



St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Sunday, June 6th, 2021
Second Sunday after Pentecost
8:30am and 10:30am**

**A Service for Leave-taking from a Congregation
with Holy Eucharist
*Book of Common Prayer, Rite 2***



Our Covid guidelines prevent us from congregational singing but we invite you to make a joyful noise! The pews are stocked with instruments and we ask you to snap, clap, shake, sway or dance.

Prelude

Welcome from the Vicar

We Gather

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

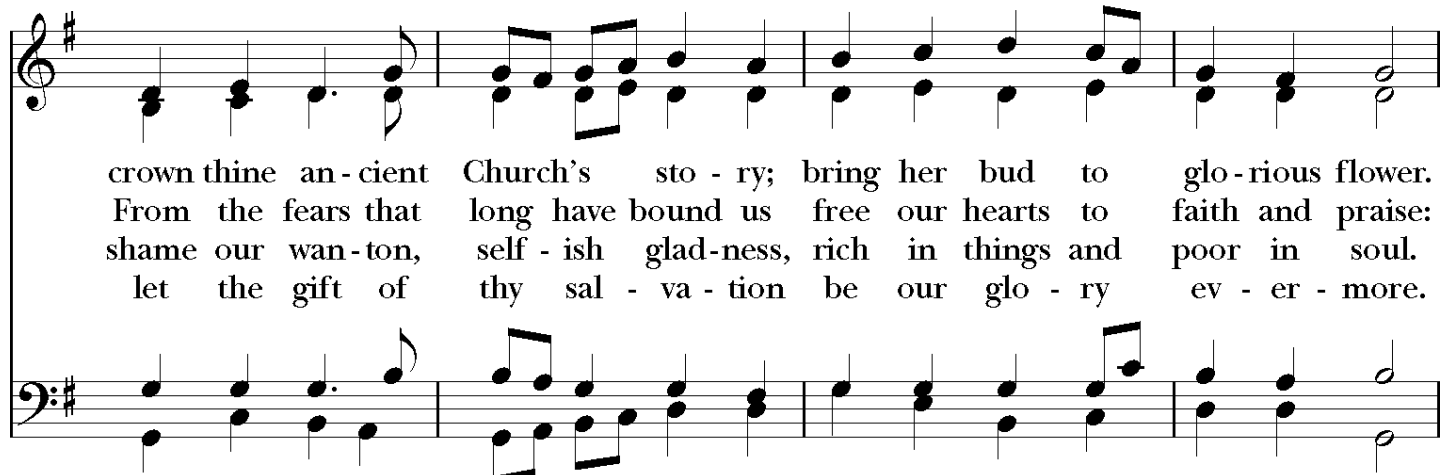
Gathering Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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 Music: *Cum Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

Opening Acclamations

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Gloria

Diademata Gloria

tune by George Job Elvey
 arr. by Richard Smith

Glo - ry to God on high, our song of joy we bring with
 thank - ful hearts and voi - ces raised Cre - a - tion's Lord we sing. Give
 thanks to God a - bove, Let ev - ery na - tion ring, Sing
 glo - ry, hon - or, peace and love to God our heaven - ly King.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, you have given to your people the manifold gifts of the Spirit: Grant amid the changes of the world that your Church may abide, and be strengthened in ministry through continuous outpouring of your gifts; 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

The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

3:8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
 cursed are you among all animals
 and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
 and you will strike his heel."

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm of the Day

Psalm #130

***At 8:30am, the psalm is spoken instead of sung. The lector reads the odd, unbolded verses;
the people read the even, bolded verses. The antiphon is not read.

***At 10:30, hymn leaders lead the sung psalm.

With the LORD there is mer - cy and plen - teous re - demp - tion.

A B

- A 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
 Lord, hear my voice;
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- A 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
 O Lord, who could stand?**
- B 3 For there is forgiveness with you;
 therefore you shall be feared. ANTIPHON
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.**
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
 more than watchmen for the morning,
 more than watchmen for the morning. ANTIPHON
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord,
 for with the Lord there is mercy;**
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption,
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. ANTIPHON

The Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the second Letter to the Corinthians.

4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke" —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

MHSO 20

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

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The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

3:20-35

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

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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: As a gathered community of God's people, let us offer intercessions for the world and those in every need, responding with "Hear our prayer."

Intercessor: We pray for the Universal Church: in our Diocesan cycle of prayers for the people and ministry of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Poplar Bluff, and Edie their supply priest. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; Laurie, our Vicar, and Rebecca our deacon, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons. Focus us, your Church, on its mission of restoring all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. God of unconditional love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for our federal, local, and state elected officials tasked with equitable government, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, to wise decisions and right actions, that we may serve the common good. God of universal justice,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for truth and honor among the nations and peoples of this world that they may resolve their differences without loss of life or dignity. God of profound peace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for all emergency responders and those who put themselves in harm's way on behalf of others, and those who stand against social injustices. God of selfless service,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. God of creative abundance,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for those members of the congregation on our prayer list, Noel, Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, Sue, Charley, Bob Smith, the Frost family, Ellen, and Troy. We give thanks and pray for all the people of St. Francis' who came before us, who are here now, and who are yet to come. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours. God of intimate connection,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for the witness, renewal, and growth of our parish family. Living God, infuse us with your love. Enable us to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all whom we meet through our actions, thoughts, and words. Make St. Francis' Church a place of genuine hospitality, a safe harbor and a beacon of the light of Christ. God of eternal hope,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We give thanks for the ways in which God brings us healing, answers our prayers, and cares about our welfare every moment of every day. I ask for your prayers of thanksgiving, either silently or aloud. (Pause) God of boundless blessings.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We ask you, God, to heal and comfort all those who are experiencing trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We particularly pray for Liz and Andrew, Griffin, Debbie, Tucker, Fran and family, Bobby, Pia, Sally, Christine, Henry, and Tom. Open our eyes to the needs around us and grant us the fortitude and wisdom to respond effectively and with compassion. I ask for your prayers, either silently or aloud. (Pause) God of healing mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, especially Bob Sweeney, Joe Stalloni, Brittney Phillips, and Loy McCart, that they may share with all your saints in the joy of your eternal kingdom. (Pause) God of everlasting life,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Then, the celebrant continues

Celebrant: “Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes for Jesus’ sake.”

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: 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 with a physically distant wave or bow.

Announcements

Birthday Blessing

Celebrant: Watch over thy 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 thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Service of Leave-taking of a Congregation 8:30am

Prayed together aloud, deacon and people:

O God, you have bound us together for a time as deacon and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and huge thanks for the ministry which we have shared in years past.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, Word Made Flesh,
from the beginning of creation
you named and claimed us for yourself.
Look with kindness upon your servant, Rebecca,
who leaves this community,
marked by your cross, fed by your word,
filled with our care, and sent to be your presence
to all she meets.
Guide her on the way,
and bless her with your wisdom,
that she may be a word of hope for a world in need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Service of Leave-taking of a Congregation 10:30am

Deacon: On the 30th day of November, 2014, I was called by Bishop George Wayne Smith to be deacon of St. Francis'. I have, with God's help and the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After careful consideration with my family about my husband's position, it is time for us to move from the St. Louis area. As a result, I must leave this call, and I publicly state that my tenure as deacon ends this day.

Celebrant: Do you, the people of St. Francis', send Deacon Rebecca with the blessing of Almighty God?

People: **We do bless her as she goes.**

The Deacon speaks a few words, then all pray together.

People: **O God, you have bound us together for a time as deacon and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.**

Silence

People: **We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.**

Silence

People: **Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.**

Silence

People: **We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.**


Silence

People: **Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory

Only a Shadow

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Melody 

Harmony 

1. The love _____ we have for you, O Lord, is _____
 4. The dreams _____ we share to - day, O Lord, 7 are
 5. The joy _____ we share to - day, O Lord, 7 is



1. on - ly a _____ shad - ow of your love for us;
 4. on - ly _____ a shad - ow of your dreams for us;
 5. on - ly _____ a shad - ow of your joys for us;




1. on - ly a shad - ow of your love for us; your
 4. on - ly a shad - ow of your dreams for us; if
 5. on - ly a shad - ow of your joys for us; when

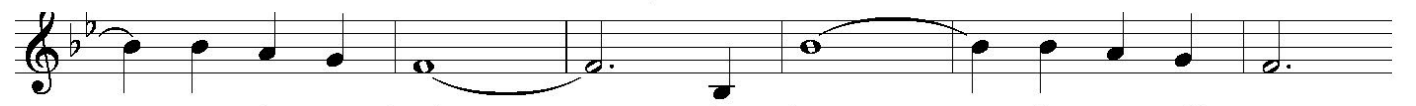


1. deep _____ a - bid - ing love.
 4. we _____ but fol - low you.
 5. we _____ meet face to face.

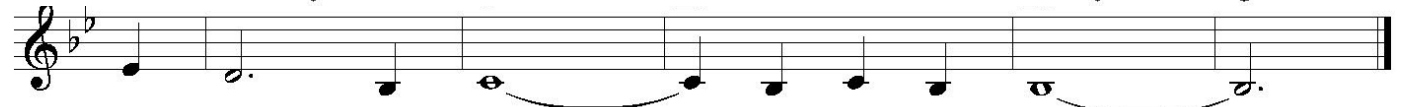
Refrain:



Our lives _____ are in your hands, _____ our lives _____



_____ are in your hands. _____ Our love _____ for you will grow,



O Lord; your light _____ in us will shine. _____

The Holy Communion

The following is said as the offerings are presented.

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is truly right to glorify you, Almighty Creator, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,

The first system of musical notation is for a piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music is marked with a forte 'f' dynamic. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.



heaven and earth_ are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the

The second system of musical notation continues the piano accompaniment. It maintains the same key signature and time signature. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

high - est. - Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. -

Celebrant: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only child to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People:

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Grant that we may find our inheritance with St. Francis and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

AMEN

Cheryl Foster



A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

Celebrant: 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us, have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have

mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: Grant us

peace, grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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. However because of Covid, we cannot all receive from the same cup at the same time, but our cup remains common to us all as a different parishioner receives the cup at each service on behalf of the entire community.

Communion Hymn

Where Peace Like a River

LEVAS 188

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Rebecca among us. Grant that both she and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us in his ways.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the years to come.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of the triune God be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: **Amen.**

1. Sing the won-drous love of Je - sus, Sing His mer - cy and His grace;
 2. While we walk the pil - grim path-way, Clouds will o - ver - spread the sky;
 3. Let us then be true and faith-ful, Trust-ing, serv - ing ev - 'ry day;
 4. On - ward to the prize be - fore us! Soon His beau - ty we'll be-hold;

1. In the man - sion bright and bless - ed, He'll pre - pare for us a place.
 2. But when trav - 'ling days are o - ver, Not a shad-ow, not a sigh.
 3. Just one glimpse of Him in glo - ry Will the toils of life re - pay;
 4. Soon the pearl - y gates will o - pen; We shall tread the streets of gold.

When we all _____ get to heav - en, What a day of re -

When we all get to heav - en, What a

joic - ing that will be! _____ When we all _____ see

day of re - joic - ing that will be! When we all see

Je - sus, We'll sing and shout the vic - to - ry.

Je - sus, We'll sing and shout, and shout the vic - to - ry.

Dismissal

Deacon: We have just been nourished in mind, body, and spirit. Let us go now to love and serve the world! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **We will go forth in peace with the love of Christ in our hearts! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer Lists

Our homebound parishioner: Noel

Our parishioners: Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, Sue, Charley, Bob Smith, the Frost family, Ellen, and Troy

For those who have asked for prayers: For Liz and Andrew, Griffin, Debbie, Tucker, Fran and family, Bobby, Pia, Sally Weaver, and Christine

For those who have died and those who mourn: For Bob Sweeney, Joe Stalloni, Brittney Phillips, and Loy McCart; 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 Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Poplar Bluff, and Edie their supply priest

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

**A Prayer for Rebecca, the Heart of Community
as prayed to open the staff's last meeting with Deacon Rebecca**

Eternal and beloved parent,
You gave us not only the biology
That we call life:
Cells and skin,
Our blood and yours,
Body, the sweat of toil, pain and fleshly delight.

You also gave us the capacity for love in its many forms:
The love between friends,
Between parent and child,
Between neighbors beyond fences.

We celebrate today love of community:
That which is too large for the microscope's lens.
The communal body:
Not each of us,
Not the one you gave up for us,
But the one body, humans being.

We lift up Rebecca
Who has been
At the heart of this body,
Who has taught us about communal love.

And ask that the community she carries in her
Light her way
Beyond the perimeter of this place,
Toward humans, being;
Toward neighbors,
Toward friends.

And may, too, she be greeted with community
And find herself warmed by open arms.
Soft skin on hers.
Cells, sweat, body and blood,
Hers, theirs and yours,
Oh, Parent.

Amen.

Inspired by this text from A Life at Work by Thomas Moore

Community is not a group of people or an organization. Community is an outlook toward life in which you define yourself in relation to the world around you rather than only in connection with yourself. It is the opposite of narcissism...Community is not an arrangement of people; it is a form of love. It is felt, enjoyed, and enacted in service and celebration. If you can achieve agape, communal love, in your feeling and attitude, you are a long way toward finding your life work. (page 151-152)

Written by Leslie Heberlie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at St. Francis'

Today, Sunday, June 6

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti, preaching

8:30am Holy Eucharist*

10:30am Holy Eucharist, in person and on YouTube*

11:30am Goodbye Celebration of Deacon Rebecca

5:00pm Archdeacon Transition Service streamed from Cathedral

5:45pm Al-Anon, Community Room*

Monday, June 7

8:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook*

11:15am Choir Meeting, on Zoom

Tuesday, June 8

5:30pm Planning meeting: LGBTQIA+ Support and Social Group

Wednesday, June 9

11:45am Eucharist outside, The Timbers*

12:15pm Crafternoon, The Timbers*

6:00pm Liturgical Space Workshop

Thursday, June 10

6:45pm AA, Community Room*

Friday, June 11

8:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook*

Next Week at St. Francis'

Saturday, June 12

10:00am Grounds Committee in Community Room

Sunday, June 13

9:30am Covid Ritual of Remembrance and Blessing of Memorial Garden Trees

Sunday June 13-Monday June 21

Office closed for staff vacation

*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 Gett 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.

LGBTQIA+ Group

At a meeting on June 8th, St. Francis' will begin planning the launch of a new LGBTQIA+ social support group for young adults. There were plans for this group underway in March 2020, but they were delayed due to Covid. We are relaunching our plans this June in honor of Pride Month! Please join us if you are interested.

Choir Meeting

On Monday, June 7th, at 11:15, our Director of Music Cheryl Foster is hosting a meeting for those with previous involvement in our music ministry—or interest in the future. The group will discern how we can best serve the worship needs of St Francis' as we get closer to a 'normal', in-person experience. Meeting will be held on Zoom. The office can provide the Zoom link if needed.

Liturgical Space Workshop with Bishop Deon

Meet St. Francis' newest committee! The Theology of Space Committee will look at how St. Francis' understands God, our neighbor and our work in the world and how that expresses itself in our building, particularly our liturgical space. On Wednesday, June 9, the committee will host a workshop featuring Bishop Deon to explore this idea and inform the committee on their work. The workshop begins at 6pm and will end at 7pm.

New Schedules Beginning Sunday, June 6

Sunday Mornings

- 8:30am In-Person Holy Eucharist with Music, following Diocesan Covid guidelines regarding masking, distancing and space capacity
- 9:30am Social Hour (except 6/13 for Covid service)
- 10:30am In-Person Holy Eucharist with Music - also livestreamed on YouTube, following Diocesan Covid guidelines regarding masking, distancing and space capacity

Office/Building Hours

Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am to 3pm and by appointment with Leslie at office@stfranciseureka.com or 636-938-3733

Today's Ministers of Worship

Celebrant	The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
Deacon	The Ven. Rebecca Barger
Altar Guild	Kathleen O'Reilly
Acolyte	Rich Mayfield 10:30
Usher	Chris Kinder 10:30
Greeter	Sue Schmidt 10:30
Hymn Leaders	Max Starbuck and Joe O'Reilly
Lector	Kathleen McDonald 8:30, Michael Booker 10:30
Intercessor	Joe O'Reilly 10:30
Tellers	Joe Bernert and Brenda Russell
Livestream	Paul Jokerst

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