



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, May 4, 2025

The Third Sunday of Easter



## DO YOU NOTICE THE LITURGICAL CHANGES 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 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:** 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 and as the Church emerged and grew

**Confession:** Where did it go? In Lent, we opened our liturgy with the Great Litany which includes the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy). For the seven 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!

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## WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN

## CHRIST IS ALIVE

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*Stand. At 8am, verse 1 only. At 10:30am, all.*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

## 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 two 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  
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,  
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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*1 Corinthians 15:42-44; St. Clement of Alexandria, 2nd c.*

Presider            The Lord be with you.

People             **And also with you.**

Presider            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. 9:1-20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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.*



I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.  
O Lord my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.  
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. **ANTIPHON**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.  
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
his favor for a lifetime.  
Weeping may spend the night,  
but joy comes in the morning. **ANTIPHON**

While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed."  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face,  
and I was filled with fear. **ANTIPHON**

I cried to you, O Lord;  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,  
"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?  
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;  
O Lord, be my helper." **ANTIPHON**

You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.  
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever. **ANTIPHON**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand and sing.*

*At 8am, sing refrain only twice. At 10:30am, before gospel, sing refrain, verse 1, and refrain again.*



## THE GOSPEL

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

21:1-19

People

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



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

**SERMON** *Sit*

**THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI**

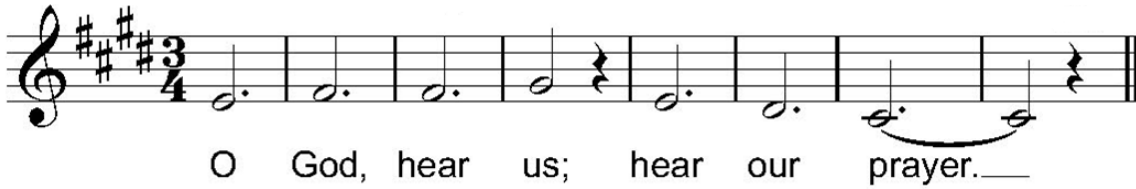
**THE NICENE CREED** *Stand*

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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon                God of hope, we bring our prayers to you as we sing.

*The congregation sings the response one time after each prayer.*



Presider            Lord, hear the prayers of your family and fulfill our desires and petitions as may be best for us through your child Jesus Christ.

People              **Amen.**

*Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on the bulletin, for biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed at [StFrancisEureka.com](http://StFrancisEureka.com) or on paper at the back of the church.*

## 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*

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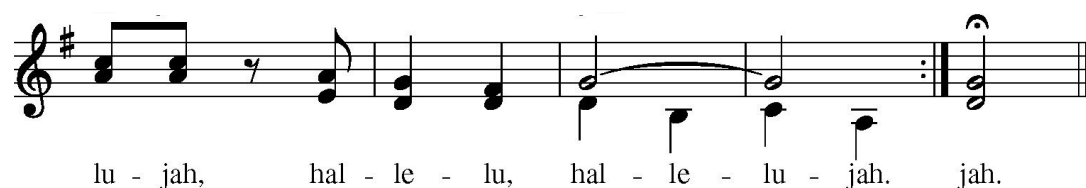
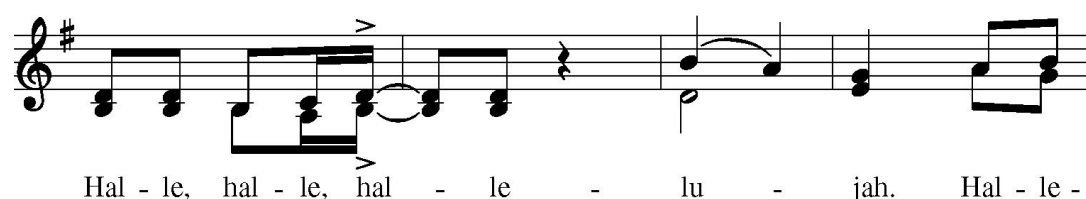
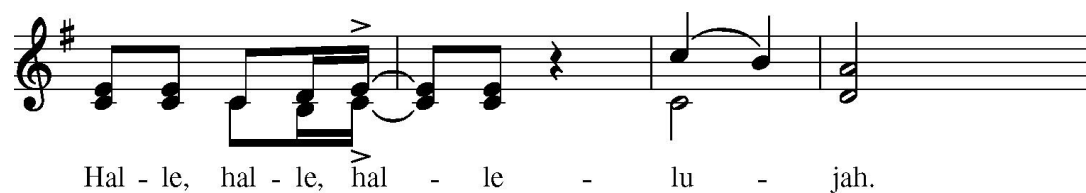
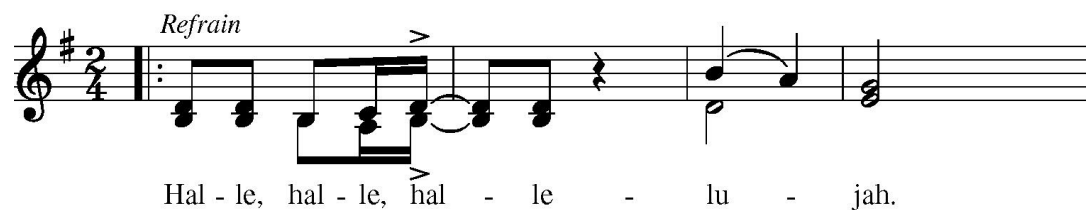
## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*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.*

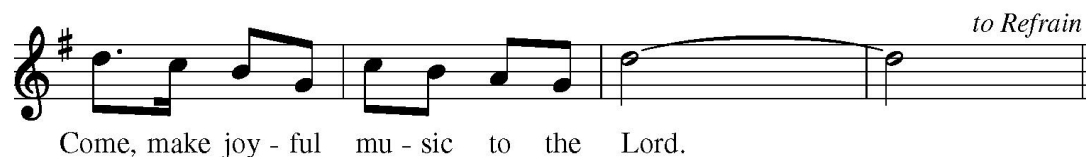
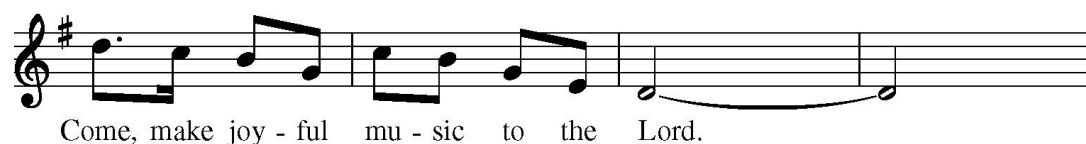
**MEDITATION HYMN** *8am*

**HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH**

**MARTY HAUGEN**



- 1 Praise God in this ho - ly place, ev - ery na - tion, ev - ery race.
- 2 Ev - ery-thing that breathes now praise; sing your songs, let voic - es raise.



*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:*



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

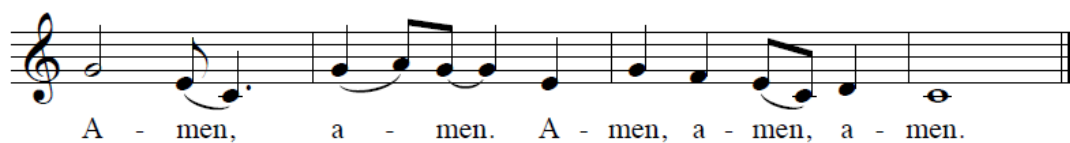
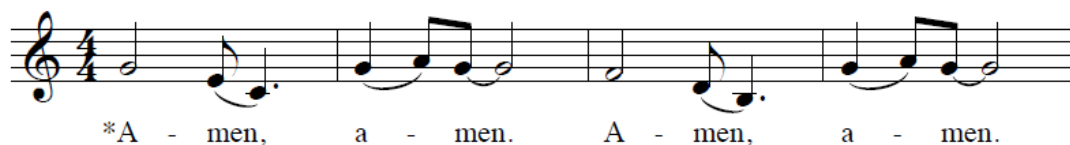
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 *8:00am*

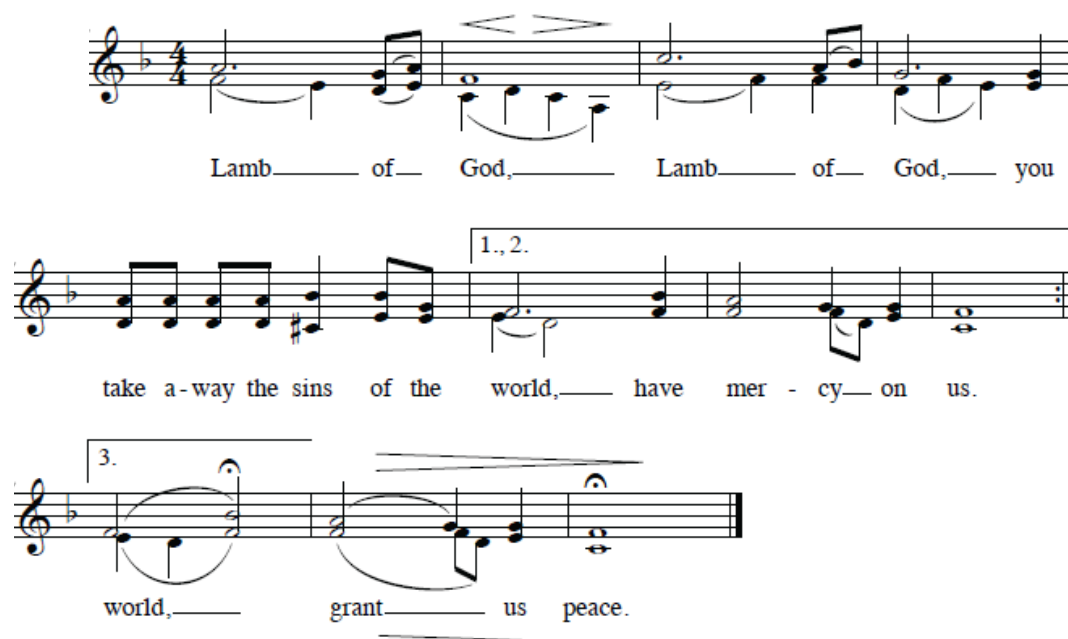
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Presider            The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## FRACTION ANTHEM 10:30am



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.

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-friendly. 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


## LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Verses




1. Let us break bread to-gether on our knees; Let us break  
2. Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees; Let us drink  
3. Let us praise God to-gether on our knees; Let us praise

Refrain



1. bread to-gether on our knees; When I fall on my knees,  
2. wine to-gether on our knees;  
3. God to-gether on our knees;



With my face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After all have received communion the Presider says*

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

## GO, MY CHILDREN

At 8:00am, sing verse 1 only. At 10:30am, sing all printed verses.



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er, I have made you mine for -  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.  
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.

## 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!**