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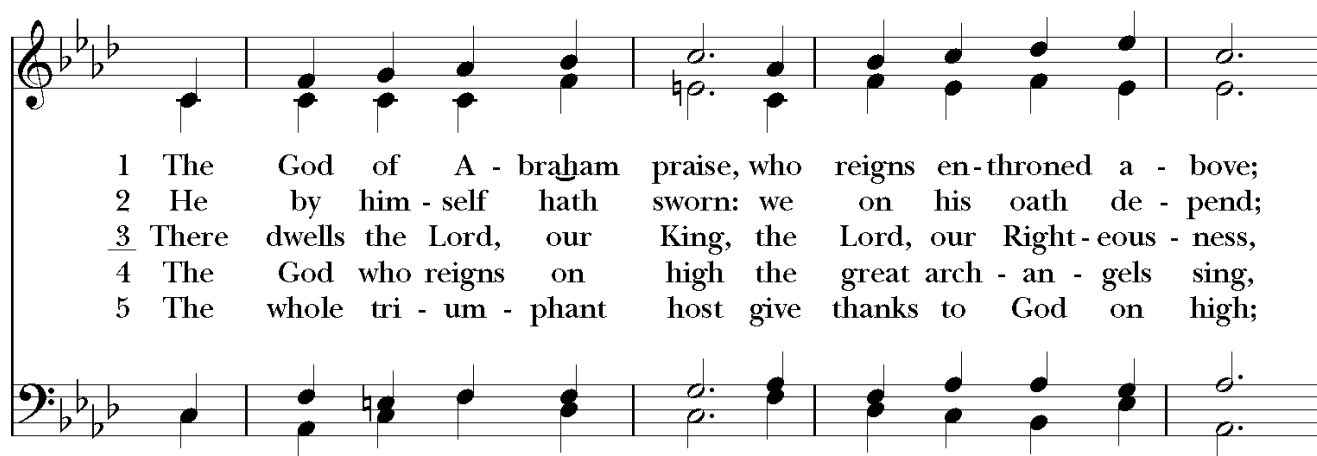
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Holy Eucharist

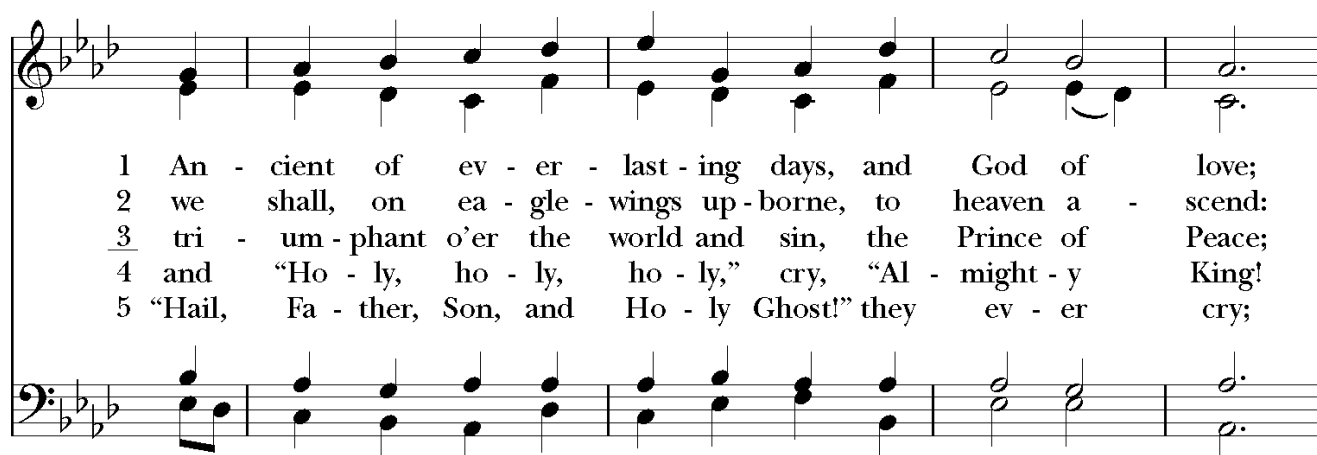
*Our Sunday worship service begins at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday and is **live streamed** from St. Francis' Church. It is available for you to share in on Facebook and Zoom. All of us look forward to the time when in person worship is permitted.*

This copy of the bulletin contains everything needed for today's worship. You are encouraged to respond and sing out loud with all persons gathered in your home.

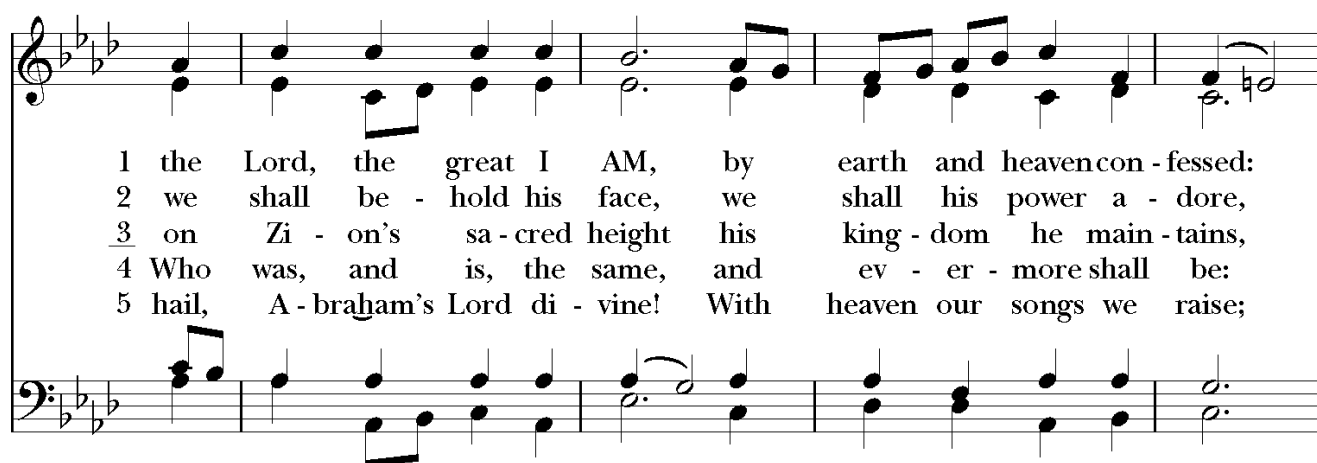
Prelude

All Verses

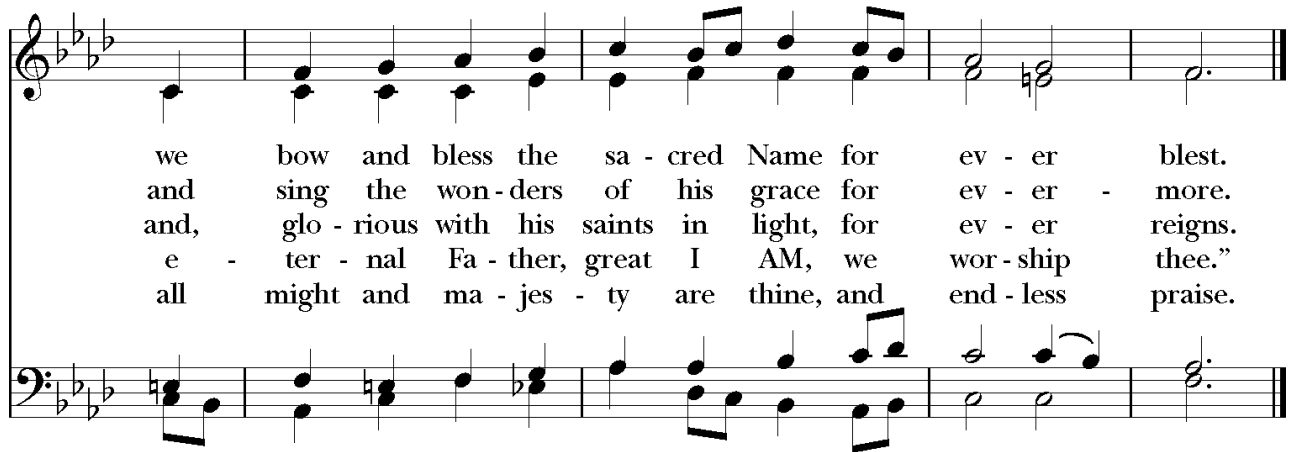
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Celebrant greets the People and they respond

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP 355
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant then says

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.**

Hymn of Praise **Glory to God in the Highest** Hymnal S277

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 Collect/Prayer of the Day

BCP 231

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

The Lector says

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM Who I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of

Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c *Confitemini Domino Give praise to the Lord*

The Lector reads the first verse to the asterisk then all say the remainder of the psalm together.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

The Lector says

A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Hymn If thou but trust in God to guide thee Hymnal 635
All Verses

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - serv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

The Gospel

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

16:21-28

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to

save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

After the Gospel the Deacon says
The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *Children & Adult*

Father Alfred Jewson

To allow for your personal reflection, a time of silence will be kept following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All say together

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father 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.

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon introduces the Prayers of the People

With expectant faith, let us place before God earnest petitions for our world, our Church, and ourselves, saying: Hear us, O Lord.

Intercessor

For our world, in need of healing, and in search for a savior, yet far from Jesus, together praying,

Hear us, O Lord.

For the churches and their leaders, at times narrowed by institutional concerns and blind to differing manifestations of faith, we pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, Alfred our priest, and Rebecca our deacon; for the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Rockwell House at Washington University, and Beth their chaplain, and in the Diocese of Lui, South Sudan, for Mata Parish and Elisapa their priest. Together praying,

Hear us, O Lord.

We raise before you our families, those who are placed in our care, those with whom we disagree, and those who we struggle to love, all of which, whose needs are known to you. Together praying,

Hear us, O Lord.

Strengthen for ministry those who work to educate and minister to others, for the staff and students of Friends of St. Francis Childcare Center, for the chaplains, staff, and volunteers at the Episcopal City Mission, and the youth in detention. Help us

also in our parish ministry areas, as we pray especially for those who help with food preparations for Trinity Hot Lunch program, and those whom they serve. Together praying,

Hear us, O Lord.

That leaders of our nation whose decisions influence the lives of many, may discern with wisdom and act with compassion. And that we might also be advocates for the unemployed and the underemployed, defenders of liberties for those who live in society's margins, and models of justice. We pray for those whom you have called to guard and protect your creation, those who work the land, who police our streets and first responders, and those who defend our nation, especially Kyle deployed to Iran. Together praying,

Hear us, O Lord.

Help us to be mindful of those who are isolated due to health issues, especially our homebound parishioners Darla, Noel, and Jack. We ask your spirit of healing to be upon parishioners Roger and Sue; we remember Allen, Virginia, Katie, Patsy, and Pansy, and all who are afflicted with COVID-19, and we pray that those who are troubled by demons of mind and body, and for those who must watch others suffer, be not forgotten. Together praying,

Hear us, O Lord.

For the victims and survivors of Hurricane Laura. For those whom we love but see no longer, that they may come into the fullness of life and be united with God in the community of the faithful. Together praying,

Hear us, O Lord.

At this time, I bid your prayers and intercessions, either silently or aloud.

All will be "unmuted" at this time to offer their biddings of joy, concern, or thanksgiving.

Celebrant brings the Prayers of the People to a close with the following sentences

Blessed and praised are you, O Lord, for you listen to all who call to you in faith. And you have promised to hear our prayers if we raise them in the name of Jesus, and so we do. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

EOW 19

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept, then the Minister and People say

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.

The Priest gives the Absolution from sin

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.

The Exchange of Peace

BCP 360

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

The Holy Communion

When we receive Christ's Body and Blood in corporal Holy Communion, we take into ourselves the Sacrament of Our Lord Jesus in the form of Consecrated Bread and Wine and are reminded of who we really are.

When we engage in spiritual Holy Communion, we are still reminded of who we really are. We are Christ's body and blood to each other and those whom we encounter in our daily lives.

The Celebrant says

I appeal to you, sisters and brothers, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Offertory Hymn

Take up your cross *All Verses*

Hymnal 675

1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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 harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944) Copyright ©1984, John Hooker. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

The Doxology

The Celebrant says

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory
 and the majesty.

All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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 him thanks and praise.

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

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death
and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting
life.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymnal S125

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

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. Francis, St. Paul, _____ 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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Celebrant says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

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.

Prayer after Spiritual Communion

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All together say

Almighty God, giver of life and destroyer of death, you have graciously reunited us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ and have hid us with him in you.

Fix that morning star which never sets, the risen light of Christ, in our lives that together we will walk in your presence, serving one another, with your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills, until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people

Loving God, send us anywhere in the world you would have us go, only go there with us. Place any burden upon us that you desire, only stand by us to sustain us; and break any tie that binds us, except the one that binds us to you. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal 344

All verses

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817) Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

Birthday

Rocco Regnier September 1

Anniversary

Michael and Anne Booker September 4

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your birthday or anniversary does not get listed in our bulletin it is because we do not know the date. Please send an email to ajewson.stfranch@gmail.com.

Announcements

The Dismissal

The Deacon gives the dismissal

Grace and peace remain with you and keep you in the love of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LISTS

Our homebound parishioners: Darla, Noel, and Jack

Our parishioners: Roger, and Sue

Weekly Prayer Rota: Jack Laules, Cory Lawson, Rich Mayfield, and Kathleen McDonald

Parish & Diocesan related prayer requests:

St. Francis' Discernment Team

Students and staff of Friends of St. Francis Childcare Center

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Episcopal Campus Ministry at Rockwell House at Washington University, and Beth their chaplain.

Companion Diocese of Lui, South Sudan: Mata Parish and Elisapa their priest.

For those committed to our ongoing prayers: Deaconess Anne House interns; those discerning a call to ordained ministry; the ministry of the chaplains, staff, volunteers at Episcopal City Mission, and the youth in detention and their families; patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders; those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; those who serve in our military, especially Kyle (USMC) deployed to Iran; those who are affected either through illness or bereavement by COVID-19 in our communities, across our nation, & throughout the world

For those who have asked for prayers: For Allen, Virginia, Katie, Patsy, and Pansy; survivors of Hurricane Laura, of first responders and healthcare professionals who continue to work on the frontlines of this pandemic; medical researchers searching for a cure & treatment for COVID-19

For those who have died and those who mourn: For those killed by Hurricane Laura and their families. For the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty in 2020 and their families; and for the youth in St. Louis who have suffered

directly from gun violence this year and those whose lives were lost and their families

Bible Study Questions

Exodus 3: 1-15

Moses' encounter with and commissioning by God sets a theme that will run like a thread through the entirety of the biblical narrative.

1. Burning bush, holy ground, Holy Mountain are reminders that nature itself is consecrated by God. In what ways does modern society respect the holiness of nature and disrespect it? Do all of us have a responsibility toward nature? If so, what are you prepared to do about it?
2. Throughout the Scriptures we read of God's deliverance of the oppressed. What can we do to help oppressed persons and peoples?
3. The encounter with God is a foundational moment in Scripture. How have we departed from the expectations of biblical religion's "foundational moment"? How have we remained faithful to that moment?
4. What has been a "burning bush" in your life? What has been the result of that experience?

Romans 12: 9-21

Paul wrote to the Roman Church from Corinth and had experienced firsthand individualism and faction in that church.

1. Where and when does your ego need to be tamed and reminded of Jesus' command to love one's neighbor as one's self?
2. Of the admonitions listed by Paul which two are most difficult for you to keep?
3. What one thing more than any other do you think important for living together in harmony, mutual love, and peace?

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus reminds us in today's gospel of a great truth about life and the spiritual journey: your life is not about you.

1. How does Peter's remark in this passage compare to what Peter stated in verse 6 from last Sunday?
2. The meaning of "disciple" is to walk in the footsteps of the master. How is "carrying one's cross" part of this message?
3. What is the most important truth to remember about suffering for the sake of the Gospel?
4. In what ways have you suffered for the sake of the Gospel?
5. Is there a difference between suffering on behalf of the Gospel and personal suffering?

Archdeacon Rebecca Away

Archdeacon Rebecca will join us on September 6, 2020

Something to Think About

Brought to you by the Stewardship of Life

“Take off your shoes, for you are standing on holy ground.”

The Lesson from Exodus reminds us that nature is sacred to God. Not only are we to respect our personal health and wellbeing, but also, nature is to be treated with respect and nurtured. By example we live out this facet of our stewardship.

St. Francis is a Two rule Church
Love God
Love Each Other

Readings for next Sunday, September 6, 2020

The First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14
The Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14
Psalm 124
The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Today's Ministers of Worship

Celebrant	The Rev. Alfred Jewson
Deacon	<i>Away in August</i>
Musician	Cheryl Foster
1 st Lector	Sheila McCart
2 nd Lector	Joe O'Reilly
Intercessor	Michael Booker
Livestream	Paul Jokerst

The Schedule for The Week

Sunday, August 30	10:15 am	Spiritual Holy Communion followed by virtual coffee hour
Monday, August 31	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday, September 1	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday, September 2	8:30 am 11:30 am	Morning Prayer Women's Lunch – Drewell Park
Thursday, September 3	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
Friday, September 4	8:30 am 10:00 am	Morning Prayer Bible Study with Kathleen McDonald on Zoom
Sunday, September 6	9:30-10:00am 10:15 am	Adult Forum – Michael Booker “How we got the Bible” Spiritual Communion followed by Virtual Coffee Hour

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