



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, June 25, 2023

The Third Sunday after Pentecost



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## **WELCOME TO THE “ORDINARY TIME” OF PENTECOST!**

There are six liturgical seasons in the church year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost or “ordinary time.” The term “ordinary time” is not used in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), but the season after Pentecost is often called ordinary time.

In both the Incarnation (Advent, Christmastide, and Epiphanytide) and the Paschal seasons (Lent, Holy Week, and Eastertide), the church walks through and celebrates the defining moments of the life of Jesus, mining these events for meaning and spiritual nourishment. In the long ordinary time, we apply the teachings of these seasons to our presence in the world, living the values of the kingdom of God in light of what we've experienced in the months prior.

The Godly play curriculum refers to ordinary time as the “great, green, growing season.” This half of the Christian year invites us to continue to plumb the depths of the teachings of Jesus and to embrace Jesus’ practical teachings as we live out the Mysteries we have celebrated in the major of events of his life.

## **COLORS**

The liturgical color for the season—green—signifies growth.

## **SEATING**

Our seating for the season of Pentecost returns to a position in which we gently face toward one another as we look for the movement of the Spirit in the midst of our community, our lives, and our very selves.

## **THE LECTIONARY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The Lectionary is an ordered system for reading the Holy Scriptures at the Eucharist. The Episcopal Church typically uses the Revised Common Lectionary, as do Roman Catholics, Lutherans and other denominations. There are three year—A, B and C—to the lectionary cycle. We are in Year A which uses the Gospel of Matthew.

During the long green season after Pentecost, churches can choose one of two “tracks” (or strands) for the Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) readings. Once a track is chosen, it is used for the entire season.

The first track from Hebrew Scripture follows major stories and themes, read continuously from week to week. In Year A, we read through the much of the Torah (the first five books of Hebrew Scripture). The second track of readings follows the Roman Catholic tradition of thematically pairing the Hebrew Scripture with the Gospel reading.

This Pentecost, St. Francis will use track one which begins with Genesis and moves through Torah. (The first five books of Hebrew scripture are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers Deuteronomy.)

## WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Stand. 10:30only*

CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING

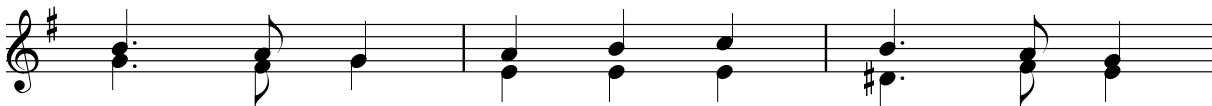
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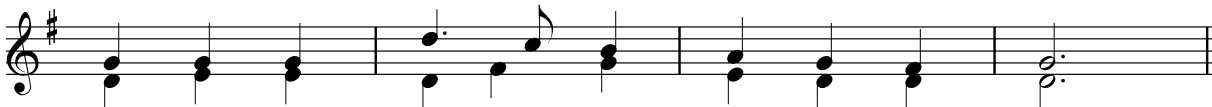
1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to



Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the  
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born



them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

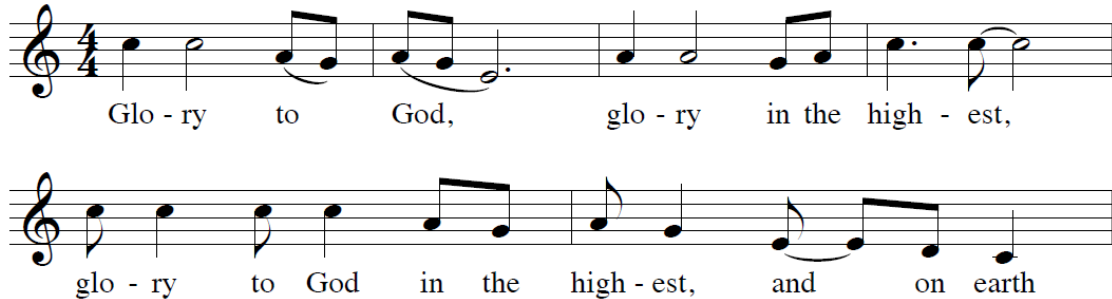
## OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy and Undivided Trinity

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

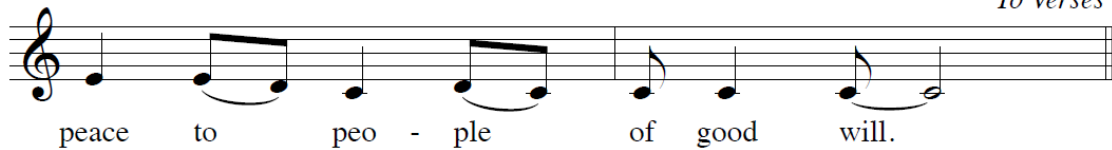
**GLORIA** At 8am, only refrain sung twice. At 10:30, all sung.

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 God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider O Eternal, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis. 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;  
I call upon you all the day long. **ANTIPHON**
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,  
and attend to the voice of my supplications. **ANTIPHON**
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,  
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,  
nor anything like your works. **ANTIPHON**
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,  
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;  
you do wondrous things;  
and you alone are God. **ANTIPHON**
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me. **ANTIPHON**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand* IF YOU BELIEVE AND I BELIEVE

WLP 8o6

*Sing two times.*

The musical score is written for a single voice on a treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.' The score ends with a double bar line.

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er  
pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple  
free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple  
free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.

## ***THE GOSPEL***

Deacon                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.                    10:24-39

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**SERMON** *Sit*

**THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI**



## THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary  
and was made human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon 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

Deacon            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.**

Presider          Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

*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.*

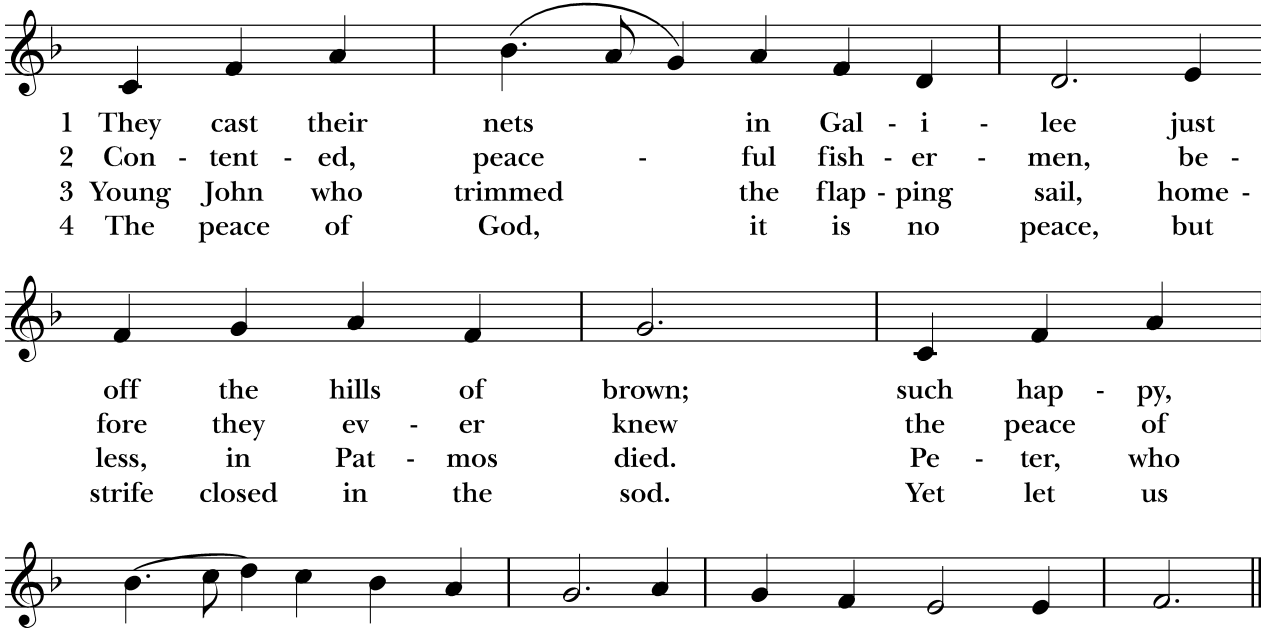
**MEDITATIVE MUSIC** *8:00 only*    **THEY CAST THEIR NETS AT GALILEE**

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**OFFERTORY** *10:30 only*

**THEY CAST THEIR NETS AT GALILEE**

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1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just  
2 Con - tent - ed, peace - ful fish - er - men, be -  
3 Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home -  
4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but

off the hills of brown; such hap - py,  
fore they ev - er knew the peace of  
less, in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who  
strife closed in the sod. Yet let us

sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.  
God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too.  
hauled the teem - ing net, head - down was cru - ci - fied.  
pray for but one thing— the mar - velous peace of God.

*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

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, I Am Who Am, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say/sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Say at 8am:*

People **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Sing at 10:30am:*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed the  
one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command,

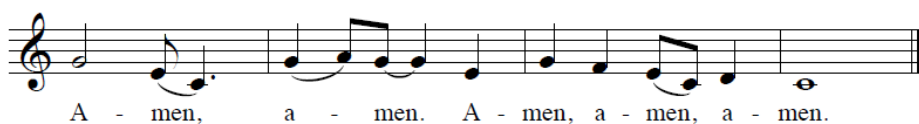
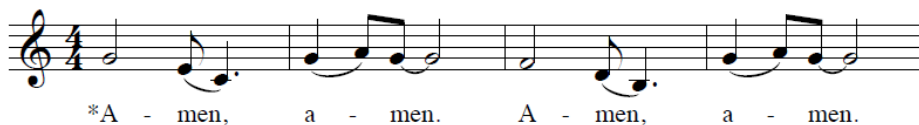
People **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

Presider We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in this sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Francis, St. Clare and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Presider By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for 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.

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.*



1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, —
2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him through the gar - den, —
3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, —
4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — He will give me grace and glo - ry, —



1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol-low me."
2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — And go with me, with me all the way.



Where He leads me I will fol-low, — Where He leads me I will fol - low, —



Where He leads me I will fol-low, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

*After all have received communion all say*

All                    Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

Presider            May the peace of God which is beyond all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

People              **Amen!**

Presider            May almighty God bless you, the Creator, Redeemer, and the Spirit.

People              **Amen!**

## BLESSING PRIDE PARTICIPANTS *8am only*

Presider Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

I now call forward those who will go to the St. Louis Pride Parade.

People **Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.**

Presider Let us pray. *Silence is held.*

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in this task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

In the Name of God, we commission you as ministers of St. Francis' to bear the Good News that God loves all people.

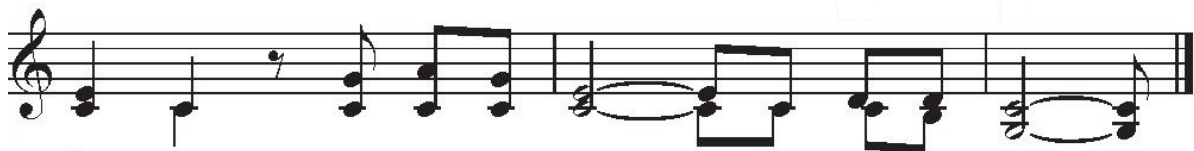
## SENDING HYMN *8:00 and 10:30* I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS



1 I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de -  
2 Though none go with me, still I will fol - low; though none go  
3 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low  
with me, still I will fol - low; though none go with me, still I will  
hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -



Je - sus;  
fol - low; no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
fore me;

## DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**