



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Sunday, May 2nd, 2021**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**10:30am**

**Liturgy of the Word**  
*Enriching Our Worship*



## Prelude

## Welcome from the Vicar

## We Gather

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

## Gathering Hymn

## When Morning Gilds the Skies

H 427 v. 1, 3, 5

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known  
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,  
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word  
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

## Opening Acclamations

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## Song of Praise

## Glory to God

S 280

*Hymn Leader, Leah Milton and Sally Boyd, St. Barnabas'*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

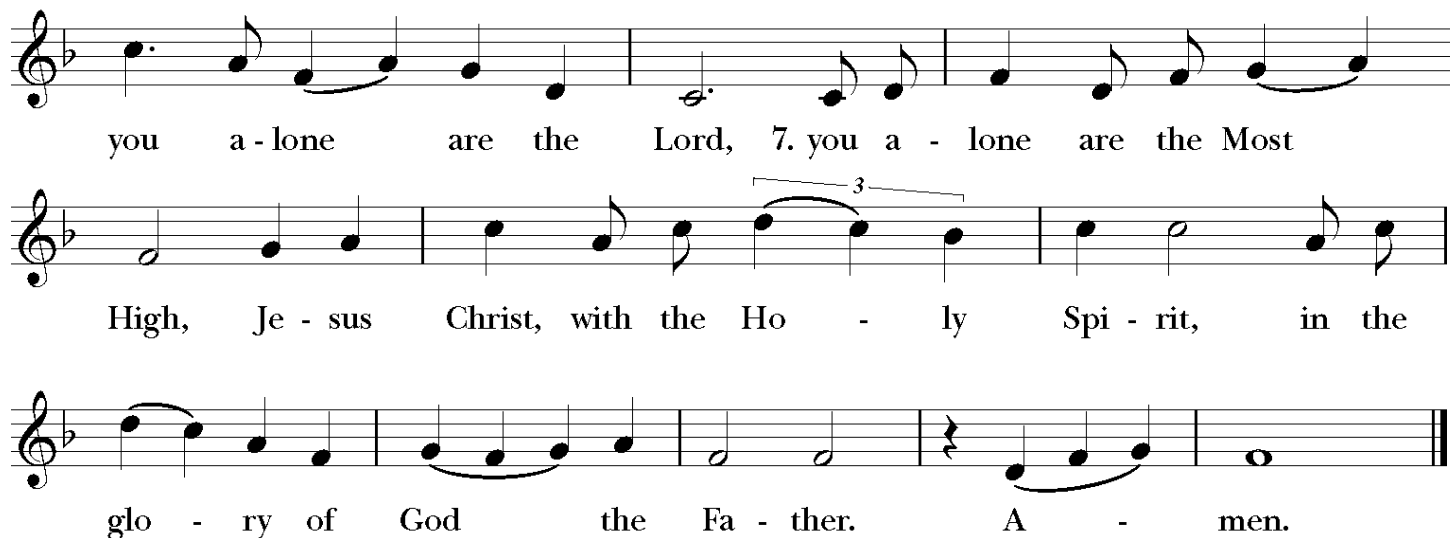
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

The musical score is written on ten staves. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the notes for 'Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther' and 'take a - way the sin of the world'. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score ends with a final note on the tenth staff.



### The Collect of the Day

Officiant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

St. Ambrose, 4th c.

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

People: **Amen.**

### The Lessons

#### The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Acts.

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

v. 24-30

Make known the sav - ing deeds that God has done.

A B

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

A 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.

A 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.

B 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 Reading**

Reader: A reading from the first Letter of John.

4:1-2, 7-21

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

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.

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

## **Gospel Hymn**

## **In Christ There is No East or West**

**LEVAS 62**

**In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.**

Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are joined as one  
throughout the whole wide earth.

### **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.**

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

### **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 this Missouri Diocese that we may go forth in the world to proclaim the risen Christ. The people and ministry of Christ Episcopal Church, Cape Girardeau, and Annette, their Regional Missioner, and for the Diaconess Anne House interns; 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:
- People: **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 Elizabeth B., Elizabeth T., Joan, Tucker, Christine, Linda Rose, Mary, Joanne, Brittney, Dominic, Tony, Ellen, Liz and Andrew, and Griffin, 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 Pat Jacobi, 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 you 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.*

## Birthday Blessing

Celebrant: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## 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.**

## Sending Hymn

## Come Away to the Skies

H 213, v. 1-3

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass, in a key of two flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with three verses indicated by numbers 1, 2, and 3. The first verse is '1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -'. The second verse is '2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our'. The third verse is '3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the'. The score is designed for unison or harmony singing.

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -  
2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our  
3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the

1 joy in the day thou wast born; on this fes - ti - val day,  
 2 hea - ven - ly Crea - tor be - stowed, while his grace we re - ceive  
 3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! Now cre - a - ted a - gain

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.  
 2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.  
 3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.

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## Dismissal

Deacon: As we go out this day, let us share the joy of the Gospel message through our service to others in the name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **We will share the joy of the risen Christ with others! 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 Elizabeth B., Elizabeth T., Joan, Tucker, Christine, Linda Rose, Mary, Joanna, Brittney, Dominic, Tony, Ellen, Liz and Andrew, and Griffin, and St. Boniface's Migration Ministry in Florida

**For those who have died and those who mourn:** For Pat Jacobi; 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:** The people and ministry of Christ Episcopal Church, Cape Girardeau, and Annette, their Regional Missioner

**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, May 2*

Rev. Laurie Anzilotti, preaching

8:30am Holy Eucharist\*

9:30am Sunday Forum, in person  
and on Zoom\*

10:30am Liturgy of the Word, on  
YouTube\*

12:00pm Kids plant trees

5:45pm Al-Anon, Community  
Room\*

*Monday, May 3*

8:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook\*

9:00am Bag treats for Appreciation  
Days, Community Room

*Tuesday, May 4*

2:00pm Children & Family Ministry  
Meeting, Comm. Room

7:00pm Worship and Music, Zoom

*Wednesday, May 5*

8:30am Volunteers meet at St.  
Francis for Appreciation  
Day, head to Pacific High  
School

11:45am Eucharist outside, The  
Timbers\*

12:15pm Crafternoon, The Timbers\*

*Thursday, May 6*

6:45pm AA, Community Room\*

*Friday, May 7*

8:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook\*

10:00am Bible Study, in person or  
Zoom\*

### **Next Week at St. Francis'**

*Sunday, May 9*

The Rev. Gabrielle N. S. Kennedy,  
Pastor of Buren A.M.E. and Director  
of Faith & For the Sake of All

\*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.

### **Sunday Forum: "Who is Our Neighbor"**

This week's session of our Sunday Forum features Mayor Steve Myers of Pacific. 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 Dr. Michael Booker, St. Francis' parishioner and Sunday Forum Leader, for a session called "Prayers of the People: Praying for our Neighbor."

### **Appreciation Days**

Our Communications Committee has planned a series of Appreciation Days in which we will visit and offer treat bags to educators and first responders to thank them for their commitment during Covid-19. Volunteers are needed! Call Donna Bernert at 314-363-6599 or just show up for any of these:

May 3, 9am: Fill treat bags at church

May 5, 8:30am: Visit Pacific High School

May 10, 7am: Visit Rockwood Valley Middle School

May 11, 3pm: Visit Eureka Police Department

May 14, 7am: Visit Eureka Elementary School

May 18, 9am: Visit Eureka Fire Protection District

***For all opportunities, we meet at the church!***

### **Tree Planting** from our Grounds Committee Chair Marsha Smith

We will be planting six river birch trees on the south property line of St. Francis, between the Memorial Garden and our neighbor to the south. These trees will commemorate the losses experienced by so many during the Covid pandemic. The trees will be planted on May 8th at 10am and members of St. Francis are invited to come help plant them. A dedication service will be held at a later date and a plaque will be placed at that time. Donations are being accepted for this project. A donation tree is located in the Narthex where you can select a donation tag for the amount that you would like to contribute.

### **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](mailto: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	Bob Smith and Sally Hader
Lectors	Kathleen McDonald
Intercessor	Tracey Oswald
Livestream	Paul Jokerst and Jackie Selle

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