

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 16

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*Welcome to St. Francis' Episcopal Church where all are accepted and validated!*

*Lectionary Year A Daily Office Year 2*

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*In the absence of the Deacon the Celebrant assumes those liturgical roles.  
In the absence of the Celebrant the Deacon serves as Officiant.*

## 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.*

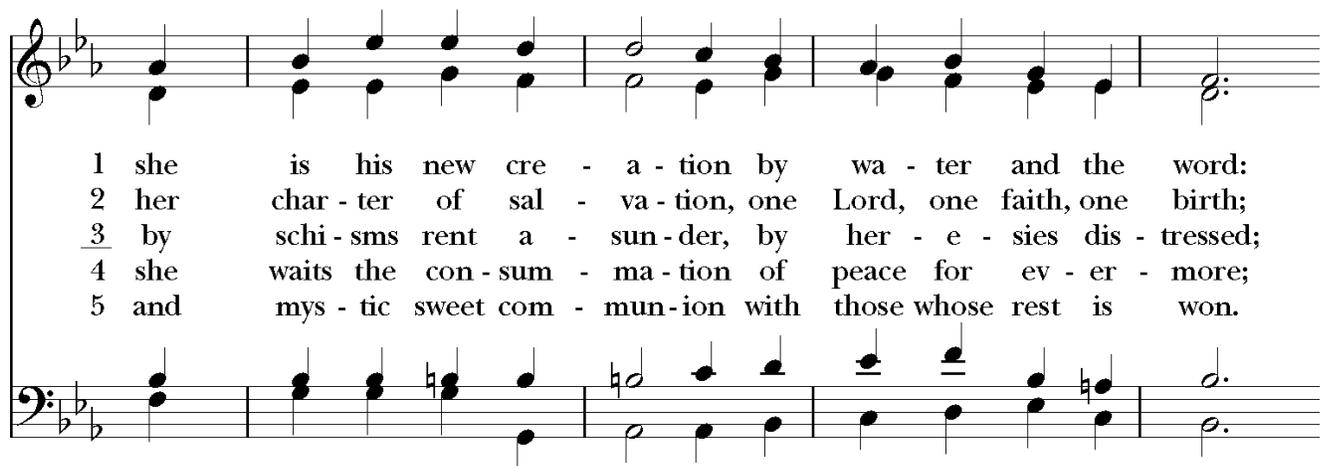
### Prelude

Gathering Hymn    **The Church's one foundation**  
Verses 1, 2, 4, 5

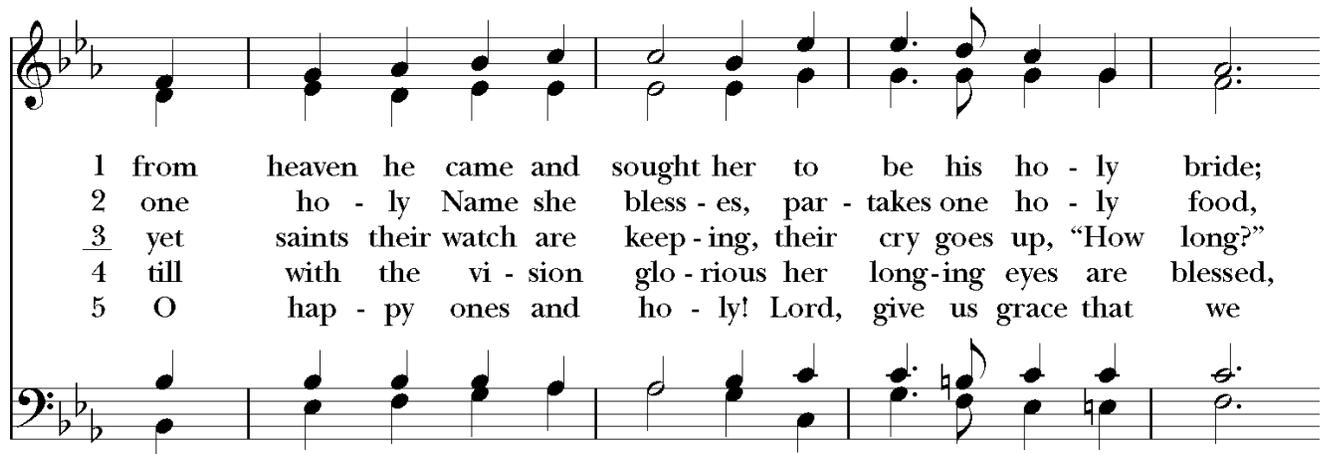
Hymnal 525



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)

## 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.

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

### **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 Lessons**

### **The First Reading**

*The Lector says*

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

*1:8 – 2:10*

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys

to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 124**    *Nisi quia Dominus If it had not been*

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

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;

- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

### **The Second Reading**

*The Lector says*

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

12:1-8

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

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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The des-ert shall re-joice and blos-som as a rose:

1. It shall  
2. For the  
3. For the  
4. For the

blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.  
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.  
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.  
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice  
and blossom as a rose:  
as the ransomed return to God  
and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice  
and blossom as a rose:  
unto Zion we come with joy,  
for our God has come to save us.

## **The Gospel**

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *16:13-20*

**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

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

*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*

Who can separate us from the love of God? What can separate us from the love of Christ? Let our hearts now respond to such overwhelming love as we pray together in the Spirit, 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 people and ministry of Episcopal Church of the Advent, Crestwood. We pray for Marshall, their interim rector and Deborah, their Deacon. In our companion Diocese of Lui we pray for Kasabere Parish, and Justin, their priest.

**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 teachers and students as schools prepare to reopen, for Friends of St. Francis Childcare Center, for the chaplains, staff, and volunteers at the Episcopal City Mission, and the youth in detention. 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. 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 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 those whom we love but see no longer, especially Cindy, sister of Patricia Moreland, the Rev. Virginia Dabney Brown, West Missouri, founder of Rivendell Community, Larry McCart, father of Troy McCart, Katharine Vogel, wife of the late Bishop Arthur Vogel, West Missouri, Bill Logue, brother-in-law of Max Starbuck, and the people killed in the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon 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*  
Infinite God, we have no claim to your mercy; yet it is your mercy we so desperately need. Turn your ear toward our supplications and grant us your healing touch. We

ask this with faith in the name of Jesus, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

**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.*

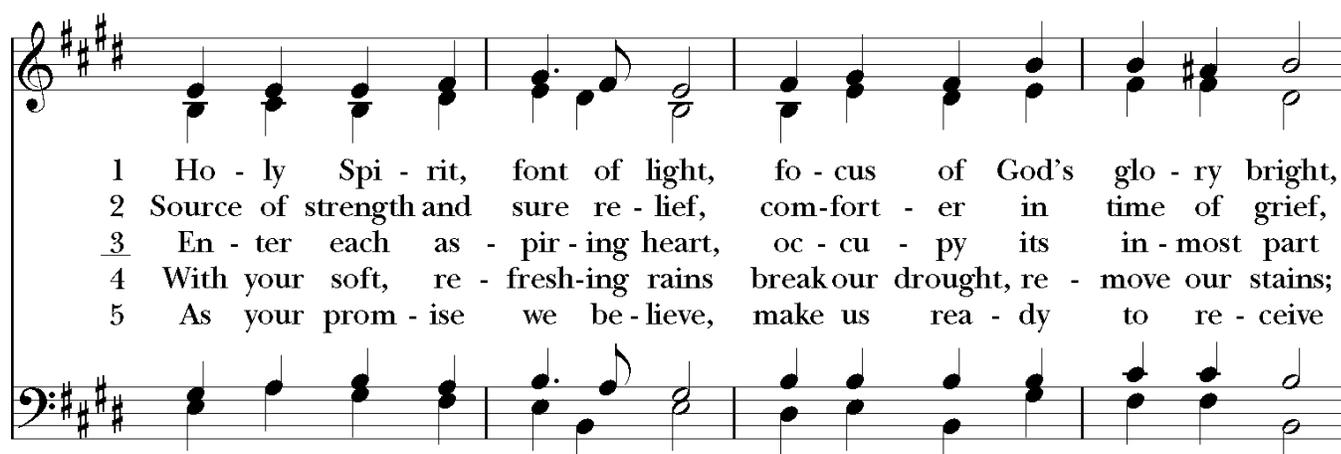
*The Celebrant says*

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.

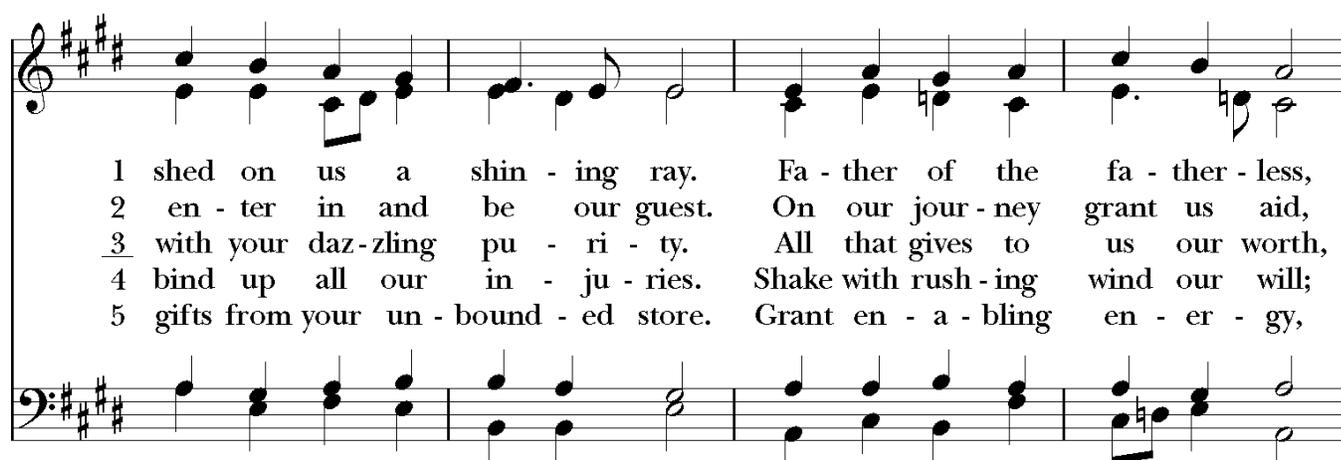
## Offertory Hymn

## Holy Spirit, font of love Verses 1, 3, 5

Hymnal 228



1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, font of light, fo - cus of God's glo - ry bright,  
2 Source of strength and sure re - lief, com - fort - er in time of grief,  
3 En - ter each as - pir - ing heart, oc - cu - py its in - most part  
4 With your soft, re - fresh - ing rains break our drought, re - move our stains;  
5 As your prom - ise we be - lieve, make us rea - dy to re - ceive



1 shed on us a shin - ing ray. Fa - ther of the fa - ther - less,  
2 en - ter in and be our guest. On our jour - ny grant us aid,  
3 with your daz - zling pu - ri - ty. All that gives to us our worth,  
4 bind up all our in - ju - ries. Shake with rush - ing wind our will;  
5 gifts from your un - bound - ed store. Grant en - a - bling en - er - gy,

1 giv - er of gifts lim - it - less, come and touch our hearts to - day.  
 2 fresh - ening breeze and cool - ing shade, in our la - bor in - ward rest.  
 3 all that ben - e - fits the earth, you bring to ma - tu - ri - ty.  
 4 melt with fire our i - cy chill; bring to light our per - ju - ries.  
 5 cour - age in ad - ver - si - ty, joys that last for ev - er - more.

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## 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      Glorious things of thee are spoken      Hymnal 522**  
*All verses*

*Descant*

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be  
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and  
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a  
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;  
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.  
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and  
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign and as priests, his  
 sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the  
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the  
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.  
 round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.  
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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## Birthdays

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|---------------|-----------|
| Annette Carr  | August 24 |
| Joe Bernert   | August 27 |
| Linda Carter  | August 27 |
| Scott Quade   | August 27 |
| Rosie Benecke | August 29 |

## 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](mailto: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:** Suzanne, Katie, & Abby, Kyra, and Mary Ann & Chris

**Parish & Diocesan related prayer requests:**

St. Francis' Discernment Team

Friends of St. Francis Childcare Center

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** For the people and ministry of Episcopal Church of the Advent in Crestwood, and Marshall their interim priest, and Deb their deacon

**Companion Diocese of Lui, South Sudan:** For Kasabere Parish in the diocese of Lui, South Sudan, & Justin 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 Virginia, Kathleen, Katie, Patsy, and Pansy; 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 Larry McCart, father of Troy McCart, Katharine Vogel, Bill Logue, brother-in-law of Max Starbuck and the people killed in the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon; 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 1:8-2:10

*The introduction of Moses forms a link between the story of Joseph and how God saved God's people from hunger and the reason for the people of God to leave Egypt. This time, God will use another son, Moses, lost in Egypt, drawn up from the water (instead of a well) to save his people.*

1. How does fear work in your own life when you meet head on with those who differ radically from you? Do you avoid contact? Do you attempt to find a common ground?
2. All of us face bitterness at some point in our lives. How have you experienced God's liberation in the midst bitterness?
3. When have you experienced "being drawn out of the water"? What changed in your life as a result?

Romans 12:1-8

1. How does Paul intend for the word "bodies" to be interpreted as "one's whole self" or "one's physical body"?
2. What do you suppose Paul meant when he admonished us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice? As spiritual worship?
3. Which of the gifts Paul lists come closest to your gifts? How are you using those gifts?

Matthew 16: 13-20

*This passage is a climax for Jesus' teaching, healing and feeding in Matthew.*

1. What in this passage suggests that we cannot reason our way to faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior?
2. Jesus usually spoke Aramaic. "Kepha" (Cephas - Peter) and "kepha" (rock) are the same word. In Greek "Petros" (Peter) and "petra" (rock) become a play on words. What does Peter as rock mean to you? Is Peter as an individual the "rock of the church" or is the reference here to "rock hard faith"?
3. How does this passage relate to Romans 12: 1-8

## Archdeacon Rebecca Away

Archdeacon Rebecca will be away from August 3 through the beginning of September. Any questions for Archdeacon Rebecca should be directed to Fr. Jewson.

### **Something to Think About**

*Brought to you by the Stewardship of Life*

How healthy are you? Paul reminds us that we need to be stewards of our physical bodies and do our best to keep them holy and acceptable to God. Is your diet healthful? Do you exercise? Get enough sleep? What can you do to be a better steward of your health?

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

### **Readings for next Sunday, August 30, 2020**

The First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

The Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-28

### Today's Ministers of Worship

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Celebrant              | The Rev. Alfred Jewson |
| Deacon                 | <i>Away in August</i>  |
| Musician               | Cheryl Foster          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Lector | Barb Sacco             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lector | Bob Smith              |
| Intercessor            | Tracey Oswald          |
| Livestream             | Paul Jokerst           |

### The Schedule for The Week

|                      |                                |                                                                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, August 23    | 10:15 am                       | Spiritual Holy Communion followed by virtual coffee hour                             |
| Monday, August 24    | 8:30 am                        | Morning Prayer                                                                       |
| Tuesday, August 25   | 8:30 am                        | Morning Prayer                                                                       |
| Wednesday, August 26 | 8:30 am<br>11:30 am<br>6:30 pm | Morning Prayer<br>Women's Lunch – Drewell Park<br>Bishop's Committee Meeting on Zoom |
| Thursday, August 27  | 8:30 am                        | Morning Prayer                                                                       |
| Friday, August 28    | 8:30 am<br>10:00 am            | Morning Prayer<br>Bible Study with Kathleen McDonald on Zoom                         |
| Sunday, August 30    | 10:15 am                       | Spiritual Communion followed by Virtual Coffee Hour                                  |

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Barb Sacco  
Bob Smith

### Class of 2022

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Donna Bernert  
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Herb Smith

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Max Starbuck Paul Jokerst  
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## The Discernment Committee (Vicar's Search)

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
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| Michael Booker             | Suzanne Jones                 |
| Jack Laules                | Barb Sacco                    |
| Jerry Smith                | Marsha Smith                  |

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