 11:45am 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Holy Eucharist Choir Practice Holy Eucharist Vicar's Forum <i>Al-Anon- Community Room</i></p>

### **Something to Think About**

Today we remember the Transfiguration. Jesus is transfigured by God, and God speaks: This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him. We are called to listen to Jesus, and by his teaching, we live our lives as children of God. Jesus lived his life intimately with the disciples. We too are called upon, as part of our stewardship, to live our lives with love and compassion with those whom God has given us. Your generous offerings help us to live and proclaim God's love at St. Francis' Church.

*Brought to you by the Stewardship of Life*

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

## Today's Ministers of Worship

Celebrant	The Rev. Alfred Jewson
Deacon	The Ven. Rebecca Barger
Musician	Cheryl Foster
Choir Director	Max Starbuck
Christian Formation	Kathy Regnier
Altar Guild	Kathleen O'Reilly
Acolyte 8:00am	Lydia Broom-Morse
Lector & Intercessor 8:00am	Jackie Selle
Eucharistic Visitor	Paul Becker
Announcements 8:00am	<i>Volunteer</i>
Greeter	Doris Schaefer
Usher	Michael Booker
Acolyte 10:15 am	Katie Jones
Lectors 10:15 am	Bob Schaefer, Sally Hader
Intercessor 10:15am	Kathleen McDonald
Torchbearers 10:15 am	Laurie Dailey, Jack Laules
Eucharistic Minister 10:15 am	Vernon Alexander
Eucharistic Visitor	Paddy Wrob
Tellers	Rich Mayfield, Arlene Underwood
Announcements 10:15 am	Herb Smith

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