



St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, April 14, 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

with Baptism, Confirmation and Reception



“No mistakes in worship:” At St. Francis’, we say, “there are no mistakes in worship.” Of course we make mistakes, but this is our way of saying that our focus is praise, thanks and dwelling with God as a community. If we sing off key, stand or sit at the wrong time, or make some other error, God is still praised. That is our priority! So if you make a mistake while you are with us, welcome to the club and God be praised!

We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.

PRELUDE

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

FLUTE SOLO BY LAURIE UNDERWOOD

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Stand.* CHRIST IS ALIVE, LET CHRISTIANS SING

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is 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 and creator of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop O Wounded One, Risen One, Life-giving Lover of Souls: Guide us as we seek to build up your Church on earth, drawing others into the warmth of your saving embrace; to the honor and glory of your most blessed name, from this time forth and for ever more.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

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The congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.



Lord, let your face shine up - on us, shine up -
on us, shine up - on us.

- 1 Listen to my song, hear me when I call, O Lord,
my God, be gracious, hear my prayer. **ANTIPHON**
- 2 You have called my name, set your seal upon my heart,
you hear me when I call. **ANTIPHON**
- 3 Fill me with your joy, grant to me your peaceful rest,
to dwell in safety with my Lord. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the first letter of John.

3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand and sing twice.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
ia. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -
ia, al - le - lu.

THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 24:36b-48

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Sing the music above one time through.*

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents We present Connor Lawrence to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Bishop Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Bishop Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Bishop Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Bishop Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Bishop The other candidates will now be presented.

Bishop's Warden I present Chuck, Jude and Kevin for Confirmation.

I present Meaghan and Jeffrey to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support the candidates in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *Stand*

Deacon Do you believe in God?

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

Deacon 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.

Deacon 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 How will you connect to Christ in community?

People **With God's help I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

Bishop How will you resist evil and turn to Christ?

People **With God's help I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**

Bishop How will you show Christ in your life?

People **With God's help I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

Bishop How will you seek and serve Christ in your life?

People **With God's help I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.**

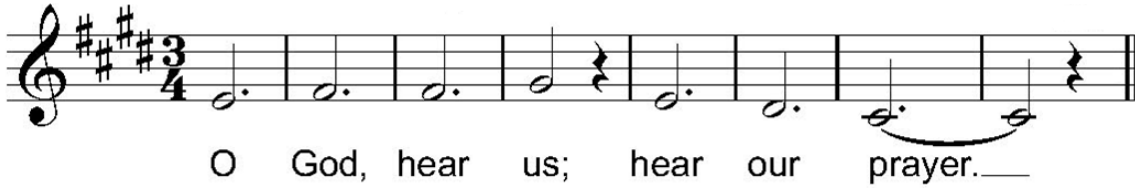
Bishop How will you preserve God's creation?

People **With God's help I will cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Deacon Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Cantor begins the Prayers for the Candidates by singing the response one time through.



Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

Deacon Open their hearts to our grace and truth.

People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **O God, hear us; hear our prayer.**

Bishop Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Bishop blesses the water, saying

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Bishop continues.

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the Bishop, who then pours water upon the candidate saying

Bishop I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Abiding God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Connor your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Priest You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Bishop lights the baptismal candle from the Paschal Candle.

Bishop Let us welcome Connor.

Bishop and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE CONFIRMATION

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Silence may be kept.

Bishop Abiding God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says:

Bishop Strengthen, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her/them for your service; and sustain him/her/them all the days of him/her/their life.

Candidate Amen.

THE RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Bishop lays hands on each candidate, and says:

Bishop We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. May the Holy Trinity bless, preserve, and keep you.

Candidate Amen.

Bishop Almighty and everlasting God, let your divine hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

OFFERTORY

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS **ST. FRANCIS' SINGERS**

THE DOXOLOGY

The following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

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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 *Stand*

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 God thanks and praise.**

Bishop It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say/sing:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed the
one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

Bishop

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Bishop and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Bishop

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

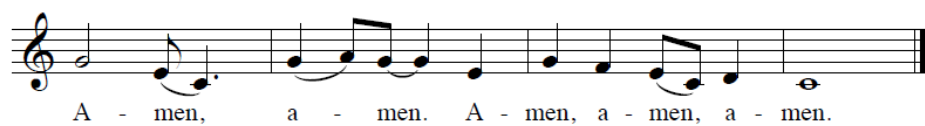
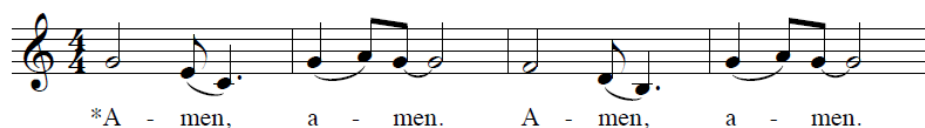
Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.

AMEN

Sung twice.



**Pronounced: Ay-men.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Bishop Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
world, grant us peace.

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Deacon The table of Christ's body and blood is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus. It is the table of sharing with the poor and lowly of the world, with whom Jesus identified.

Bishop So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

People **Amen. As the bread and wine we now eat are transformed, may we be changed into the likeness of Christ; bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh, loving and caring for the world.**

Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. 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. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
 ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
 Praise to his Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

Repeat Refrain

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received communion the Bishop says

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

People **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Bishop blesses the people.

People Amen.

SENDING HYMN

CHRIST HAS ARISEN



1. Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia! Re - joice and
2. For three long days the grave did its worst, Un - til its
3. The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear, You look for
4. "Go spread the news, he's not in the grave." He has a -



praise him, al - le - lu - ia! For our Re - deem - er
strength by God was dis - persed. He who gives life did
Je - sus who is not here. See for your-selves, the
ris - en, all folk to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing



burst from the tomb, E - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom.
death un - der - go, And in its con - quest his might did show.
tomb is all bare. On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
la - bors are done. E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won.



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sins for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Deacon Share the love of the risen Christ with the world and go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **We will share the love of Christ with the world! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The flowers are a gift from Cathy and Larry Damico in honor of Connor Lawrence Farrar.

They will be planted on St. Francis' grounds as a perpetual reminder of his presence in the body of Christ.