

# ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

## GATHERING SONG

## LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

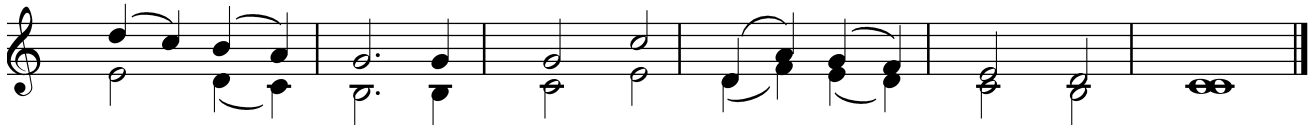
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1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
\*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bid! Let me thy in - ner  
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit



1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

## THE FIRST LESSON

Reader

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

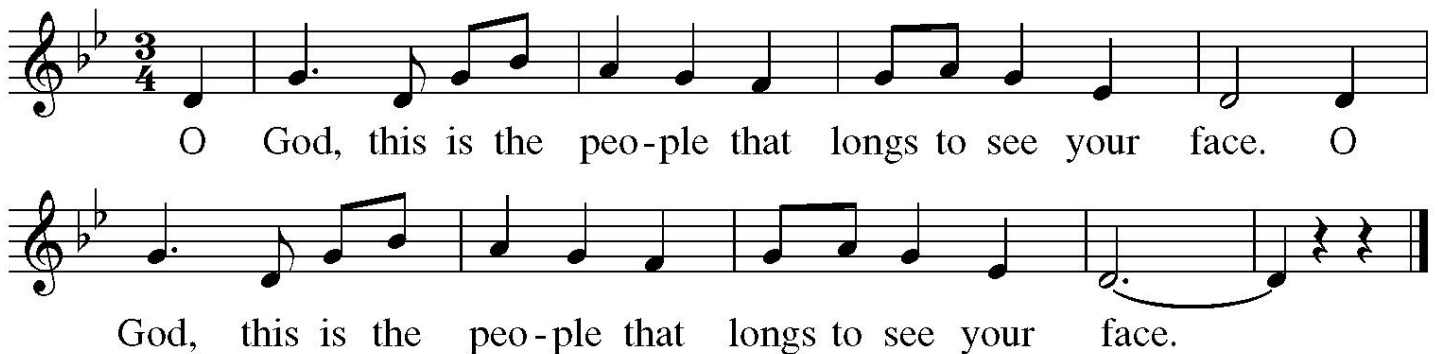
As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

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*At 8am, the congregation reads the antiphon together. At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon together.*



All the earth is yours, O God, the world and those who dwell on it.

You have founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. **ANTIPHON**

Who can ascend your mountain, God? Or who may stand in this holy place?

Those whose hands are sinless, hearts are clean, and desire not the vanity of earth. **ANTIPHON**

They shall receive your blessing, God, their Savior reward them.

Such is the face that seeks for you, that seeks your face, O God of Jacob. **ANTIPHON**

## THE SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

## THE GOSPEL READING

Presider

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

6:14-29

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was

deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

People

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

**MEDITATION HYMN** *8am only*

**BE THOU MY VISION**

**BY CELTIC WORSHIP**

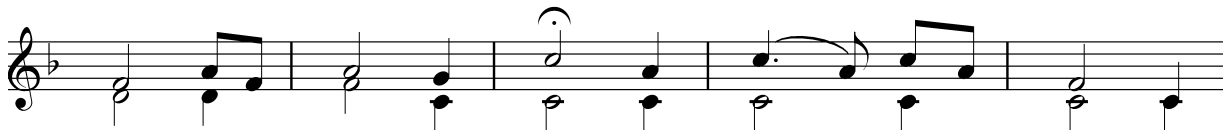
**THE OFFERTORY** *10:30 only*

**AMAZING GRACE**

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1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and




1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

**COMMUNION HYMN** 10:30 only

**LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER**

Verses



1. Let us break bread to-gether on our knees; Let us break  
2. Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees; Let us drink  
3. Let us praise God to-gether on our knees; Let us praise

Refrain



1. bread to-gether on our knees; When I fall on my knees,  
2. wine to-gether on our knees;  
3. God to-gether on our knees;



With my face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

**SENDING HYMN** 8am only

**AMAZING GRACE**

*Sing verse 1 of Amazing Grace on page 4 of this insert.*



1. Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con - fess-ing,  
2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God who is liv - ing,



The peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we em - brace.



God's sac - ri - fice end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,



The fruits of this Mass in all hearts who be - lieve.  
We claim as our fam - 'ly all those of each race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, Our in - ner souls  
One bread that has fed us, One light that has



reach-ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
led us, U - nite us as one in the life that we share.



God's grace shall in - cite us, In love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing



To fur - ther God's king - dom and an - swer the call.  
Give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

*You are welcome to take this green insert home with you for prayer or pondering.*