



St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, May 14, 2023

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



Rejoice!

HAVE YOU NOTICED LITURGICAL CHANGES THESE WEEKS OF EASTER?

Color: Our Lenten purple and holy week red are replaced by Easter white and gold, the colors of joy and resurrection.

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 worshiping 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!

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Stand. 10:30am only* THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

H 210



1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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

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, 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 O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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.

17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

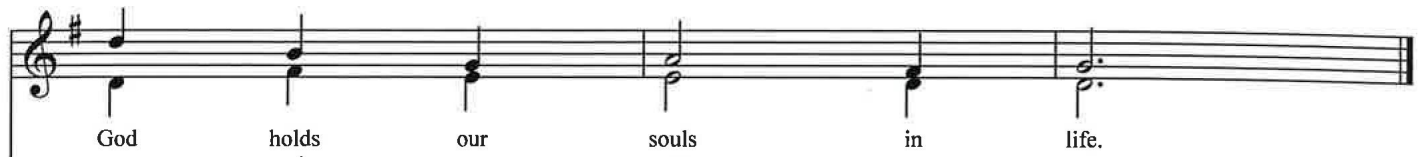
'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At 8am the antiphon is spoken.



- 7 Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip. **ANTIPHON**
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. **ANTIPHON**
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats. **ANTIPHON**
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue. **ANTIPHON**
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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. 14:15-21

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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. LINDY HARDWICK

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*

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 10:30am ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

H 405

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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 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.

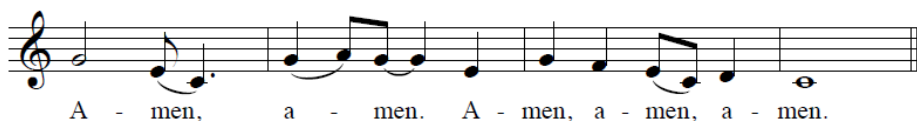
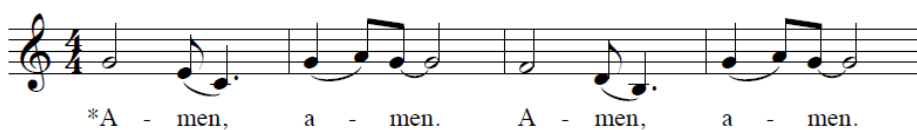
Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the lyrics 'Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you'. The second staff is in 4/4 time and contains the lyrics 'take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.' It includes a first and second ending bracket. The third staff is in 4/4 time and contains the lyrics 'world, grant us peace.' It includes a third ending bracket.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER

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1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -



tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter -
dy; there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our



flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of
hope to you and me. From the past will come the
life, e - ter - ni - ty; in our death, a res - ur -



win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
fu - ture, what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -
rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

After all have received communion, together all say

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.**

8am verse 1 only, 10:30am all verses



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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!