



St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A note about today's services: Over the summer, we have been planting new seeds for music in worship, and our 10:30am service now typically includes a robust musical lineup of cantor-led hymns, an anthem by the St. Francis' Singers, and/or instrumentalists. Today we're letting those in our 10:30am service experience a worship format with music more akin to our 8:00am service, with intentional silence, acapella singing, and meditative recorded hymns.

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

PEACE IS FLOWING LIKE A RIVER

Peace is flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing
Love is flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing
Heal - ing's flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -

out of you and me. _____ Flow - ing out in - to the
out of you and me. _____ Flow - ing out in - to the
out of you and me. _____ Flow - ing out in - to the
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

des - ert, set - ting all the cap-tives free. _____
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lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider We meet in the name of God,
Creator of the universe,
source of True humanity.
Mother and Father of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider We meet in the name of Jesus,
Word made flesh,
Savior of fallen humanity,
lover of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit,
Lord and giver of life,
Midwife of new humanity,
Inspirer of all.

People **Amen.**

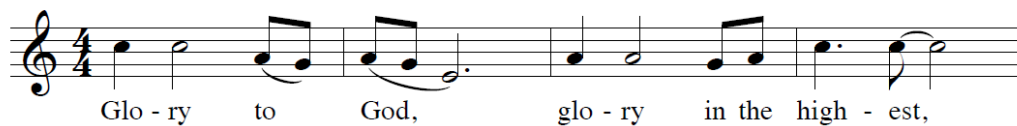
Presider Come then, eternal God,
People **Be present here,
Befriend us here,
Renew us here.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

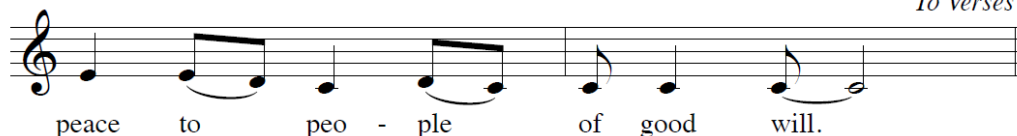
Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

GLORIA *Sung twice.*



To Verses



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Hosea 6:3

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Most gracious Lord, whose appearing is as sure as the dawn: Come to us like the spring rains that water the earth, showering your blessings upon us and all whom you have made, that we may be strengthened by your love and may share that love with others; in the name of the Source, the Word and the Spirit.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to

the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

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1-6, 23-26, 45C

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **ANTIPHON**

Antiphon: *Remember the marvels God has done.*

- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen. **ANTIPHON**
- 23 Israel came into Egypt,
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant,
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah! **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand* IF YOU BELIEVE AND I BELIEVE

WLP 8o6

Sung 2 times.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The text 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.

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THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 16:21-28
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *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 Siblings, the Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Let us then pray to the Lord, saying,
"You, O God, are our hope, we trust you hear us."

After each prayer, please respond "we trust you hear us."

Presider Reshape us, Good Lord, until in generosity and in faith and in expectation that the best is
yet to come, we are truly-Christ-like. Make us passionate followers of Jesus rather than
passive supporters. Make our churches cells of radical discipleship and signposts to
heaven, then in us, through us and—if needed be—despite us, let your kingdom come.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence is kept for a time.

People **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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 with you always.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us offer each other a sign of that peace.

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

WE GATHER AT CHRIST'S TABLE

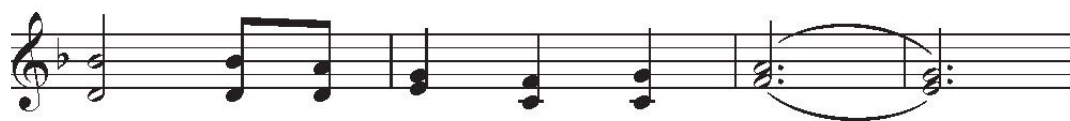
We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

OFFERTORY

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE



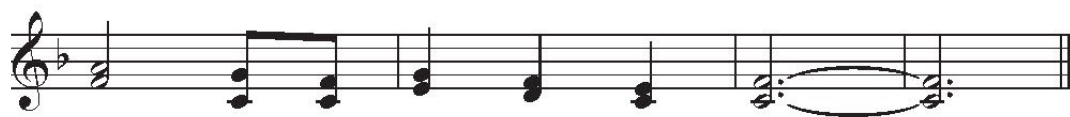
Come to the ta - ble of *grace.



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

The following is said as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

Presider Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

People **praise God all creatures here below.**

Presider Praise God above you heavenly host:

People **praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Presider Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with St. Francis, St. Clare and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

AMEN

Sung twice.



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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

BE THOU MY VISION

Instrumental piano

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

Presider Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Presider The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity.

People Amen.

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

DISMISSAL

Deacon	Go into the world in the name of the Mother and Father of all, the Lover of all, and the Inspirer of all to love and serve!
People	Thanks be to God!

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