



St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, July 2, 2023, 10:30am

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Reception into the Episcopal Church



PRELUDE

WELCOME

WE GATHER

The people of God gather together. Silence is kept.

GATHERING HYMN *Stand.*

LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING

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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

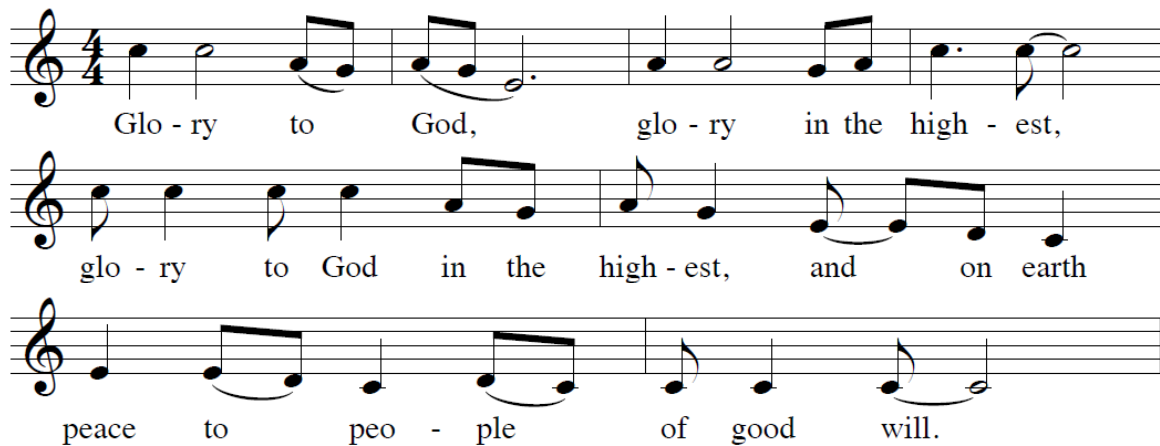
thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

*OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Bishop	Blessed be God: Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Bishop	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People	There is one hope in God's call to us;
Bishop	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People	One God and Creator of all.

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.

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**

Mark 14:36; St. Hildegard of Bingen

Bishop God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Most loving Abba, you gather the perplexed and seek the lost: Shelter those caught in evil; free those in bondage; strengthen those who struggle to survive; in the name of God, our Mother, our Wisdom, and our Comforter.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

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Cantor sings antiphon one time through, then congregation joins antiphon. Cantor sings verses alone.



- 1 How long, O Lord?
will you forget me for ever?
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day?
how long shall my enemy triumph over me? **ANTIPHON**
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God;
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen. **ANTIPHON**
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy;
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly;
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater

iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text of the antiphon is: "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.

10:40-42

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Sing one time after the proclamation of the Gospel*

SERMON *Sit*

THE RT. REV. DEON K. JOHNSON

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Senior Warden I present Jerry and Jenny Karr to be received into this Episcopal Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Together let us renew our commitment to Christ.

Stand.

Deacon Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People **I believe and trust in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Deacon Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe and trust in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Deacon Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop	How will you connect to Christ in community?
People	With God's help I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.
Bishop	How will you resist evil and turn to Christ?
People	With God's help I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.
Bishop	How will you show Christ in your life?
People	With God's help I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.
Bishop	How will you seek and serve Christ in your life?
People	With God's help I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.
Bishop	How will you work for the reign of God?
People	With God's help I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.
Bishop	How will you preserve God's creation?
People	With God's help I will cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Deacon	Let us now pray for these siblings of ours who have renewed their commitment to Christ.
Leader	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Warden calls candidates forward for Reception into the Episcopal Church and the Bishop lays hands on them, saying:

Bishop We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. May the Holy Trinity bless, preserve, and keep you.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Almighty and everlasting God, let your divine hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People **Amen.**

***THE PEACE**

Bishop Not an easy peace,
not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace,
but the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop 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 REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Vicar Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

WE GATHER AT 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.



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
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Taste and see that God is good.
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The following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

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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

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

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

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Bishop 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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The lyrics are: 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.

Bishop 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;**

Bishop 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.

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.

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

Bishop 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.

Bishop Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM

The musical notation for the Fraction Anthem is presented in three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat), with a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line, with lyrics 'Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you' underneath. The second staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.' and includes a first ending bracket labeled '1., 2.'. The third staff concludes the piece, with lyrics 'world, grant us peace.' and includes a third ending bracket labeled '3.'. The notation uses various musical symbols including notes, rests, and beams to indicate the rhythm and pitch of the hymn.

Bishop 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

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Verses 1, 2, 4



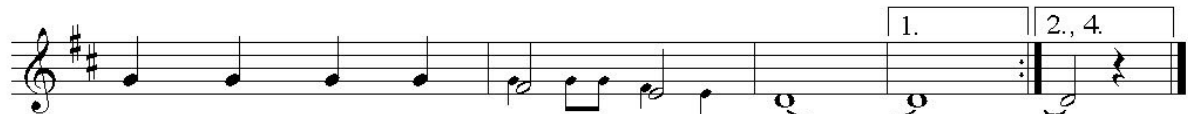
1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And
there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.
dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -



soled as to con - sole. To be un - der - stood as to un - der -



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Stand*

Bishop

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.

BLESSING

The Bishop offers a blessing as a reminder of God's extravagant love.



1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo-rious when truth and jus - tice reign



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

DISMISSAL

Deacon With Christ beside us, before us, beneath us, and above us, let us go in peace to love and serve our God!

People **We go in the name of Christ! Thanks be to God!**

ATTRIBUTIONS

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