



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

A LITTLE ABOUT OUR PATRON, ST. FRANCIS, AND HIS MINISTRY PARTNER, ST. CLARE

St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, was born in Italy around 1181-1182.

After a wild youth and a brief career as a soldier, Francis had a conversion experience that inspired him to renounce his family's wealth and devote his life to God. His dedication to poverty, humility, obedience, patience, and compassion soon attracted followers and, in 1209, he received permission from Pope Innocent III to form a new religious order known as the Friars Minor (commonly called the Franciscans).

Francis' deep love of God overflowed into love for all God's creatures—expressed not only in his tender care of lepers and his (unsuccessful) attempt to negotiate peace between Muslims and Christians during the fifth Crusade, but also in his prayers of thanksgiving for creation, his sermons preached to animals and his insistence that all creatures are brothers and sisters under God.

St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare were drawn together by their passionate love for God and became partners in ministry.

Like Francis, Clare was born to a wealthy family in 12th century. Clare was young, innocent and in love with life when she learned that Francis had decided to deny his possessions and leave the riches of youth behind. She desired to join him in this simple way of life, imitating him not only because of his example but also because of his words that were filled with the love of God. When she was 18 years old, she decided to do the same thing Francis had done. She left all that was familiar and safe to serve Christ alongside him.

With the help of friends who joined them along the way, they worked together to help anyone they met who was struggling and in despair.

Years later, nearing the end of his life, Francis was sheltered by Clare in a hut of branches in her church at San Damiano. She was near him at his death.

Because Francis and Clare are united in their ministry which made God's love for the vulnerable visible, we unite them in name during the Eucharistic Prayer.

THE COVER ART

Mural "Clare and Francis": Poor Clares Holy Sacrament Monastery, Canide, Brazil

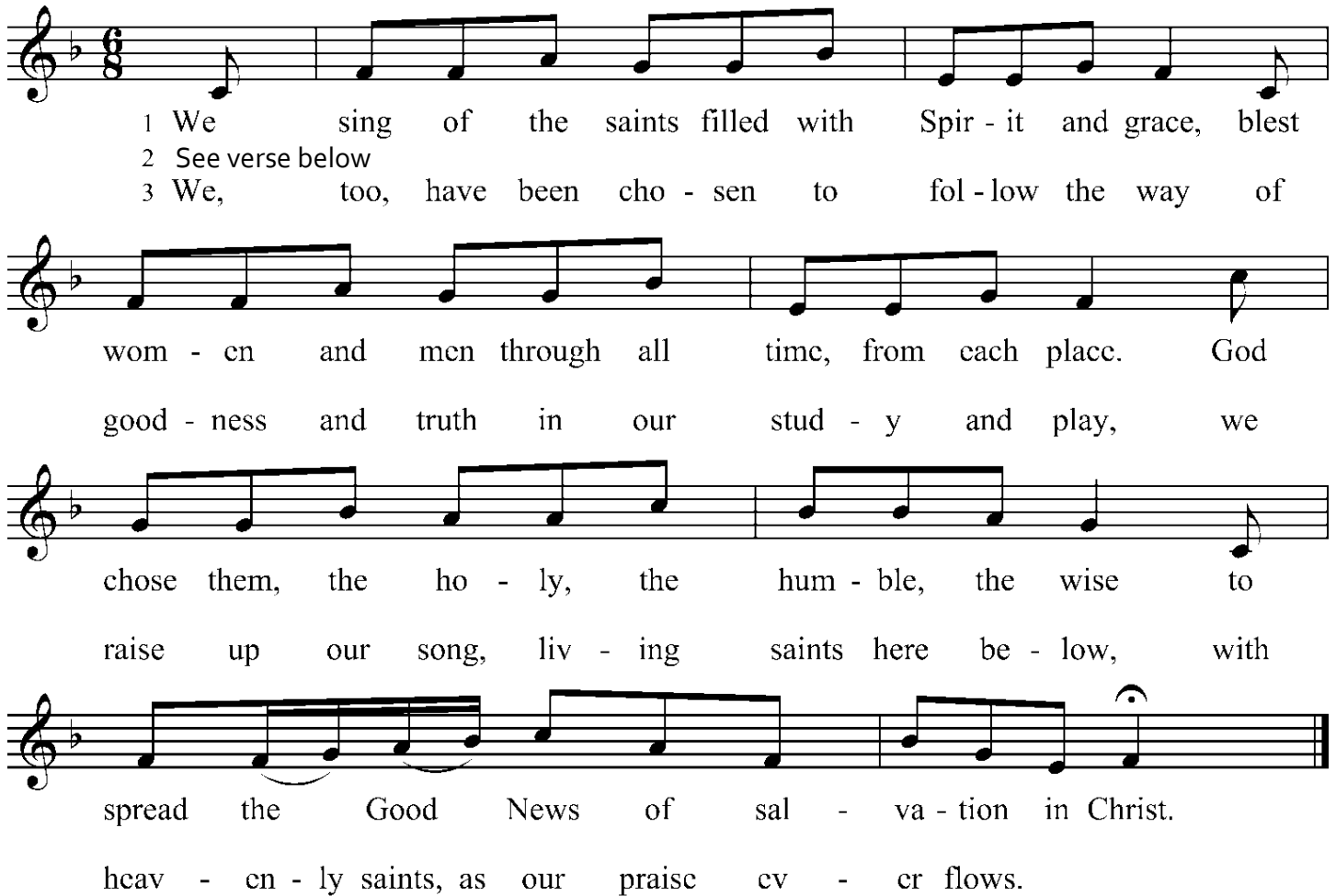
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WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Stand*

WE SING OF THE SAINTS

MHSO 118



1 We sing of the saints filled with Spir - it and grace, blest
 2 See verse 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.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS *Stand*

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 At 8am, only refrain sung twice. At 10:30, all sung.

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.

To Verses

1. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, for 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 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.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the Book of Job.

39:1–18

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?

Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?

Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?

It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?

Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?

Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?

Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.

For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,

forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.

It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;

because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.

When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

All speak together.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Galatians.

6:14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand* HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

At 8:00 only.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

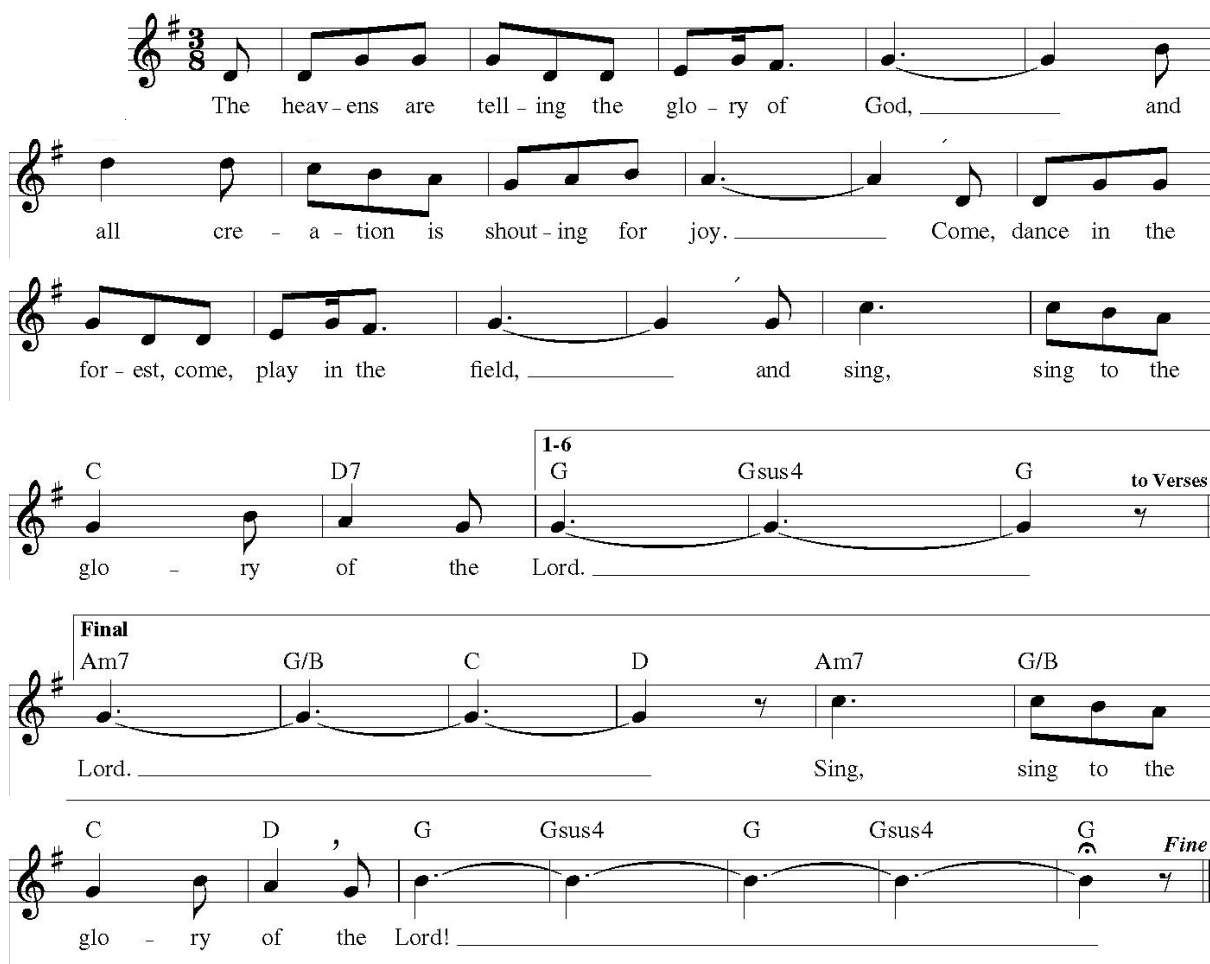
hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

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lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

GOSPEL SEQUENCE HYMN THE CANTICLE OF THE SUN

At 10:30 only. We sing 4 verses of this hymn now and the final two verses after the gospel reading.



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. _____ **1-6** G Gsus4 G to Verses
Final Am7 G/B C D Am7 G/B
Lord. _____ Sing, sing to the
C D G Gsus4 G Gsus4 G **Fine**
glo-ry of the Lord! _____

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, the gen-tl-est breeze; they blow where they will, they
3. crops so all the earth yields; from death un-to life her
4. sun to bright-en our night; he danc-es with joy, his
5. made to let your life show; the flow-ers and trees that
6. loss that helps us to feel; the gift of your-self, your
1. light up the way un-to your throne. _____ **D.C.**
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. _____

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.**

GOSPEL SEQUENCE HYMN CANTICLE OF THE SUN

At 10:30 only we sing verses 5 and 6 from page 9.

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 As a gathered community of God's people, let us offer our thanksgiving for God's abundant creation and God's Spirit present in the world, responding with "We thank you, Lord."

After each prayer, all say, "We thank you, Lord."

Reader Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For the trust you have shown in giving into our care the natural world and, particularly, for the animals that share our homes and our life's journey; help us to be good stewards of your creation.

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For all that is gracious in the lives of humankind; for the power of healing and the hope of wholeness which you give to all in need. We pray that you be especially present to our parishioners who have asked for our prayers Paul Becker, Mary Pruitt, Max Starbuck, Bob Schaefer, Becky Hall, Ann Widner, Sue Schmidt, Sylvia Ahmad, Chuck Dougherty, Lori Scissors, Troy McCart, Liz Rainbolt, the Lovell Family.

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For life eternal which you promise to those who have ended their earthly journey. We pray especially Rhonda—daughter of parishioner Mary Pruitt—and Sharon—sister of parishioner Mary Pruitt . Help us to trust that God has wiped their tears away and they have come to rest in the loving presence of their creator.

People **We thank you, Lord.**

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.**

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.

Music printed on page 9.

OFFERTORY 10:30 only

COME, SING ALLELUIA

ST. FRANCIS' SINGERS

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice!
Sing alleluia, praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

All creatures praise Him! Now sing alleluia.
All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing.
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing alleluia, Alleluia! Amen!

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore.
Sing alleluia! Singing forevermore; Alleluia! Amen!
Alleluia! Sing Amen!

The following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand. 10:30 only

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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.**

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 God 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 peace.

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:

Say at 8am:

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.

Sing at 10:30am:



The people stand or kneel.

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.**

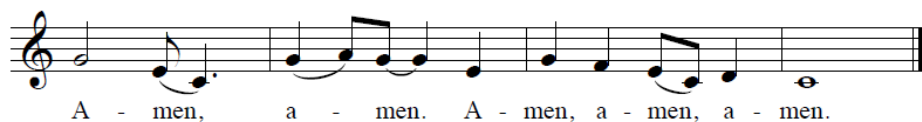
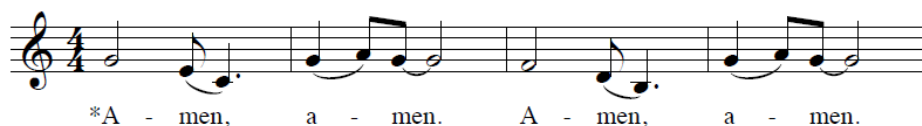
Presider Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon 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, Eternal God, 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.

AMEN

Sing two times at 10:30.



**Pronounced: Ay-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.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM *At 8am, spoken*



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

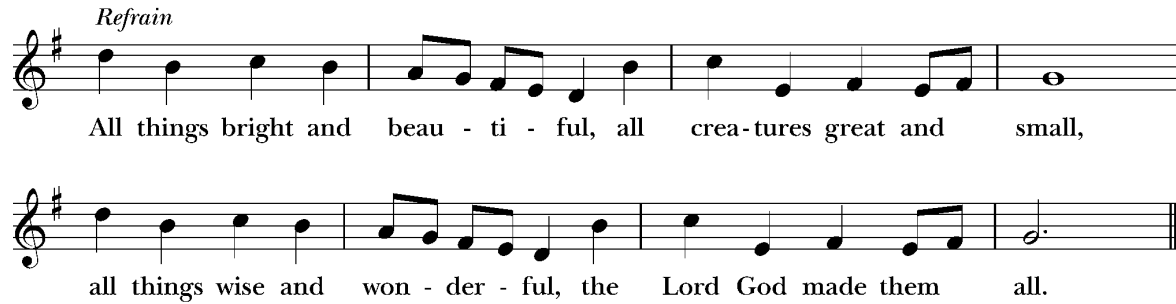
Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

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10:30 only

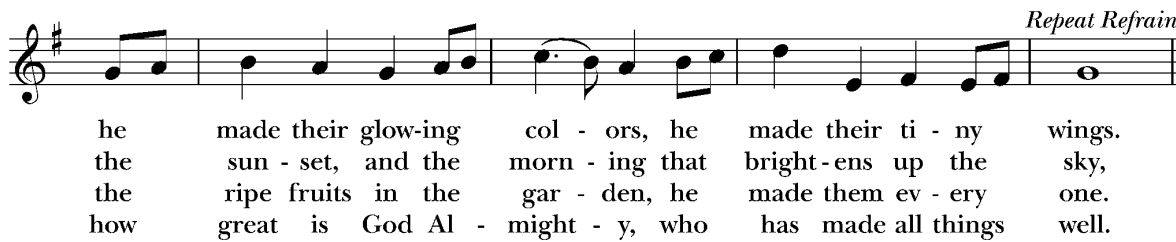
Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider Let us pray.

People Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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.



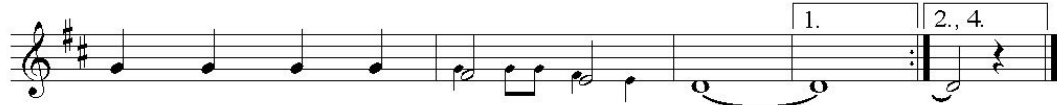
1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
 2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
 4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



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.

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

ARR. LARRY SHACKLEY

Following the service, please bring your pet for a blessing from Laurie+ or David. After the 10:30 service, stay to enjoy lunch.

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 human enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you.

People **Amen.**