

Sunday, April 25th, 2021 The Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:30am

> Liturgy of the Word Enriching Our Worship



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Prelude

Welcome from the Vicar

We Gather

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



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Opening Acclamations

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen! People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Song of Praise

Glory to God Hymn Leader, Leah Milton and Sally Boyd, St. Barnabas'

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High	n, 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: People:	God be with you. And also with you.				
Officiant:	Let us pray. St. Julian of Norwich, 14th c.				
	Jesus, our true Mother, who is all love and bears us into joy and endless living: Be with us in the breaking of bread, that you may dwell in us and we in you, both now and for				

Acts 4:5-12

People: Amen.

ever.

The Lessons

The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Acts.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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





The Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the first Letter of John.

3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

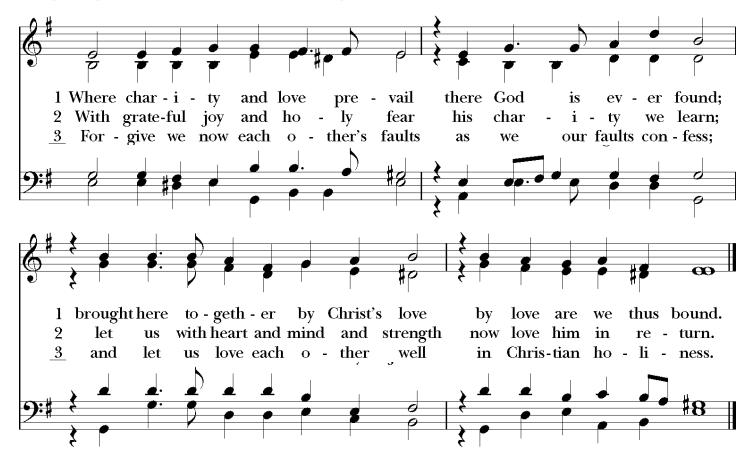
Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gospel Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail



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The Gospel

Deacon:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.10:11-18People:Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.People:**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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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 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: Gathered as believers in Christ, made one body through baptism and living into the mystery and power of Christ's resurrection, let us offer prayers to God and our response be: "Glory and praise to you, O living God."
- Intercessor: For God's people throughout the world, for the welfare of Christ's holy churches, for all bishops, priests and deacons, and in our diocese The people and ministry of the Episcopal Church of All Saints' and Ascension, Northwoods, and Renee, their Priest. And for those patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders and those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; let us pray to the Lord:

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

- Intercessor: For the leaders of the world that there may be peace and unity of all, for the leaders of this nation and those who hold authority, let us pray to the Lord:
- People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.
- Intercessor: For all emergency responders, for those who stand against social injustices, and for those serving in our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord:
- People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.
- Intercessor: We give thanks for healing and consolation. I invite your prayers of thanksgiving, either silently or aloud. (Pause) For all our many blessings, let us pray to the Lord: **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**
- Intercessor: For this holy gathering and the witness, renewal, and growth of our parish family that we may share the good news of Jesus Christ through our actions and words, and continually strive to make St. Francis' Church a place of invitation and hospitality, let us pray to the Lord:
- People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.
- Intercessor: For those whose lives have been changed and displaced by natural disasters, for the hungry and starving, for those in prison and those who are victims of crime, let us pray to the Lord:
- People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.
- Intercessor: For the sick and the suffering, the injured and the infirm, the unemployed and the underemployed. We remember especially Noel, Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, Sue, and Kathleen M. And we remember those who have asked for our prayers, especially Sally, Tessie, Melanie, Debbie, Robin, Pat, Elizabeth B., Elizabeth T., Joan, Tucker, Christine, Linda Rose, Mary, Joanne, Brittney, Dominic, Tony, Ellen, and St. Boniface's Migration Ministry in Florida. And we also remember those whose lives have been changed in the aftermath of unwarranted gun violence. Please name those for whom you wish to pray, either silently or aloud. (Pause) For all those we name, and those we hold in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:
- People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Intercessor: For all those whom we love but see no longer, especially Les McKee, and those whose lives have been cut short in recent mass shootings across our nation, that they may be received in your infinite tenderness and given eternal rest. Please name those whom you wish to remember, either silently or aloud. (Pause) For all the departed, and for those who mourn. Let us pray to the Lord:

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

- Officiant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us eternal peace through Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers, which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe wholeness upon us with your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: Let us pray in the way that Christ taught us.

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, 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

Blessing

Officiant:	God's Blessing be with you,
	Christ's peace be with you,
	the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
	now and always.
People:	Amen.



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Dismissal

Deacon: As we go out this day, let the light of the risen Christ shine forth from our hearts; go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: We will share the light of Christ with the world! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer Lists

Our homebound parishioner: Noel

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

For those who have asked for prayers: For Sally, Tessie, Melanie, Debbie, Robin, Pat, Elizabeth B., Elizabeth T., Joan, Tucker, Christine, Linda Rose, Mary, Joanna, Brittney, Dominic, Tony, Ellen, and St. Boniface's Migration Ministry in Florida

For those who have died and those who mourn: For Chris Danner, and Les 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 this Missouri Diocese that we may go forth in the world proclaiming the risen Christ

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 and those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; all whose lives have been impacted by Covid-19; those who serve in our military

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at St. Francis'

Today, Sunday, April 25 Dr. Michael Booker, preaching

8:30am Holy Eucharist*

- 9:30am Sunday Forum, Community Room and Zoom*
- 10:30am Liturgy of the Word, on YouTube*
- 5:45pm Al-Anon, Community Room*

Monday, April 26

8:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook*

Wednesday, April 28

11:45am Eucharist outside, The Timbers*

12:15pm Crafternoon, The Timbers

Thursday, April 29 6:45pm AA, Community Room*

Friday, April 30

8:30am	Morning Prayer,
	Facebook*
10:00am	Bible Study, Community
	Room and Zoom*

Next Week at St. Francis'

Sunday, May 2 Rev. Laurie Anzilotti, preaching

Tuesday, May 4

7:00pm Worship and Music, Community Room

*All items marked with an asterisk above are weekly opportunities and will repeat the following week.

Welcome!

Are you a visitor? We're so glad you're here! If you're joining us in person and would like to connect, please speak with an usher or fill out a "Getting to Know You" form, available in the back of the sanctuary. If you're joining us online, we'd love you to submit the same form, available through the main navigation menu of our website, so we can know who you are and how we can connect.

Or welcome back!

For our in-person worship and all in-building programs and meeting, we are following these current Covid protocols:

- All in-person attendees sign in, wear masks and maintain 6 feet of physical distancing.
- Occupancy is limited to 52 persons (35% of the space capacity of the room), per Diocesan guidelines.

Sunday Forum: "Who is Our Neighbor"

This week's session of our Sunday Forum features Audrey Bell, the director of the Eureka Food Pantry. You can participate in the Forum either by attending in person or through Zoom; participants on Zoom will be able to ask questions through a moderator. Next Sunday, we will welcome Steve Myers, the mayor of Pacific, to lead Forum.

Email Newsletter

The majority of our announcements and program information is sent in our weekly newsletter, Fridays around noon. If you aren't currently receiving our newsletter and would like to, please contact Leslie at office@stfranciseureka.com.

Today's Ministers of Worship

Preaching	Dr. Michael Booker
Officiant	The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
Deacon	The Ven. Rebecca Barger
Music Director	Cheryl Foster
Hymn Leaders	
Lectors	Kathleen McDonald
Intercessor	Tracey Oswald
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