



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, May 7, 2023

The Fifth 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!

**PRELUDE** 10:30 am only

**WELCOME**

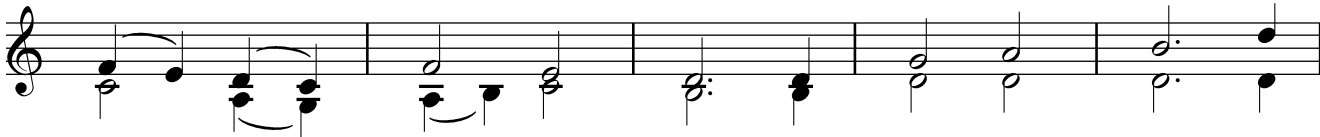
**GATHERING HYMN** *Stand. At 8am, v 1-2 only.*

**CHRIST IS ALIVE!**

**H 182**



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, refrain only. Sung two times. At 10:30, cantor sings refrain alone, joined by parish for the remainder of the song.

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, 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, 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            Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People             **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS *Sit*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader            A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.

People             **Thanks be to God.**

*At 8am only.*

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me. **ANTIPHON**

**ANTIPHON: You have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength. **ANTIPHON**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me. **ANTIPHON**

## THE PSALM

## WE BELONG TO YOU

At 10:30 only. Sung as offertory at 8am.

**Refrain**

We be - long to you, O Lord of our long-ing, We be-long to

you. In our dai - ly liv-ing, dy - ing and ris-ing We be-long to

**to Verses** **Last time**

you. We be-long to you. We be-long to you.

**Verses**

1. In the wa - ters of your mer - cy,	7 When the
2. Filled with gifts and filled with good-ness,	7 Spir - it
3. When we share the bread you've bro - ken	7 With the
4. We are called to share your word, Lord,	In all we

1. old be-comes the new,	Souls u - nit - ed in the
2. breath-ing life in - to	All who seek to find their
3. man - y and the few,	We are blessed and we are
4. say and all we do.	As our jour - ney moves us

**to Refrain**

1. mys - t'ry:	} We be-long to you.
2. pur - pose:	
3. bro - ken;	
4. on - ward,	

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy

priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner",

and

"A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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 John. 14:1-14

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** *Sing the music above 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*

## BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Presider 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 heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People 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 8am

WE BELONG TO YOU

See page 7.

OFFERTORY 10:30am

HE IS RISEN

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1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,  
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

*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

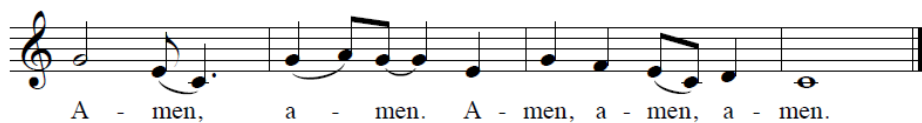
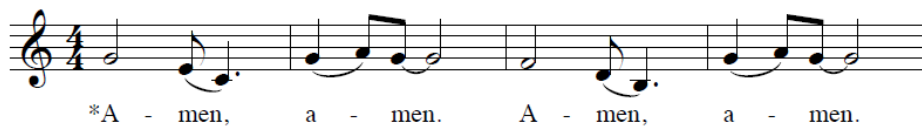
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). It contains the lyrics 'Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you'. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat, with a first and second ending bracket over the final two measures. It contains the lyrics 'take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.' The third staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat, with a third ending bracket over the final two measures. It contains the lyrics '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.*

*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,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

*Repeat Refrain*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Stand*

*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      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

## PRAISE TO THE LORD

H 390

*10:30am only*



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

## 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!**