A CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY AND WELCOMING OF A NEW VICAR

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti



The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson,
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri,
presiding

Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Welcome





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Bishop: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: Christ in risen indeed. Alleluia.

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God, Creator of all.

Bishop: God be with you.
People: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Wardens stand near the Bishop.

The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering, and concludes

People of St. Francis' Episcopal Church, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your

choice for a new Vicar.

Wardens: We have chosen and called The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti to be our Vicar and she has accepted.

Bishop: I commend your choice and affirm this call.

The Bishop reads the Letter of Institution.

Bishop: Are you, the people of St. Francis' Episcopal Church, ready to continue in your ministry, with The

Rev. Laurie Anzilotti as your priest?

People: We are.

The Wardens escort the Priest to the front of the assembly. They present keys to her and say

Laurie, receive these keys and let the doors of St. Francis' be open to all people.

The Word of God

All youth and children present are invited to convene with the Deacon. They present the Bible and say

Laurie, with this Bible we proclaim and hear God's living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling

the Good News to the World.

Vicar: Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of Salvation.

First Lesson

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

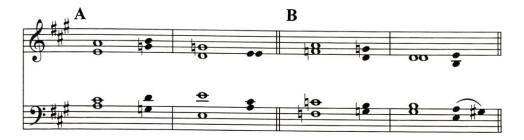
The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 133





- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. ANTIPHON
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. **ANTIPHON**

The Second Lesson

Reader: A reading from the first Letter of John.

1:1-2:2

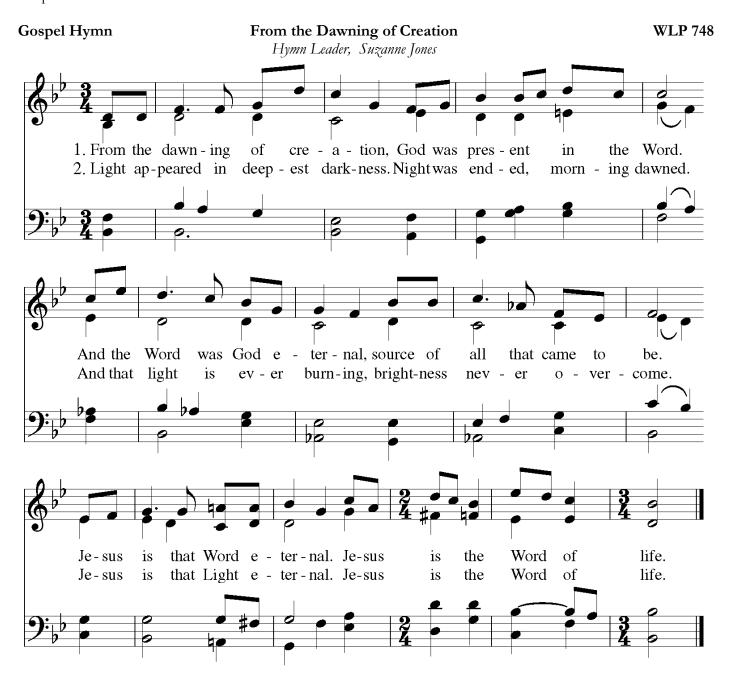
We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also

may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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



The Gospel

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

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Lindy Cornelius Hardwick

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

When Renewal of Baptismal Vows is said, the Nicene Creed and Confession are not said.

Bishop: Laurie; people of St. Francis': in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and

full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the

mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

People: We will, with God's help.

Bishop: The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his

death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing

them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop blesses the water.

We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Vicar: Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all

his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

Water is poured into the font and the Bishop leads the renewal of baptismal vows.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm our renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the

prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human

being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon

us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his

grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Amen.

A parishioner brings forward prayer beads and shawl as a symbol of prayer and says

Laurie, with these objects of prayer, we invite you to be among us as a person of prayer.

Litany for the Mission of the Church

Intercessor: O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this

time and place.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Intercessor: Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Intercessor: Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of

refreshment.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Intercessor: Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Intercessor: Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Intercessor: Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities and all

parts of the world.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Intercessor: Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Intercessor: Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive

places.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Intercessor: Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those on our prayer lists.

The congregation adds personal prayers silently or aloud. Silence is maintained for a few moments.

Bishop: Blessed God, who makes all things new: Grant that we may be leaven for the world's bread, wine

of delight for hearts in need, strong for service and glad in praise; and a people listening and

responding to your presence in our midst; through Jesus our redeemer and steadfast companion.

People: Amen.

A parishioner presents a stole to the Vicar and says

Laurie, with this stole, we invite you to be among us as pastor and priest.

The Peace

Vicar: 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 from the Vicar

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem Sonata for Oboe and Piano

Caitlin Selle and Cheryl Foster

Doxology H 380 v. 3

Hymn Leader, Tracey Oswald

The following is sung as the offerings are presented.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above you heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Bishop: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,

source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters;

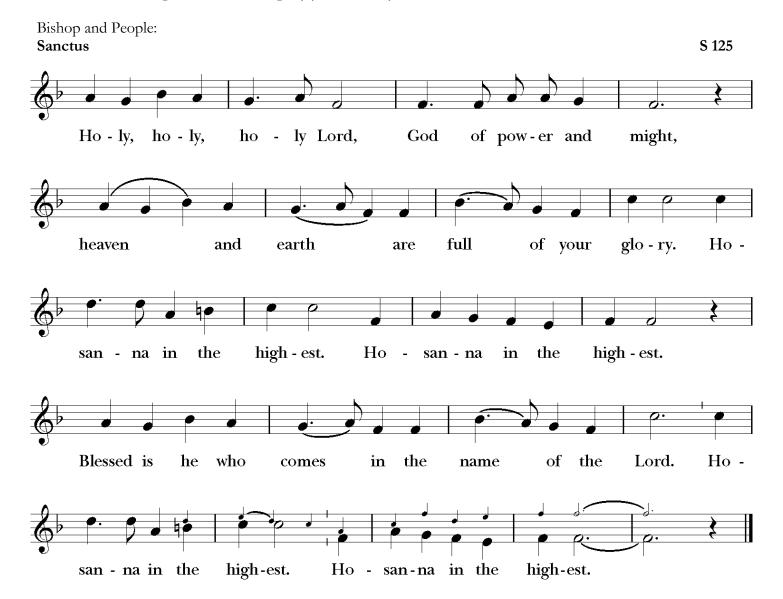
and every living thing. You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:



Bishop:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat. This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you" This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Francis and all your saints, from every rive and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



Bishop: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

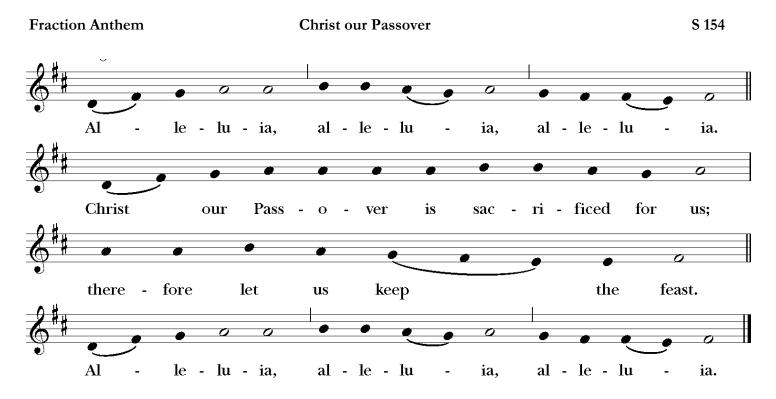
People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be

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 Breaking of the Bread

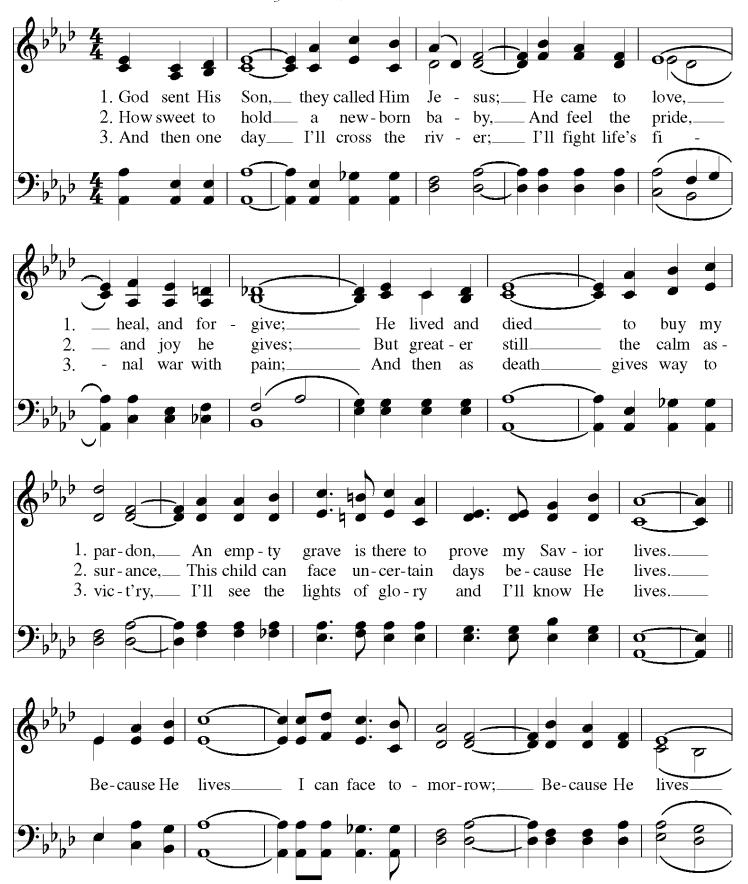
The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

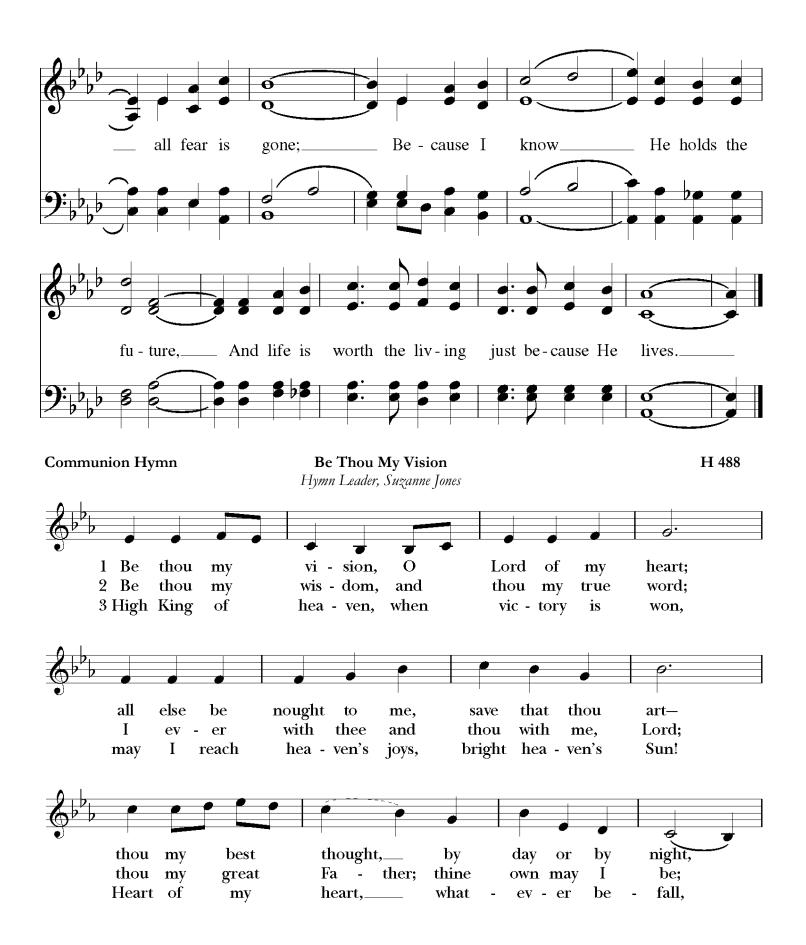


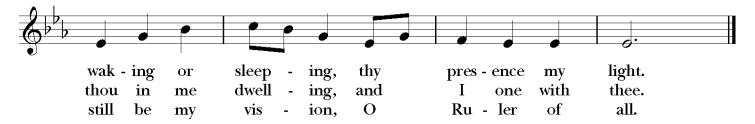
Bishop: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. However because of Covid, we cannot all receive from the same cup at the same time, but our cup remains common to us all as a different parishioner receives the cup at each service on behalf of the entire community. If you prefer not to receive Communion, please just cross your hands over your heart when the clergy come to your car.

Hymn Leader, Max Starbuck







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Postcommunion Prayer

Bishop: Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Bishop: We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Laurie, I

commend to your love and care the people of St. Francis' Episcopal Church. My siblings in Christ,

I commend to your love and care your new Vicar, colleague and friend, Laurie.

Blessing

Bishop: God's blessing be with you,

God's peace be with you,

the Spirit's outpouring be with you

now and always.

People: Amen.

Sending Hymn We are Marching in the Light of God

WLP 787

Hymn Leader, Sheila McCart

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

We are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching we are marching, marching,

We are marching in the light of God.

We are clapping in the light of God,
We are clapping in the light of God,
We are clapping in the light of God,
We are clapping in the light of, the light of God.
We are clapping, marching, we are clapping, clapping,
We are clapping in the light of, the light of God.
We are clapping, clapping we are clapping, clapping,
We are clapping in the light of God.

Dismissal

Deacon: As we go out this day, let us live true to the message of the Gospel, and leave in peace to love and

serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: We will live true to the Gospel! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer Lists

Our homebound parishioner: Noel

Our parishioners: Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, Sue, and Kathleen M.

Prayers of thanksgiving in our parish: Celebration of New Ministry for Vicar Laurie and the people of St. Francis' Episcopal Church

For those who have asked for prayers: For Carly, Mary Jo, Molly, Penny, Sally, Tessie, Melanie, Debbie, Robin, Pat, Elizabeth B., Elizabeth T., Joan, Tucker, Christine, Linda Rose, Mary, Joanna, Brittney, Dominic, and Tony; first responders, healthcare professionals, and educators who continue to work during this pandemic; the manufacturing and equitable distribution of Covid-19 vaccines

For those who have died and those who mourn: For Officer Eric Talley and all the victims of the mass shooting in Georgia, Colorado, and California, Chris Danner, and Lee McKee; 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 St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Ladue, and Kelly their priest, and Shug their transitional deacon

For those committed to our ongoing prayers: Deaconess Anne House interns and 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 and those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; those who serve in our military; all whose lives have been impacted by Covid-19

Today's Ministers of Worship

CelebrantThe Rt. Rev. Deon K. JohnsonPreacherThe Rev. Lindy Cornelius Hardwick

Deacon The Ven. Rebecca Barger

Music Director Cheryl Foster
Altar Guild Linda Doolittle
Greeter Linda Doolittle

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Intercessor Jackie Selle

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Sunday Forum Series

WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR?

What does it mean to be a neighbor or to accept someone else as one's neighbor? What does Jesus have to say about it? Join us during our Sunday Forum, each week 9:30am-10:15am, from Sunday, April 11th through Sunday, May 30th, as we explore these questions and more, featuring speakers:

- April 11: The Rt. Rev. Dean K. Johnson, Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Missouri
 This session will be held immediately after worship instead of before, and on YouTube instead of Zoom.
- April 18: Jim Bowlin, Mayor of Wildwood and St. Francis' parishioner
- April 25: Audrey Bell, Director, Eureka Food Pantry
- May 2: Steve Myers, Mayor of Pacific
- May 9: Dr. Michael Booker, St. Francis' parishioner and Sunday Forum Leader, "Prayers of the People: Praying for our Neighbor"
- May 16: Lili Schliesser, Project Coordinator Community Partners in Prevention, Rockwood School District
- May 23: Dr. Michael Booker, St. Francis' parishioner and Sunday Forum Leader, "Definitions"
- May 30: The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti, Vicar of St. Francis'

You can attend in person or on Zoom. Meeting ID: 845 6585 8640; Passcode: neighbor

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NEW WORSHIP FORMAT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

8:30am

Spoken Eucharist in person in our sanctuary, following our Covid safety protocols (below). Eucharist will continue to be pre-packaged for Covid safety, and there will be no wide distribution of the cup.

9:30am

Sunday Forum in person in the Community Room, following our Covid safety protocols (below) or via Zoom. Zoom participants will be able to see and hear speakers as well as ask questions through a "Zoom usher" monitoring online participants.

10:30am

Liturgy of the Word Worship live streamed via YouTube

Covid safety protocols

- All persons entering must be well (not ill) and wear a mask covering their nose and mouth.
- All persons should allow for 6 feet of distance between themselves and others, except members of their household.
- The occupancy is limited to 52 persons in the sanctuary (35% of the space capacity of the room).
- No pre-registration needed, but sign-in for contact tracing required when entering the building.

TODAY'S DRIVE-IN EUCHARIST DETAILS

Today is our final worship of our weekly drive-in Eucharists!

AUDIO

To listen to today's service, tune your car radio to 99.5 FM.

SINGING

We encourage you to sing along. Mask free is safe while you're in your car; if you exit your car or roll down your windows, please leave your mask on.

RECEIVING EUCHARIST

Everyone is invited to receive. Clergy members will come to the driver's window wearing a mask and hand the driver wafers for everyone in your car. Each wafer is individually wrapped in a sanitized plastic bag.

We will only be receiving in one kind. The bishop's guidelines do not permit the distribution of wine or juice at this time. Our cup remains a common cup by our inviting one parishioner to drink from it at each service.

If no one in the car would like to receive, simply cross your arms over your chest with your car window up.

MASKS

All attendees 2 years and older must wear masks any time you open car windows or step out of your car.

DISTANCE

Please stay within your car's parking spot, whether you remain in the car or sit outside of it. Greet one another with waves for now until we can safely offer hugs and handshakes.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We welcome donations to support the work of St. Francis', whether a payment on a pledge or simply an offering. Ushers have baskets to collect offerings.