



# St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, October 3rd, 2021  
The Feast of St. Francis  
8:00am and 10:30am

Holy Eucharist  
*Book of Common Prayer, Rite 2*



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**Prelude**

**His Eye Is on the Sparrow**

**Welcome**

**We Gather**

*The people of God gather together. Silence is kept.*

**Gathering Hymn**

**We Sing of the Saints**

**MHSO 118**



1 We sing of the saints filled with Spir - it and grace, blest  
2 See lyrics below  
3 We, too, have been cho - sen to fol - low the way of



wom - en and men through all time, from each place. God  
good - ness and truth in our stud - y and play, we



chose them, the ho - ly, the hum - ble, the wise to  
raise up our song, liv - ing saints here be - low, with



spread the Good News of sal - va - tion in Christ.  
heav - en - ly saints, as our praise ev - er flows.

**Verse 2:**

Saint Francis was born a rich, noble young man,  
but God had in mind a much different plan;  
so Francis left status and money behind,  
to help many people God's true will to find.

Words: Alan J. Hommerding (b. 1956).  
Music: *Zie Ginds komt de Stoomboot*, Traditional Dutch Melody, acc. Karl A. Pölm-Faudré.  
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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.**

## Gloria

## Gloria

## LEVAS 243

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.\_\_\_\_

1. Glo-ry to God\_ in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.\_\_\_\_

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty - y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, - we give you thanks, - we praise you for\_ your glo-ry.

*Unison*  
3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 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. 4. You

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 for St. Francis**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

God of radiance and goodness, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfect joy. We ask this in Jesus' name.

People: **Amen.**

### **The Lessons**

#### **The First Reading: The Creation Story**

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

abbreviated from 1:1-34

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and a great dimness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. On the first day, God created light and darkness. On the second day, God created the sky above and the waters below. On the third day, God formed the land and called it Earth, and gathered the water and called it Sea. God blessed the earth with vegetation and food. On the fourth day, God separated the day from the night, creating the sun, the moon, and the stars. On the fifth day, God brought forth swarms of living creatures in the air, in the water, and on the land, and God bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the sixth day, God created humankind in God's image, giving them dominion over the animals. God blessed them and bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the seventh day, God saw that everything that God had made was very good and God rested and blessed the seventh day and made it sacred.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

# The Canticle of the Sun

Melody

The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God, \_\_\_\_\_ and

all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. \_\_\_\_\_ Come, dance in the

for - est, come, play in the field, \_\_\_\_\_ and sing, sing to the

glo - ry of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ to Verses

**Final**

Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Sing, sing to the

glo - ry of the Lord! \_\_\_\_\_ Fine

## VERSES:

1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, he car - ries the  
 2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, the seas' might - y  
 3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, and bless - es our  
 4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, the warmth of the  
 5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, the crea - tures you  
 6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, the know - ledge of

1. light of the Lord in his rays; the moon and the stars who  
 2. storms, 7/ the gen - tl - est breeze; they blow where they will, they  
 3. crops 7/ so all the earth yields; from death un - to life her  
 4. sun 7/ to bright - en our night; he danc - es with joy, his  
 5. made 7/ to let your life show; the flow - ers and trees that  
 6. loss 7/ that helps us to feel; the gift of your - self, your

1. light up the way un - to your throne. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. blow where they please to please the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. mys - t'ry re - vealed springs forth in joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. spir - it so bright, he sings of you. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. help us to know the heart of love. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. pres - ence re - vealed to bring us home. \_\_\_\_\_

*D.C.*

## **The Gospel**

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

11:25-30

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

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, God of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, God, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Creator; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal God. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

## **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 "We thank you, Lord."

*After each petition, the People respond*

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

*Then, the Presider continues*

Presider: God of abundance, may we continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your creation;

People: **To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever. Amen.**

## **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**

### **The Blessing of the Animals**

Presider: May you be blessed in the Name of God, the Creator, Redeemer and of the Sustainer. May you and your animals enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you.

People: **Amen.**

*Ministers circulate through the congregation, blessing the animals individually.*



*The following is sung as the offerings are presented at 10:30 service.*

**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 8:00 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: 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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and people.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, 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: And so, God of radiance, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Presider: Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
People: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*And then we sing*

A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - 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. Then we sing:*

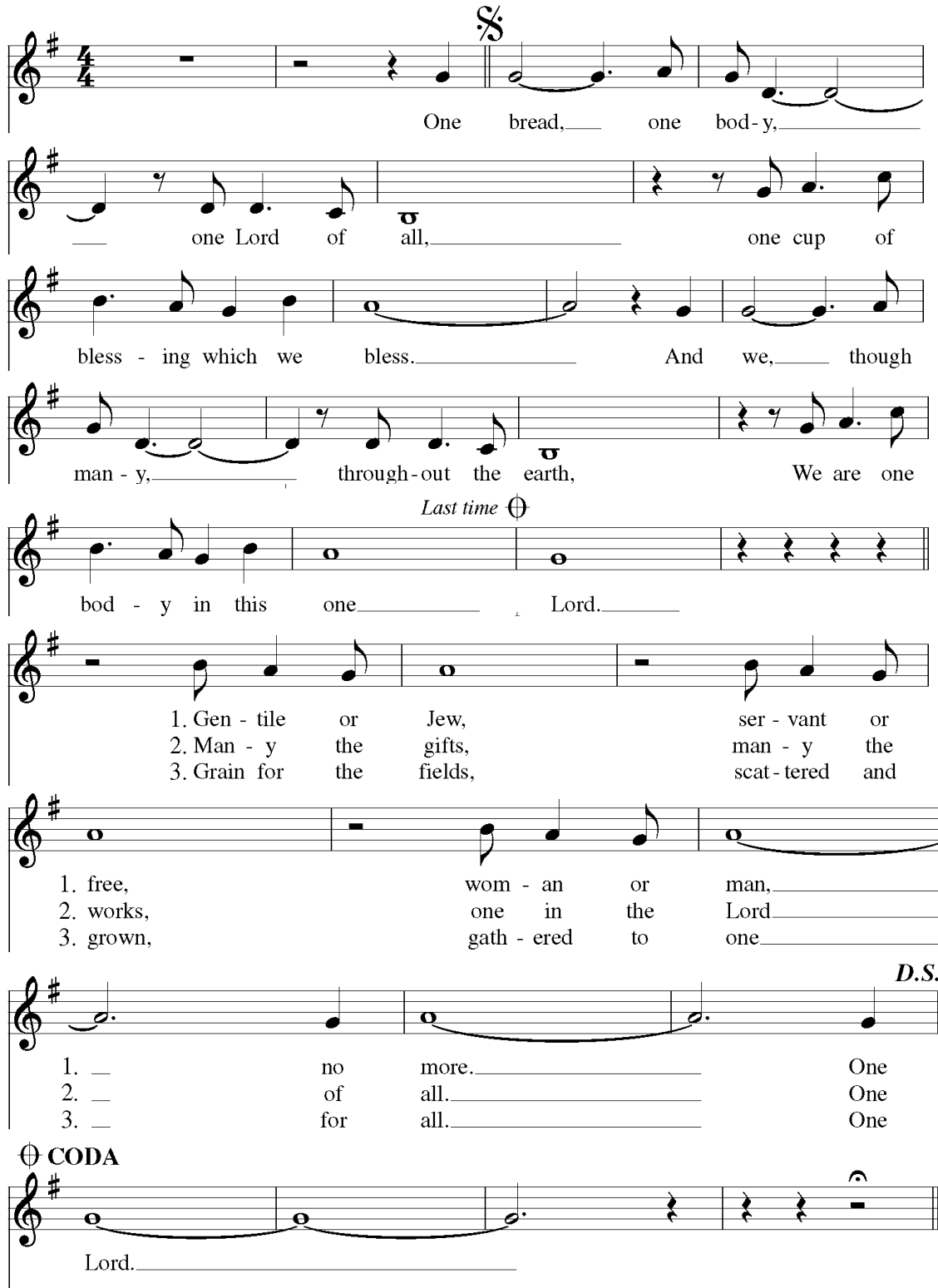
Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **The Lamb of God**

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

*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.*



One bread, one bod-y,

one Lord of all, one cup of

bless - ing which we bless. And we, though

man - y, through-out the earth, We are one

*Last time* ⊕

bod - y in this one Lord.

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the  
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,  
 2. works, one in the Lord  
 3. grown, gath - ered to one

*D.S.*

1. no more. One  
 2. of all. One  
 3. for all. One

⊕ CODA

Lord.

**Postcommunion Prayer**

Presider and People:

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

Presider: May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord have compassion on you! May God give you peace! And the blessing of God Almighty, Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

People: **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

## All Creatures of Our God and King

H 400



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
\*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
\*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
\*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
2 loft, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
4 way, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
5 part, O\_\_ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
6 breath, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back  
7 ness, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

### Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

**Dismissal**

Presider: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Improvisation on Crown Him with Many Crowns**



## **A Prayer for St. Francis**

St. Francis, you loved all created things,  
calling them your brothers and sisters.

You have been named the patron of the environment.

Help me follow your example  
of respecting and caring for all of creation,  
for our air,  
water,  
forests and  
all creatures,  
particularly for our pets.

Watch over our world, St. Francis, and  
help me to care for all living things.

*Submitted by parishioner Doris Schneider, who advised and supported the development of today's  
liturgy and animal blessing program*