

# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 19

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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

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

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

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

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

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

BCP 355

*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**

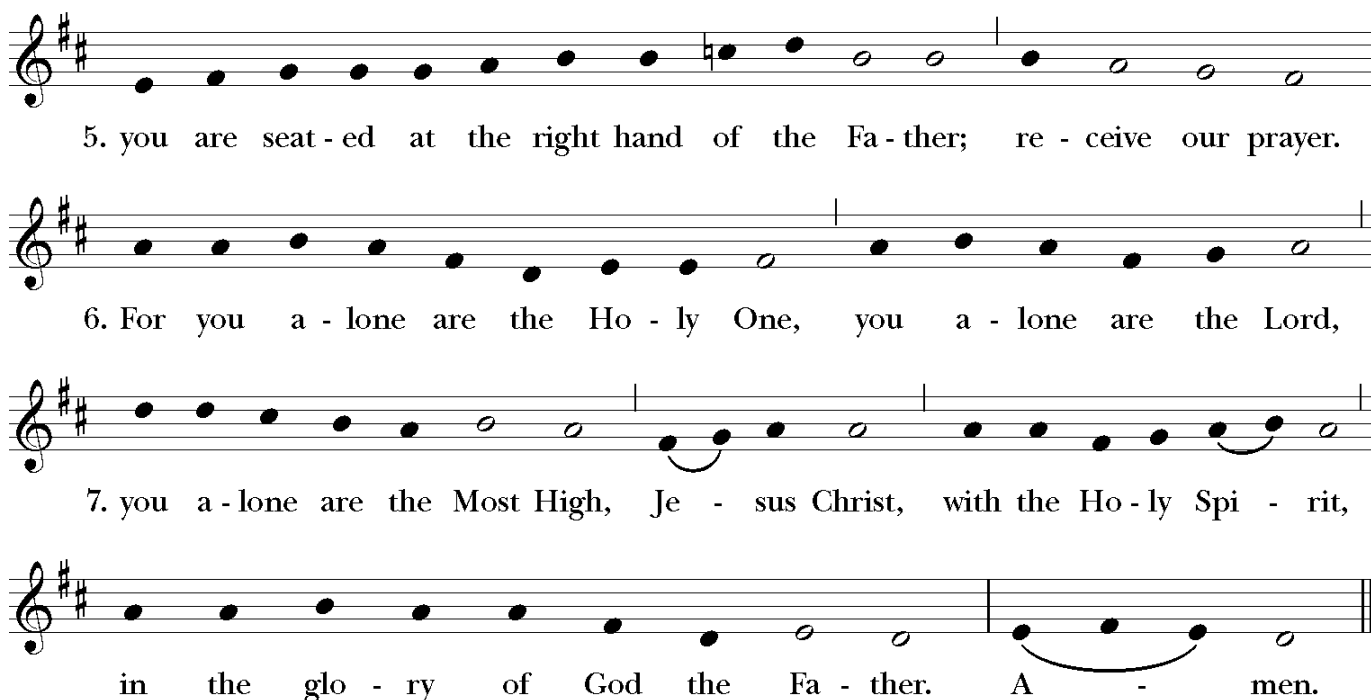
**Hymnal S277**

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;



### The Collect/Prayer of the Day

BCP 233

*This prayer “collects” or gathers our many thoughts to assist each of us with worship. The Celebrant greets us, and we respond, then the Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day. Our response, **Amen** is an affirmation of the prayer.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Collect for Holy Cross Day (September 14)

BCP 244

*All together say*

**Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

# **The Lessons**

## **The First Reading**

*The Lector says*

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

*14:19-31*

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*

**the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,**

2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*

**and Israel his dominion.**

3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*

**Jordan turned and went back.**

4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*

**and the little hills like young sheep.**

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*

**O Jordan, that you turned back?**

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*

**you little hills like young sheep?**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*

**at the presence of the God of Jacob,**

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*

**and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

### **The Second Reading**

*The Lector says*

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

*14:1-12*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might

be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Hymn      When Israel was in Egypt's land**

Hymnal 648

*All Verses*

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;  
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;  
3 They jour-neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;  
4 Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo-ple go.  
to lead the chil-dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.  
and came at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.  
and let us all in — Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The final measure of the second system is a whole note chord.

*Refrain*

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

The image shows a musical score for the refrain of the song 'Go Down, Moses'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the lyrics 'Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;' and the second system contains 'tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.' The music is written in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong emphasis on the downbeat.

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## The Gospel

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

18:21-35

**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.



Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’  
And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

*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

*The Deacon invites all to profess their faith by saying the Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
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 people and ministry of The people and ministry of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Fulton, and their interim priest. In our companion Diocese of Lui we pray for Lanyi Parish, and Charles, 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, especially local educators and students of all ages as his new school year, and for those discerning a call to ordained ministry. Help us also in our parish ministry areas that we may live into the call your Holy Spirit beckons. 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 Kathleen, Roger and Sue; we remember Gene, Allen, Virginia, 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 recent hurricanes and wildfires in the Pacific Northwest; and of violence in our cities, especially Portland, Oregon and Kenosha, Wisconsin. 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.

*"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall  
bow to me, and every tongue shall give  
praise to God."*

# Offertory Hymn

# All creatures of our God and King

Hymnal 400

Verses 1, 4, 5, 7



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
- \*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
- \*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
- 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
- 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
- \*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
- 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
- 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
- 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
- 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
- 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
- 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
- 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
- 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
- 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
- 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
- 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
- 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
- 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

## Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

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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 thing, always and everywhere to give thanks, to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

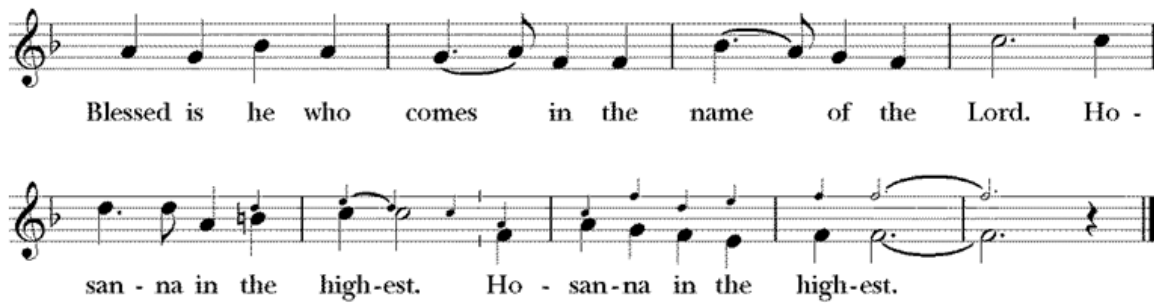
## Holy, Holy, Holy

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.



*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.*



*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

## Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Hymnal 527

*All verses*

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -  
by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the bass.

rist de - clar - ing    yours the    fi - nal    vic - to - ry.  
 firm be - liev - ing,    we are    yours, and    you the Lord.  
 ev - ery na - tion,    may we    faith - ful    fol - lowers be.

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## **Birthdays**

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| Alex Broom-Morse | September 14 |
| Johnathan Booker | September 15 |
| Colton Quade     | September 17 |
| Paul Becker      | September 19 |

## **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.**

*Worship Has Ended,  
 Let Our Service Begin!*

## PRAYER LISTS

**Our homebound parishioners:** Darla, Noel, and Jack

**Our parishioners:** Kathleen, Roger, and Sue

**Weekly Prayer Rota:** Gina & Al Nessel, Kathleen & Joe O'Reilly, and Tracey & Chris Oswald

**Parish & Diocesan related prayer requests:**

Friends of St. Francis Childcare Center

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** The people and ministry of St. Alban's Episcopal Church (1961), Fulton, and their interim priest

**Companion Diocese of Lui, South Sudan:** Lanyi Parish, and Charles, 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 Gene, Allen, and Virginia; 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 affected by wildfires in the Pacific Northwest

**For those who have died and those who mourn:** For those killed in violence in our cities, especially Portland, Oregon and Kenosha, Wisconsin 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

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

## **Bible Study Questions**

### Exodus 14:19-31

1. Which do you think the Israelites feared more, the walls of water to their left and right or the pursuing Egyptian army?
2. Have you ever faced your own “Red Sea”? Why did God lead you there? How did God lead you through your “Red Sea”? In what way did you show your gratitude?

### Romans 14:1-12

1. What do you suppose was causing the disunity in the church at Rome?
2. What does Paul mean in verses 7-8?
3. As you have matured in the faith, how has your sensitivity to the consciences of other Christians changed?

### Matthew 18:21-35

1. Offenders in Jesus' time were forgiven up to 3 times. What does Jesus' answer say about forgiveness in the Kingdom?
2. How does the parable of the unmerciful servant extend Jesus' teaching on forgiveness?
3. What is the connection between forgiveness, health, and wholeness?

### **Something to Think About**

*Brought to you by the Stewardship of Life*

Stewardship is proof of our genuine love. St. Paul pointed out to the Corinthians that their participation in the offering was the way in which to prove “that your love also is genuine.”

2 Corinthians 8:8

### **Readings for next Sunday, September 20, 2020**

The First Lesson: Exodus 16: 2-15

Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45

The Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

## **Guidelines for in person Worship**

*The entire set of guidelines are available on our website*

At the direction of Bishop Deon each church is required to have a Congregational Regathering Team to insure that in person worship follows mandatory guidelines from the Diocese of Missouri, the CDC, and St. Louis County. All persons must adhere to these guidelines whether we worship inside the building or outside. Following is a brief synopsis:

- Worship within the church proper = 35 individuals per St. Louis County Guidelines
- Outside worship = no limit on number of individuals
- All are required to wear Facemasks when approaching the church and while in the building, and during outside worship. Facemasks must fully cover the nose and mouth *face shields are not a substitute for facemasks*
- While singing facemasks must be worn
- Social distancing of 6 feet for other than family members
- Everyone attending worship will be required to have her/his temperature taken and sign in.
- For inside worship please enter through the East Red Door off the parking lot. At the conclusion of worship all must exit immediately through the double doors in the Narthex.

In person worship is scheduled to begin on Sunday, Sept. 20. St. Francis' Church is limited to 35 persons in the church section per for each in person worship scheduled. Members will be invited per last name with A to L on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month and M to Z on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. A survey will be sent out early next week to ask your preference for in person or zoom worship.

It is possible that in person worship could be postponed or periodically delayed dependent on the number of COVID-19 cases in St. Louis County. It will be the responsibility of this team to keep the congregation informed. Dependent upon the weather outside worship will be held on when inside worship is not possible.

At this time the prospect of scheduling a service on Wednesday evenings is on hold.

## **Ladies Wednesday Gatherings**

There has been a location change to the Timbers at Eureka. Please enter the parking lot and head toward the pavilion at the far end next to the Bike Trail.

## Today's Ministers of Worship

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| Celebrant   | The Rev. Alfred Jewson        |
| Deacon      | The Ven. Rebecca Barger       |
| Musician    | Cheryl Foster                 |
| Lector      | Michael Booker                |
| Intercessor | Jackie Selle                  |
| Livestream  | Michael Booker & Jackie Selle |

## The Schedule for The Week

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, September 13    | 9:30-10:00am<br>10:15 am                  | Adult Forum – Michael Booker<br>“How we got the Bible”<br>Zoomed Holy Eucharist<br>followed by Virtual Coffee Hour                 |
| Monday, September 14    | 8:30 am<br>6:00 pm                        | Morning Prayer<br>Special meeting for Worship &<br>Music – Community Room                                                          |
| Tuesday, September 15   | 8:30 am<br>3:30 pm                        | Morning Prayer<br>CRT Meeting via Zoom                                                                                             |
| Wednesday, September 16 | 8:30 am<br>11:30 am<br>5:00 pm<br>6:30 pm | Morning Prayer<br>Women's Lunch – The Timbers<br>CRT Meeting – Community<br>Room<br>Bishop's Committee Meeting –<br>Community Room |
| Thursday, September 17  | 8:30 am                                   | Morning Prayer                                                                                                                     |
| Friday, September 18    | 8:30 am<br>10:00 am                       | Morning Prayer<br>Bible Study with Kathleen<br>McDonald on Zoom                                                                    |
| Sunday, September 20    | 9:30-10:00am<br>10:15 am                  | Adult Forum – Michael Booker<br>“How we got the Bible”<br>Holy Eucharist in person with<br>followed by Virtual Coffee Hour         |

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## **The Bishop's Committee**

Jackie Selle, *Bishop's Warden*      Donna Bernert, *Junior Warden*

### **Class of 2021**

Mike Rohan  
Barb Sacco  
Bob Smith

### **Class of 2022**

Sylvia Ahmad  
Donna Bernert  
Jackie Selle  
Herb Smith

### **Class of 2023**

Mary Ann Kinder  
Doris Schaefer  
Bill Thompson

Tracey Oswald, *Treasurer*

## **Convention Delegates**

Max Starbuck      Paul Jokerst  
Michael Booker, *Alternate*

## **Congregational Regathering Team**

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## **Friends of St. Francis Day Care**

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofStFrancisChildcare/>