



St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, June 16, 2024

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgy of the Word with Sacrament from the Reserve



LOVE. WORSHIP. SERVE.

ABOUT LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT

St. Francis' is blessed by inspired worship shared in varied forms led by seasoned liturgical leaders, lay and ordained. Today's service, "The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament," is a special service featuring these leaders. Deacon David will preside and preach, and Lay Liturgical Leader Linda Carter will open our liturgy. This form of liturgy allows us to gather for Morning Prayer and share communion while Laurie+ is away.

The Episcopal Church only authorizes priests to consecrate the elements of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Our Savior, Jesus Christ. However, in accordance with the Canons of Episcopal Church, and of the Diocese of Missouri, communion may be distributed from pre-consecrated elements by a deacon.

Bishop Deon, using the Book of Common Prayer guidelines, developed and authorized us to use the Litany of the Consecrated Gifts in today's service.

Much will be familiar to you in today's service though there are some important differences that speak to what is unique about this kind of worship.

- The Liturgy of the Word remains unchanged.
- At the confession, things began to change. Rather than bidding the confession from the lectern, the deacon joins the people to lead confession and ask for God's absolution. Only priests are empowered, through their ordination, to absolve sins directly.
- At the Liturgy of the Table, the deacon places the pre-consecrated elements on the altar and returns to stand with the people to lead the Litany of Consecrated Gifts. This litany is not a Eucharistic Prayer. Standing with the people and not at God's Table underscores the deacon is not consecrating the elements.
- The liturgy concludes with an Act of Thanksgiving, not a blessing which is something only Priests are empowered to offer.

LEARN THROUGH THE LECTIONARY

LEARN—read and reflect on scripture, especially the life and teaching of Jesus—is one of seven practices in a Jesus-centered life. During the Season of Pentecost, the first reading each week will follow the stories of the promises of God to King David (known as the "Davidic covenant") in 1 & 2 Samuel. Using this semi-continuous cycle of readings from Hebrew Scripture (the Old Testament) allows St. Francis' parishioners to learn about scripture. As you wait for the service to begin, read here about the context of the first reading to deepen your knowledge and understanding of the reading for the day. Our Sunday Forum on June 16, 23 and 30 at 9:15am will also explore the books of Samuel.

THIS WEEK IN SAMUEL

This week we learn that God, having rejected Saul, the first king, sends Samuel to the family of Jesse of Bethlehem to choose one of his sons as king. Samuel first seeks to choose one of the strong, handsome adult sons. But God directs him not to judge by outward appearance. The youngest son, still a boy, is designated by God. God's consistent preference in scripture for what seems small and insignificant reveals again and again a consistent theme in scripture that God can show God's power anywhere and in anyone. David, the small and insignificant brother, will become the greatest king of Israel.

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

ALL ARE WELCOME

Stand. At 10:30am only.

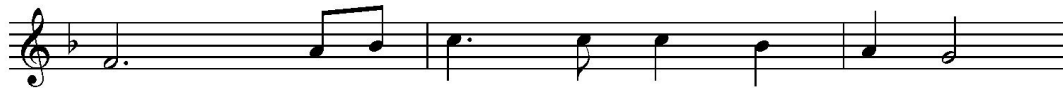
1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
 Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel-come,
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Leader Blessed be the One, Holy and Undivided Trinity
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

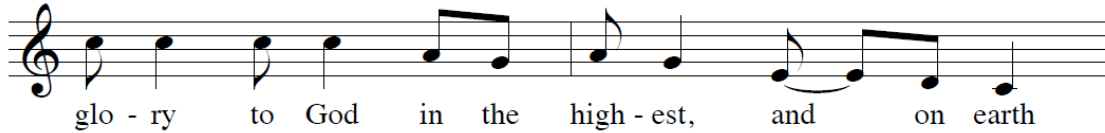
GLORIA

At 8am, read together.

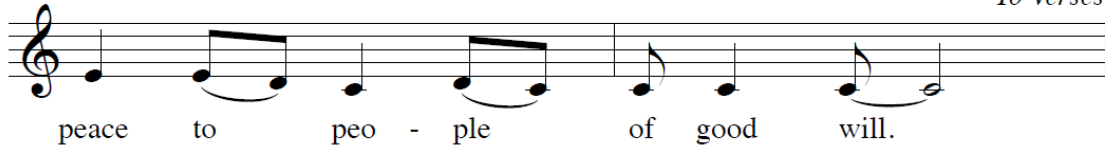
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Creator,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Child of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
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 the Father.
Amen.

GLORIA *At 10:30am only*

Refrain:



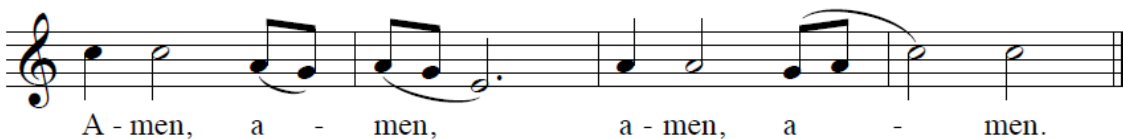
To Verses



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**



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

Presider Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the first book of Samuel.

15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeath of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes

here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

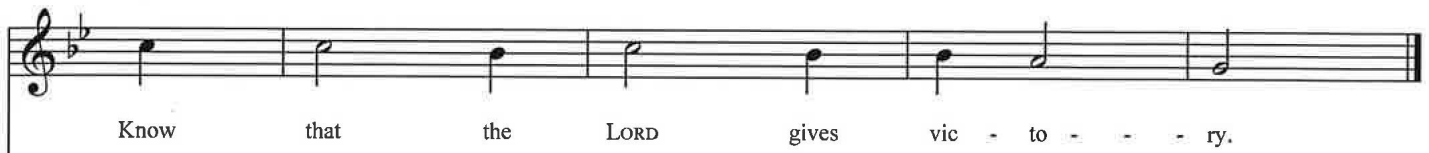
The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *At 8am, spoken.*

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- 1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble,
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- 2 Send you help from his holy place
and strengthen you out of Zion;
- 3 Remember all your offerings
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire
and prosper all your plans. **REFRAIN**
- 5 We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God;
may the Lord grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed;
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand. **REFRAIN**
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall down,
but we will arise and stand upright.
- 9 O Lord, give victory to the king
and answer us when we call. **REFRAIN**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader	<p>A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians.</p> <p>5:6-10, 14-17</p> <p>We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.</p> <p>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!</p> <p>The Word of the Lord.</p>
People	<p>Thanks be to God.</p>

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand* HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

At 8am, sing refrain only.

Refrain:

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

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

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

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

Verse: **Oh, God to whom shall we go?**

You alone have the words of life,

Let your words be our prayer and the song we sing:

Hallelujah, hallelujah. *repeat refrain*

THE GOSPEL

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

4:26-34

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *At 10:30am, sing the music on previous page one time through.*

SERMON *Sit*

THE REV. DAVID LUCKES

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 Faithful God, as we give voice to our needs and share our thanksgivings, help us to trust what Jesus taught. When we ask, we will receive. When we search, we will find. When we knock, the door will be opened. O God; hear us; answer us; and send us forth.

After each prayer, please respond "hear us; answer us; and send us forth."

Presider Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: In this fellowship of love and prayer, accept and fulfill our petitions, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus, Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

People **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.**

Presider 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

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

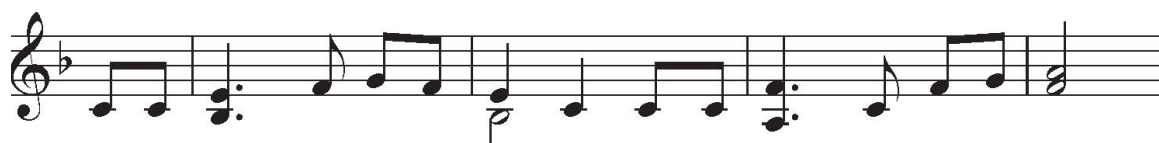
We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

OFFERTORY 10:30 only

IN THE BULB



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



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
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At 10:30, 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.**

WE GATHER AT THE TABLE

Taking a position in the center aisle and facing the altar, the deacon leads the people in the Litany of the Consecrated Gifts, provided below.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for all things good and beneficial to our bodies and souls.

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider For the Body and Blood of Christ, set here before us;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider That you have brought us together in this place;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider That your eternal Word was made flesh for us;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider For Christ's life and ministry, death and resurrection;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider That you fill our lives with grace and grant us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider That through this Sacrament you grant us a pledge of our eternal inheritance;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider We pray, therefore, in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

People **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as 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 deacon then moves to the altar, takes the elements, faces the people and says

Presider 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. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

Communion wafers are dairy- and nut-free but do contain gluten today. For a gluten-free communion wafer, please ask the Eucharistic Minister who is distributing when you get to the front of the line.

COMMUNION HYMN 10:30am only

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE



Come to the ta - ble of *grace.



Come to the ta - ble of *grace.



This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.



Come to the ta - ble of *grace.

*Additional stanzas:
2 peace; 3 love; 4 joy; 5 hope

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

Presider Let us pray.

All In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment,
this meal,
these people,
we give ourselves to you.

Take us out
to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Amen.

ACT OF THANKSGIVING

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider God of all creation, we gather on this first day of the week made holy by the resurrection of Christ, your Son.

People **In the waters of baptism we were buried with him so that we might also rise with him and so share his victory over sin and death.**

Presider You have transformed our lives into the living stones that form your Church with Christ as the foundation stone.

People **Strengthen this community's bond of communion and peace and deepen our solidarity with your Church throughout the world. Rekindle within us this Sabbath day the vision of your kingdom so that our daily concerns and labor may find their proper perspective.**

Presider Fill our homes with the spirit of the Gospel.

People **Give us the grace to see the true face of the people with whom we live. In a world torn by sin and division make us instruments of reconciliation and mercy. We raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, O God.**

Presider May we who celebrate Christ's resurrection this day share in his eternal glory where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN *10:30am only*

WE ARE MARCHING

We are marching* in the light of God,
We are marching* in the light of God,
We are marching* in the light of God,
We are marching* in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching,* marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching* in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching,* marching we are marching, marching,
We are marching* in the light of God.

*singing, dancing, praying

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People **Thanks be to God.**

A NOTE ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA

We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.