



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, April 23, 2023

The Third Sunday of Easter



# *Rejoice!*

## HAVE YOU NOTICED LITURGICAL CHANGES THESE THREE WEEKS OF EASTER?

**Color:** Our Lenten purple and holy week red are replaced by Easter white and gold, the colors of joy and resurrection.

**Flowers:** Easter is the only season in which St. Francis has flowers present at the altar each week. This highlights the importance and celebration not just of Easter Day, but of the entire 50-day Easter season.

**Seating:** In Lent, our seating was “choir style” or facing one another as we confess our sins and weakness to God and to one another. In Easter, we face forward toward the white, gold, flowers, and signs of “Alleluia!”

**Candles:** We add the tall Paschal Candle next to the sanctuary in Easter. Paschal means “passover.” We believe Jesus “passed over” from death to life. The Paschal Candle is lit and prominently placed next to the altar to convey in sign and symbol a central theme of Easter—the unconquered light of Christ.

**Liturgical language:** In Lent, we do not use the word “Alleluia” which means “God be praised!” This word returns in Easter. Can you find the places where “Alleluia” is used in the liturgy? How does it change those pieces of the liturgy?

**Readings from Sacred Story:** Throughout the year, the first reading comes from Hebrew Scriptures. Only during Easter is the first reading from the New Testament: the Book of Acts. Acts shares the story of Jesus’ followers in the days, weeks and months after Jesus’ death.

**Confession:** Where did it go? In Lent, we opened our liturgy with the Penitential Rite which includes the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy) and the confession. For the eight Sundays of Easter, we omit the confession altogether. This liturgical change emphasizes God’s grace and love, and Christ’s definitive reconciling power for us all.

**Eucharistic Prayer:** We use the Eucharistic Prayer One from Enriching Our Worship during the Easter season this year. Enriching Our Worship is a liturgical resource from the Episcopal Church that provides additional resources to assist worshipping communities to expand the language, images and metaphors used in worship. As we pray the Eucharistic prayer together, what parts speak particularly well to the themes of the Easter season?

**“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!

## WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Stand*ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, HEARTS TO HEAVEN *At 8am, v. 1 and 4*

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise:  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove;  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
 see the an - cient powers of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
 there in all the Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of love;  
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;



he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
 once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,  
 hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wound - ed hands and side!  
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
 Now let ev - ery wrong be end - ed, ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty!

## OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

**GLORIA** At 8am, refrain only. Sung two times.

Refrain:

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,  
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth

*To Verses*

peace to peo - ple of good will.

1. We praise you,  
we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us. **Refrain**

3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **To Amen below**

A - men, a - men, a men, a - men,  
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider            The Lord be with you.

People             **And also with you.**

Presider            O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:  
Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives  
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People             **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS *Sit*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader            A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

People             **Thanks be to God.**

*At 8 am the antiphon is spoken.*



- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. **ANTIPHON**
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grace took hold of me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord:  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life." **ANTIPHON**
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people. **ANTIPHON**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds. **ANTIPHON**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah! **ANTIPHON**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter.

1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** *Stand and sing twice.*



## THE GOSPEL

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

24:13-35

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that

had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** *Sing the music on previous page one time through at 10:30am only.*

**SERMON** *Sit*

**THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI**



## THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

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

Presider      My siblings in Christ, peace be with you. Let us pray to our merciful Lord saying, "Our Lord and our God, have mercy on us.

*After each prayer, please respond "have mercy on us."*

Presider      Holy One, we bring our prayers to you, confident that you hear them; sure that you know even those prayers for which we do not yet have words. And all of these come to you through your Child, Jesus Christ, the Risen One.

People      **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Presider            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** *8am*

## COME TO THE TABLE

*See pg. 14 for lyrics*

**OFFERTORY** *10:30am*

# TAKE ME TO THE WATER

1. Take me to the wa-ter,

2. None but the right-eous,

3. I love Je-sus,

4. In the name of Je-sus,

5. I know I got re-lig-ion, I

6. Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah,

Take me to the wa - ter, Take me to the  
None but the right - eous, None but the  
I love Je - sus, I love  
In the name of Je - sus, In the name of  
know I got re - lig - ion, I know I got re -  
Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry, hal - le -

wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
right - eous shall see God.  
Je - sus. Yes, I do.  
Je - sus we shall be saved.  
lig - ion. Yes, I do.  
lu - jah. to be bap - tized.

*The following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand. At 10:30am only.*

**H 380**

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*

Presider        The Lord be with you.

People         **And also with you.**

Presider        Lift up your hearts.

People         **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider        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 sing:

At 8am, spoken.



Presider

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:

Presider and People

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Presider

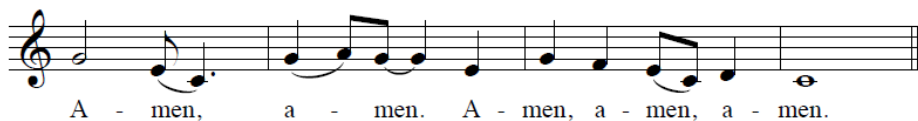
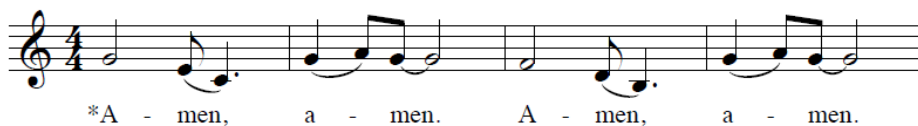
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

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**



*\*Pronounced: Ay-men.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider 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.*

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*At 8am, spoken.*

Lamb\_\_\_\_\_ of\_\_\_\_\_ God,\_\_\_\_\_ Lamb\_\_\_\_\_ of\_\_\_\_\_ God,\_\_\_\_\_ you

take a-way the sins of the world,\_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy\_\_\_\_\_ on us.

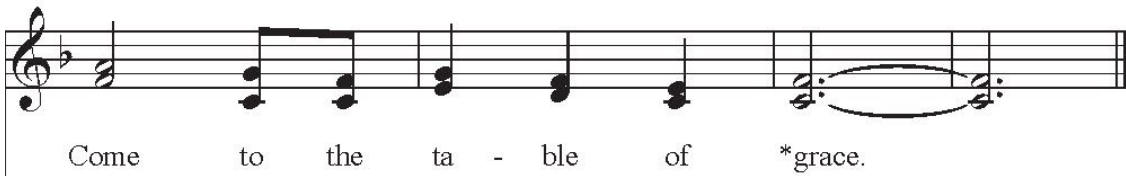
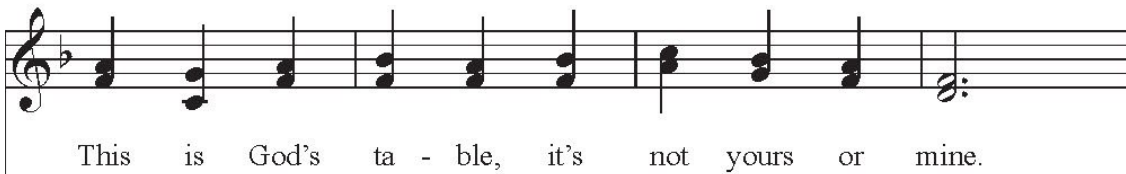
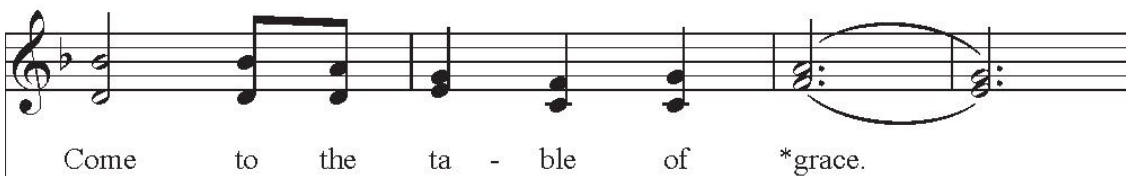
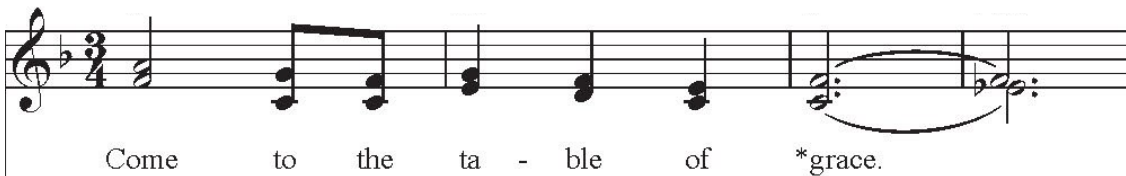
world,\_\_\_\_\_ grant\_\_\_\_\_ us peace.

Presider            The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*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.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** 10:30am only

**COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE**



\*Additional stanzas:  
2 peace; 3 love; 4 joy; 5 hope

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Stand*

*After all have received communion the Presider says*

Presider            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

Presider      God's blessing be with you,  
Christ's peace be with you,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with you  
now and always.

People      **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN      ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD

H 178

10:30am only

*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,



*Repeat Refrain*  
He is the King of cre - a - tion.



Je - sus has died and has ris - en.



Now we shall live for ev - er.



joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

## DISMISSAL

Presider      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!**