



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, April 28, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



## DO YOU NOTICE THE LITURGICAL CHANGES OF EASTER?

**Color:** Easter is the season of 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 altar 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:** “Alleluia” means “God be praised!” This is an Easter word. 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 seven Sundays of Easter, we omit the confession altogether. This liturgical change emphasizes 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!

**Cover Art:** The photograph on the cover of our bulletins during the Easter season was taken by parishioner Ann Widner.

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WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

At 8am, v. 1 only.



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In  
 2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their  
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -  
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In



1. him no south or north; But one great fam - 'ly  
 2. high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the  
 3. e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er  
 4. him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are



1. bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
 2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 3. in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.  
 4. one in him, Through - out the whole wide earth.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

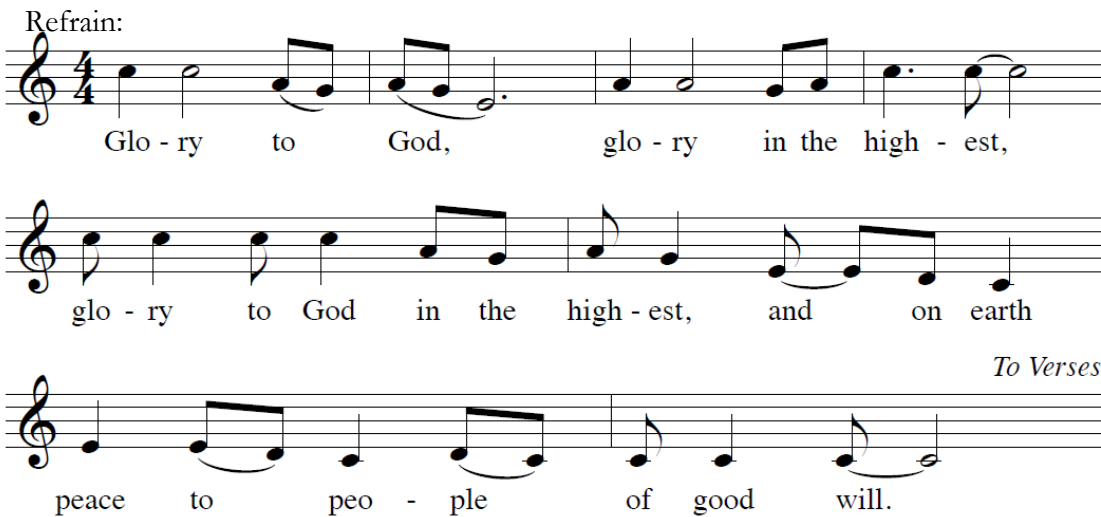
Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

## GLORIA

At 8am, sing refrain three times. At 10:30am, sing all.

Refrain:



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,  
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth  
peace to peo - ple of good will. *To Verses*

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

*St. Ambrose, 4th c.*

Presider            The Lord be with you.

People             **And also with you.**

Presider            Most blessed Jesus, the only begotten Son of God's paternal womb: Give us courage to live your gospel without compromise, that your reign may be established on all the earth, both now and to the ages of ages.

People             **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS *Sit*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader             A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

People             **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM OF THE DAY

## PSALM 22

At 8am, spoken. At 10:30am, the congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.



- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:  
"May your heart live for ever!" **ANTIPHON**
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him. **ANTIPHON**
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done. **ANTIPHON**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the first letter of John. 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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



**THE GOSPEL**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 15:1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** *Sing the music on previous page one time through.*

**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.





## 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 8:00am

### ALLELUIA, HEARTS TO HEAVEN

INSTRUMENTAL

PERFORMED BY JOHN KEYS

OFFERTORY 10:30am

### ALLELUIA, HEARTS TO HEAVEN



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;  
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;  
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,  
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.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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

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 say/sing:

*Say at 8am:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Sing at 10:30:*



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.

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

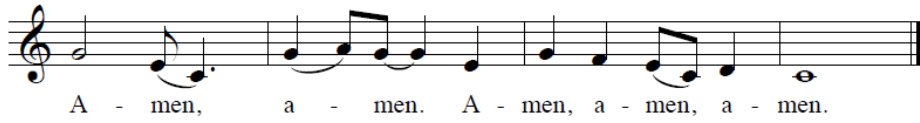
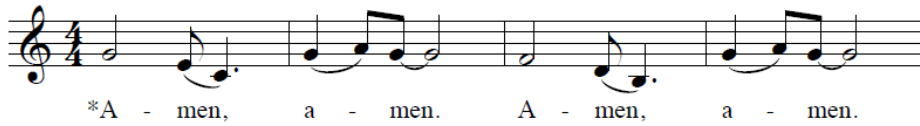
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

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** *Sing twice.*



*\*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

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.

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.

Presider 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 *Tranquil and slow*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,  
 one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though  
 man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this

*Fine* VERSES *Slightly faster with excitement*

one Lord. 1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the  
 3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and

1. free, wo - man or man, no more.  
 2. works, one in the Lord of all.  
 3. grown, gath - ered to one, for all.

*mp* to Refrain

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After all have received communion the Presider says*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.  
 Amen.**

## BLESSING

Presider            May Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and new alternatives, bring you new life, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you always.

People            **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN            HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

*At 8am, sing v. 1. At 10:30am, sing all.*

1. My life flows on in end - less song. A -  
2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife I  
3. What though my joys and com - fort die? The  
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A

bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion I  
hear that mu - sic ring - ing. It  
Lord my sav - ior liv - eth. What  
foun - tain ev - er spring - ing! All

hear the clear though far - off hymn That  
finds an ech - o in my soul. How  
though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs  
things are mine since I am his! How

hails a new cre - a - tion.  
can I keep from sing - ing?  
in the night he giv - eth.  
can I keep from sing - ing?

No storm can shake my in - most calm While to that Rock I'm  
cling - ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth,

How can I keep from sing - ing?

## 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!**