

*January 31, 2021*

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER  
THE EPIPHANY**

*Liturgy of the Word, Rite Two*



*St. Francis' Episcopal Church*

Prelude

Welcome from the Vicar

The Word of God

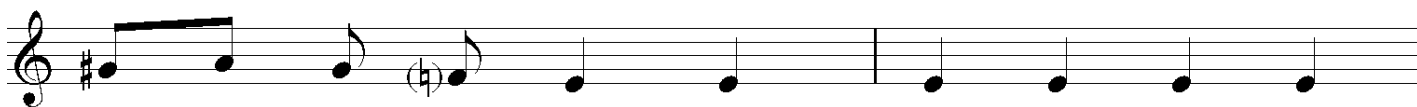
The people of God gather together.  
A bell rings out. Silence is kept.

Gathering Hymn

Open Your Ears

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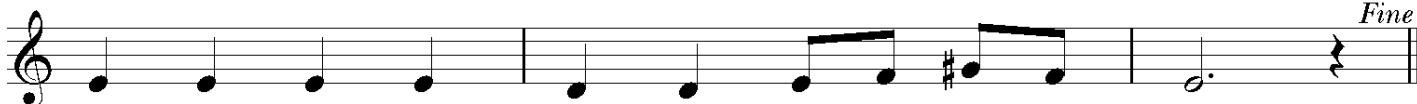
Hymn Leader, Max Starbuck, St. Francis'



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,  
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,  
3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,  
4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O  
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the  
Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the  
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.  
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.  
peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.  
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.



God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!



And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -



jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,  
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,

Hal - le - lu - jah!      And his words are  
To - rah o - ra,      To - rah o - ra, *Da Capo*

words of wis - dom,      Hal - le - lu - jah!  
To - rah o - ra,      Hal - le - lu - jah!

“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

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**Opening Acclamations**

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

**Confession of Sin**

Officiant:      Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

Officiant and People:

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant:      Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People:          **Amen.**

*Hymn Leader, Leah Milton, St. Barnabas'*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 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 of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.  
 People: **And also with you.**  
 Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

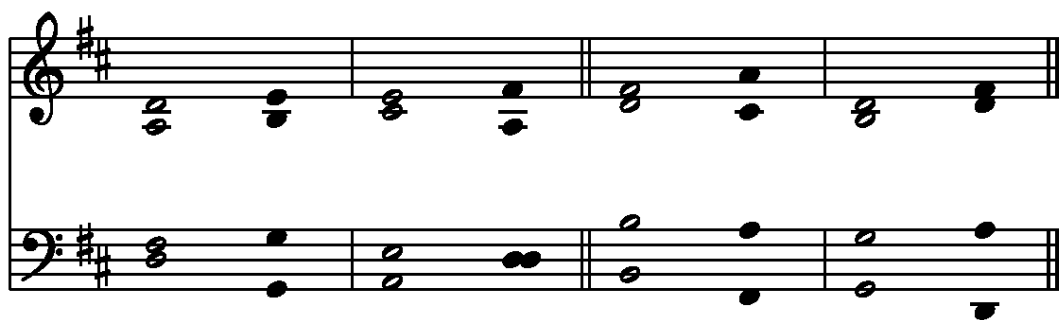
### The Lessons

#### The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

People: The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



## 1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole / heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congre/gation.

## 2 Great are the deeds of the / Lord!

they are studied by all who delight in / them.

## 3 His work is full of majesty and / splendor,

and his righteousness endures for/ever.

## 4 He makes his marvelous works to be re/membered;

the Lord is gracious and full of com/passion.

## 5 He gives food to those who / fear him;

he is ever mindful of his / covenant.

## 6 He has shown his people the power of his / works

in giving them the lands of the / nations.

## 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and / justice;

all his commandments are / sure.

## 8 They stand fast forever and / ever,

because they are done in truth and / equity.

## 9 He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for/ever;  
holy and awesome is his / Name.

## 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

those who act accordingly have a good under/standing;  
his praise endures for/ever.

## The Second Reading

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn

### You Have Anointed Me

GPIII 197

*Hymn Leader, Max Starbuck, St. Francis'*

**VERSE 1:**

Melody

1. To bring glad tid-ings to the low - ly, to heal the bro - ken heart, -

1. you have \_\_\_ a - noint - ed me.

1. To pro-claim lib-er-ty to cap - tives, re - lease to pris - on - ers, -

1. you have \_\_\_ a - noint - ed me.

**REFRAIN:**

Am7 Em7 Asus4 A

Your Spir - it, O God, is up - on me, \_\_\_\_\_

Am Am7/D 1 G to Verse 2 Final G Fine

you have a - noint - ed me. me.

**VERSE 2:**

Bm7/F# Am/E Am/D G Gmaj7 G6

2. To an - nounce a year of fa - vor, to com - fort those who mourn, \_\_\_\_\_

Gmaj7 Am7 Am7/D G

2. you have a - noint - ed me. me.

Gmaj7 G6 3

2. To give to them the oil of glad - ness, and share a man - tle of \_\_\_\_\_

Gmaj7 Am7 Am7/D G D.S. al fine

2. joy, you have a - noint - ed me. me.

## The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

1:21-28

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father 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.

Prayers of the People

- Deacon: Hear our supplications, O Lord, as we return to you with our whole heart and soul and mind, responding to each petition by saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."
- Intercessor: Open our ears to hear the message of peace that is being proclaimed throughout the world, and inspire us to work for its fruits in our time and place; for this we pray.
- People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: For those who are suffering with illness and for those who bear a private grief, we pray especially for Noel, Roger, Ernie, Rosie, Paul, Mary, Max, Ann, and Skip. And we remember those who have asked for our prayers, Derrick, Bob & Bev, the Corley family, Kelly, Jan, Melissa, John, Chris, Ruth, Lisa, Esada, Bill, Sally, Sharen, Emily, Ken, Pauline, Pat, and Mary; and all who are afflicted by Covid 19, that God may bring them relief from their burdens; for this we pray.
- People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor:: Remove all greed and dishonesty from government organizations and agencies, that the poor may be fed, the elderly receive care, and children be given the knowledge necessary for a full and productive life; for this we pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give us the courage to face the unclean spirits that dwell within us and the faith to dispel their stronghold, so that others may see God's power working in our lives and come to believe; for this we pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Empower bishops, priests, and deacons with such love towards you that they may minister with vision, energy, and enduring faithfulness; for this we pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Enfold those who have ended their course on earth and have joined the saints in the region of light, especially Betty Alderson. May we, in our own time, come to the joys of your eternal reign; for this we pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Love is the source of all that is good and hopeful, and in God's charity we continue our prayers. At this time, I invite your intercessions and prayers of thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

*At this time, please offer your prayers and thanksgivings for the world, the church, and all those we love, either silently or aloud.*

*Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on page 12 of this bulletin, for additional biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed on our website.*

Officiant: O Eternal Light, you sent your child Jesus Christ that there might no longer be slave or free, Jew or Gentile, male or female: Help us to respect the dignity of all human beings and to live in harmony with one another; all for your love's sake, both now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Officiant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People: **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 Peace**

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **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.*

## Announcements

### The Blessing

Officiant: The blessing of God, the Eternal, the Incarnate and the Abiding Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

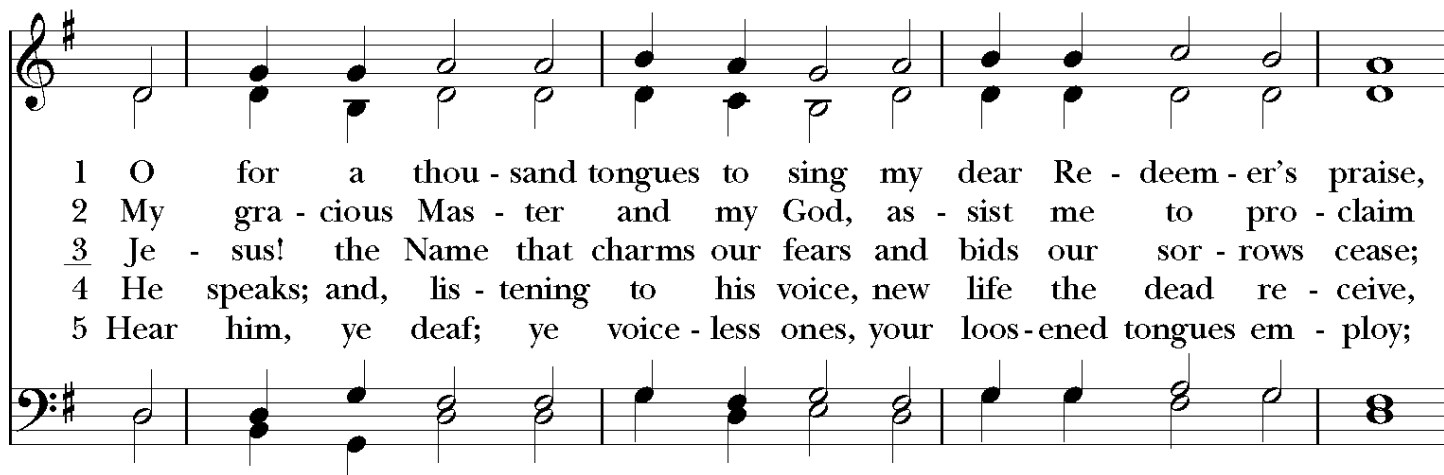
People: **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

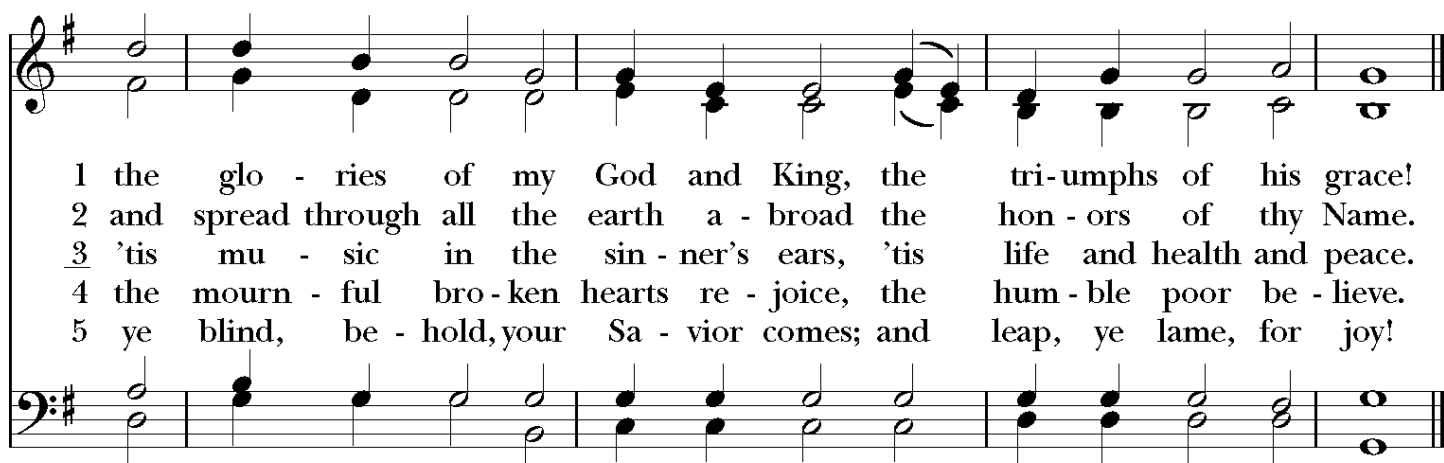
### O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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*Hymn Leader, Max Starbuck, St Francis'*



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

### Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

## Prayer Lists

**Our homebound parishioner:** Noel

**Our parishioners:** Roger, Ernie, Rosie, Paul, Mary, Max, Ann, and Skip

**For those who have asked for prayers:** For Derrick, Bob and Bev, the Corley family, Kelly, Jan, Melissa, John, Chris, Ruth, Lisa, Esada, Bill, Sally, Sharen, Emily, Ken, Pauline, Pat, and Mary; first responders, healthcare professionals, and educators who continue to work during this pandemic; medical researchers manufacturing and distributing COVID-19 vaccines

**For those who have died and those who mourn:** For Betty Alderson, grandmother of Paul Jokerst; for those who have suffered loss from natural disasters across our country; for the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and their families; and for all in St. Louis who have suffered directly from gun violence this year and those whose lives were lost and their families

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** For the people and ministry of Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood, and Todd their rector and Virginia their assisting 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; those who are affected by Covid-19

### Today's Ministers of Worship

<b>Preaching</b>	Kathleen McDonald
<b>Officiant</b>	The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
<b>Deacon</b>	The Ven. Rebecca Barger
<b>Director of Music</b>	Cheryl Foster
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Smith
<b>Intercessor</b>	Sue Schmidt
<b>Livestream</b>	Paul Jokerst and Jackie Selle

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