



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Sunday, September 26th, 2021**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:00am and 10:30am**

**Holy Eucharist**  
*Enriching Our Worship*



## Prelude

## Welcome

## We Gather

*The people of God gather together. A bell rings out. Silence is kept.*

### Gathering Hymn

### Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

**MHSO 50**



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, wine is poured,  
sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,  
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard:  
love in word and in deed ex - press: Je - sus lives a - gain,  
God Im - man - u - el ev - ery - where:



earth can breathe a - gain, pass the word a - round: loaves a - bound.

Words: Fred Kean (b. 1929) .

Music: *Linstead*, Traditional Jamaican Melody, arr. Doreen Potter (1925-1980).

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## Opening Acclamations

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

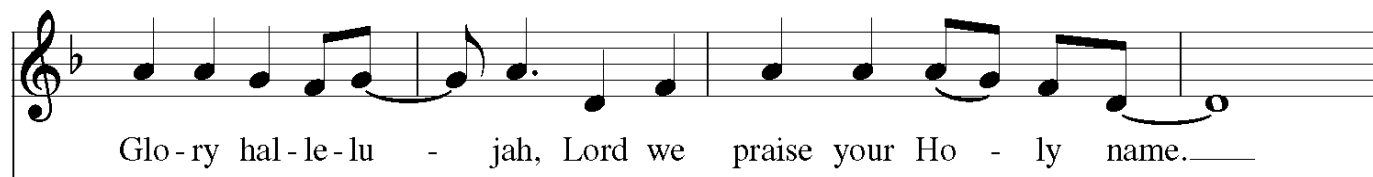
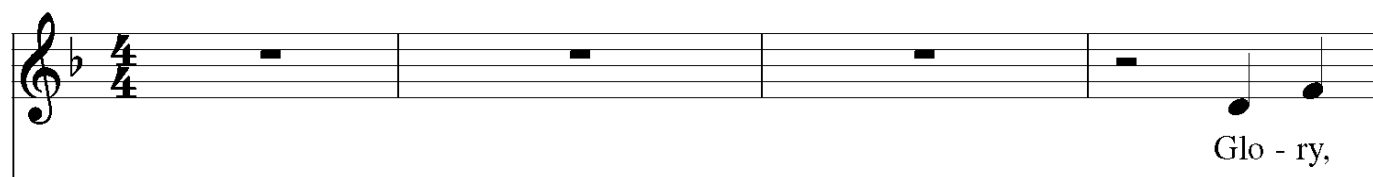
People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

## 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 hearts 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.**





take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive\_ our\_ prayer. 6. For

you a - lone\_ are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are\_ the Lord,

*Unison*

7. You a - lone\_ are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the

glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we

Praise your Ho - ly name.

A - - - men.

### The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Reading

Reader: A reading from the Book of Numbers.

11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

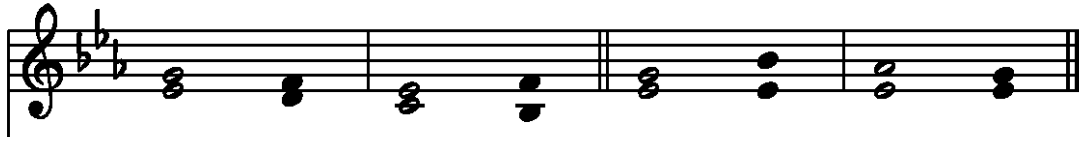
Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

People: The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the / soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the / innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the / heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the / eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for / ever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous alto/gether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much / fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the / comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant en/lightened,  
and in keeping them there is great re/ward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he off/ends?  
cleanse me from my secret / faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion / over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great of/fense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your / sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my re/deemer.

### The Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the letter of James.

5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

People: The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

1 If you love me, tru - ly love me, keep my com-mand - ments  
 2 If you love me, tru - ly love me, come now and my dis -  
 4 If you love me, tru - ly love me, in - to the world a -

day - by day. If you love me, tru - ly love me,  
 ci - ple be. If you love me, tru - ly love me,  
 rise and go. If you love me, tru - ly love me,

*Fine*  
 fol - low for - ev - er in my way. \_\_\_\_\_  
 fol - low and so re - mem - ber me. \_\_\_\_\_ *to verse three*  
 there ev - 'ry - where my wit - ness show. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Through the land my peo - ple feed, al - le - lu - ia,

*D.C.*  
 in their sor - row, in their need, al - le - lu - ia.

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## The Gospel

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

9:38-50

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

People: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

David Luckes

## **The Nicene Creed**

**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: As a gathered community of God's people, let us offer intercessions for the world and those in every need, responding with "Fill us with the fullness of your grace."

*After each petition, the People respond*

People: **Fill us with the fullness of your grace.**



## **Confession of Sin**

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

**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.

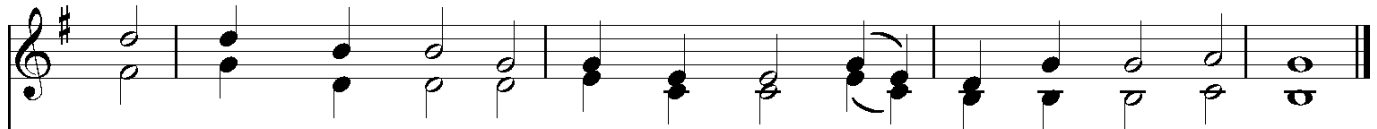
People: **And also with you.**

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

## **Announcements**



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
 be now and ever given  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

*During the 10:30 worship service, the following is sung as the offerings are presented.*

H 380

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below;  
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*During the 8:30 worship service, all are invited to gather around the altar for the Eucharistic prayer and return to your seat after receiving Communion.*

### The Holy Communion

Presider: God 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:

# LEVAS 255

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

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:

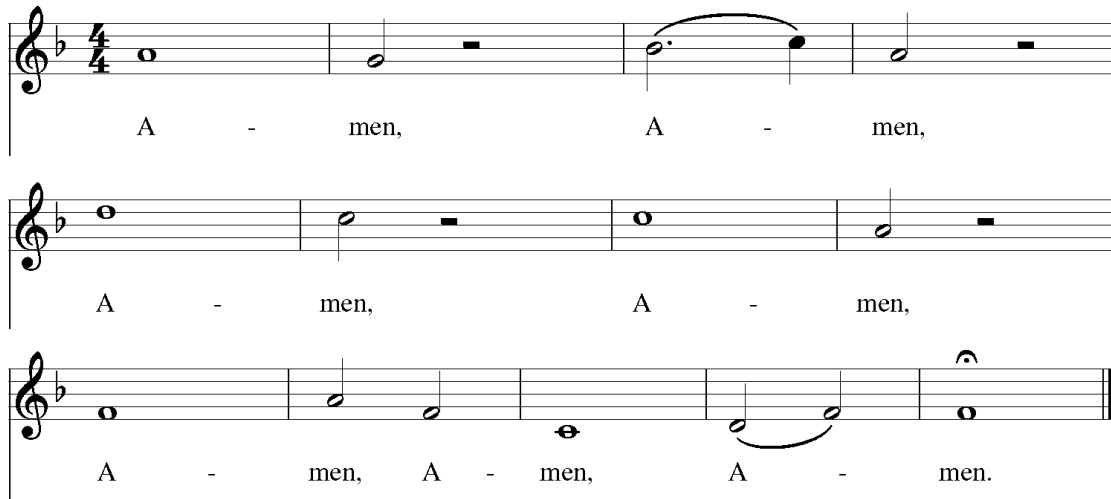
Presider and People:

**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 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.

And then we sing



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.**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

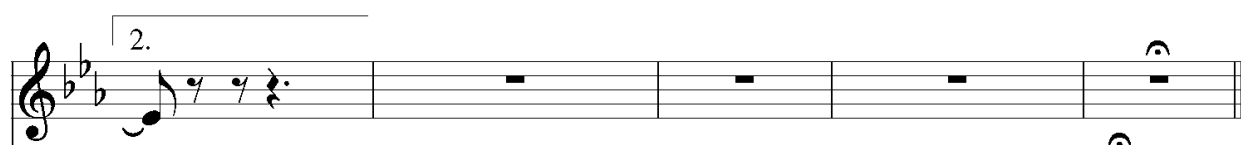
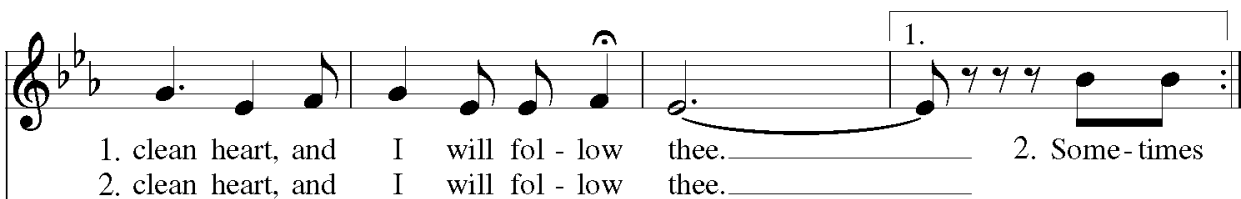
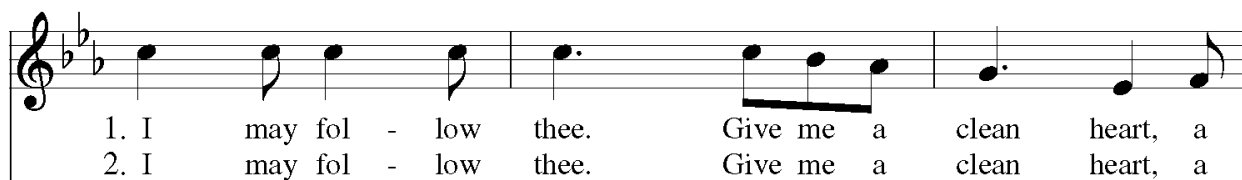
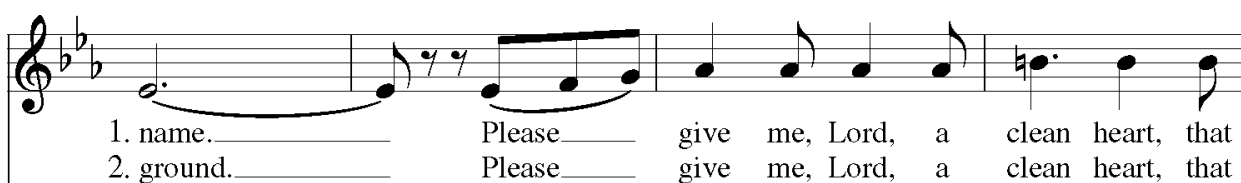
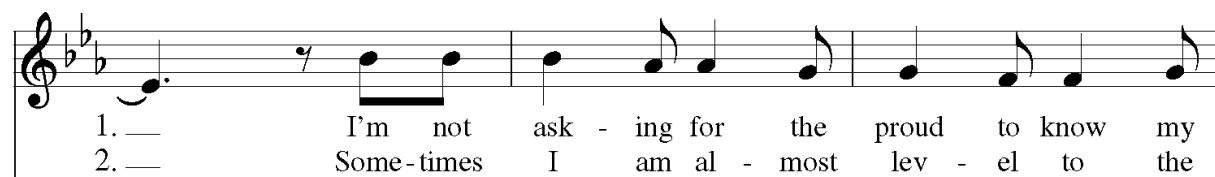
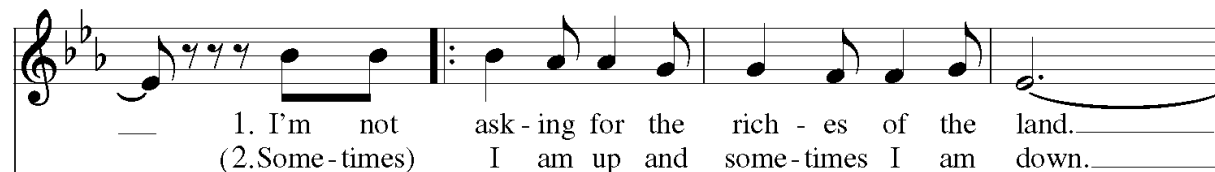
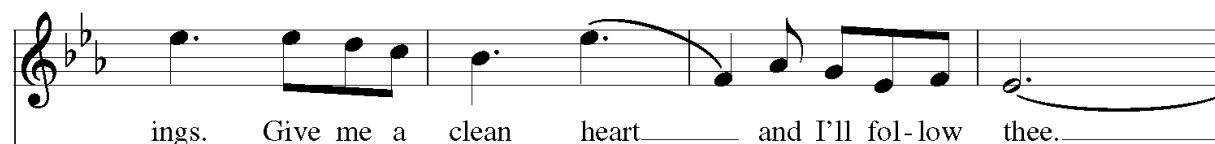
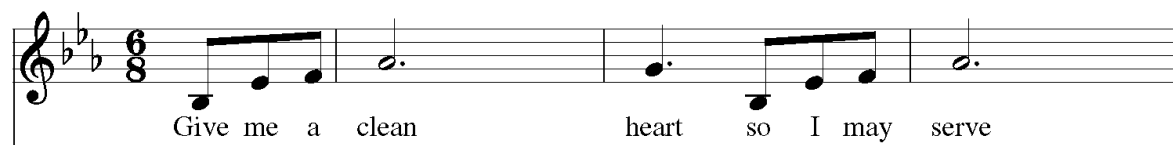
*The Eucharistic bread is gluten-free and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. However because of Covid, we cannot all receive from the same cup at the same time, but our cup remains common to us all as a different parishioner receives the cup at each service on behalf of the entire community.*

# Communion Hymn

## Give Me a Clean Heart

LEVAS 124

During 10:30am worship service only.





## Postcommunion Prayer

Presider and People:

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

Presider: Live without fear: Your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

## Guide My Feet Lord While I Run This Race

LEVAS 819

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.  
2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.  
3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.  
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.  
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I  
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I  
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I

don't want to run this race in vain.  
don't want to run this race in vain.  
don't want to run this race in vain.

## Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **This Week at St. Francis'**

*Today, Sunday, September 26*

David Luckes, Seminary Intern

9:00am-3:00pm Office open\*

8:00am Holy Eucharist\*

9:15am Forum: The Way of Love 6:  
Go

10:30am Holy Eucharist, in person and  
on YouTube\*

10:30am Godly Play

5:45pm Al-Anon, Community Room\*

*Monday, September 27*

8:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook\*

*Tuesday, September 28*

9:00am-3:00pm Office open\*

*Wednesday, September 29*

11:45am No Outdoor Eucharist today

12:15pm Crafternoon, Drewel Park\*

*Thursday, September 30*

9:00am-3:00pm Office open\*

6:45pm Women's AA, Community  
Room\*

*Friday, October 1*

8:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook\*

## **Next Week and Ahead**

*October 2-3*

Eureka Days

*Sunday, October 3*

Stewardship Campaign Kickoff

Pet Blessing

\*All items marked with an asterisk above  
are weekly opportunities and will repeat  
the following week.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome!**

We're so glad you're here! If you're joining us in person and would like to connect, please speak with an usher or fill out a Get to Know You form, available in the back of the sanctuary. If you're joining us online, we'd love you to submit the same form, available through the main navigation menu of our website.

### **Children at St. Francis'**

Children are fully welcome in our worship service. We offer a children's area with liturgically-based activities at the front of our sanctuary. Godly Play children's formation begins at 10:30am in the Children's Room in the front hall. The Godly Play curriculum engages what is most exciting about religious education: God inviting us into—and pursuing us in the midst of—Scripture and spiritual experience. Children rejoin their caregivers at the sign of peace.

### **Forum**

Join us at 9:15am today in the Community Room for "Way of Love 1: Turn" and next week for "Way of Love 6: Go."

### **I Can Help in Worship!**

In the Episcopal Church, liturgy is the heart of our common life. We say, "As we pray, so we believe." Liturgy shapes our lives and our work in the world. There are several ways that you can support the liturgical life of St. Francis! Check out the attached sheet, fill it out and return it in the offering plate. Your servant leadership is indeed your offering to God and God's Church!

### **Pet Blessing**

Next Sunday, October 3rd, bring your pet(s) to be blessed, either during one of our worship services or outside between 11:30am and 1pm. Pets brought inside during the worship services should be leashed or in carriers. We will have blessings, treats and goodies for all!

### **Collection for Afghani Refugees**

We are currently accepting donations of the following items for Afghanis arriving in St. Louis: Visa gift cards; Grocery gift cards (Aldi, Schnucks, Target, Walmart); Gas gift cards; Diapers sized 3-6; Cleaning products. Drop items at St. Francis' during office hours by Sept. 26. For information call Mary Ann Kinder 636-634-1188 or Donna Bernert 314-363-6599.

### **Eureka Days**

Eureka Days are just around the corner. October 3rd is our day to play and show our St. Francis Community Support. Here's how to get involved:

- We'll have a Kids Korner from 1pm-4pm, doing temporary tattoos. Volunteers needed for half hour stints (or more if you'd like).
- We also need volunteers for the parade, which is on October 2 at 11am. More information about parade coming soon.
- We are collecting candy for the parade! No chocolate please. Collection box is in the Narthex

Please contact Kathleen O'Reilly at oreilly234456@gmail.com to volunteer for either Kids Korner or the parade.

### **Women's Group Outing**

On Wednesday, September 29th, all grown women are invited to visit Josephine's Tea House with us in Godfrey, Illinois. Either meet us at 9:45am at church to carpool or contact Donna Bernert for details at 314-363-6599.

## Today's Ministers of Worship

Presider	The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
Preacher	David Luckes, Seminary Intern
Altar Guild	Jerry Smith
Acolyte	Jeff Veenstra 10:30
Usher	Joe Bernert 10:30am
Greeter	Sue Schmidt 10:30am
Lector	Della Thompson 8:00am, Kathleen O'Reilly and Sally Hader 10:30am
Intercessor	Kathleen McDonald 8:00am, Joe O'Reilly 10:30am
Tellers	Chris Kinder and Brenda Russell
Communion Bread	Sally Hader
Livestream	Paul Jokerst
Godly Play Circle Leader	Linda Doolittle

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## Prayer Lists

**For our homebound parishioner:** Noel

**For our parishioners:** Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, Bob, Becky, Ann, and George

**For those who have asked for prayers:** Kara, Amanda, Elizabeth, Ilena, Norma Jean, Virginia, Cynthia, Rachel, Steven, Kathryn Ann, Clarence, Jacki, the Rowden Family, Mary Jo, Bill, Sophya, Ellen, Greg, Dan and Mark

**For those who have died and those who mourn:** Bob, uncle of Laurie+, Ian, and all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty; and for all in St. Louis who suffer directly from gun violence

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** The people and ministry of All Saint's Episcopal Church, Farmington, and Richard, their Vicar

**For those committed to our ongoing prayers:** Episcopal City Mission, their chaplains and staff, and all youth in detention. Deaconess Anne House interns; those discerning a call to ordained ministry; patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders and those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases