



St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, October 10th, 2021
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30am
Service of Confirmation and Reception

Holy Eucharist
Book of Common Prayer, Rite 2



Come, Holy Spirit!

Welcome

We Gather

The people of God gather together. Silence is kept.

The people stand for the gathering song as they are able.

Gathering Song

Alleluiah Sing to Jesus

H 460, v. 1, 3-4

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Opening Acclamations

Bishop: Blessed be our God.
People: **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: **One God and Father of all.**

Gloria

Gloria, Gloria

LEVAS 243

Refrain

1
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2
in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Collect of the Day

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

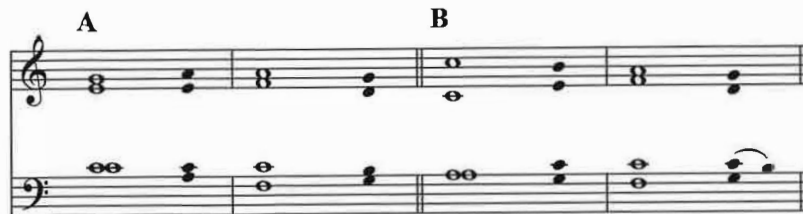
The First Reading:

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos. 5:6-7, 5:10-15

They hate the one who judges at the city gate, and they reject the one who speaks the truth. Truly, because you crush the weak, and because you tax their grain, you have built houses of carved stone, but you won't live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you won't drink their wine. I know how many are your crimes, and how numerous are your sins—afflicting the righteous, taking money on the side, turning away the poor who seek help. Therefore, the one who is wise will keep silent in that time; it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of heavenly forces, will be with you just as you have said. Hate evil, love good, and establish justice at the city gate. Perhaps the LORD God of heavenly forces will be gracious to what is left of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



- 12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
be gracious to your servants. ANTIPHON
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered adversity. ANTIPHON
- 16 Show your servant your works
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Hebrews.

4:12-16

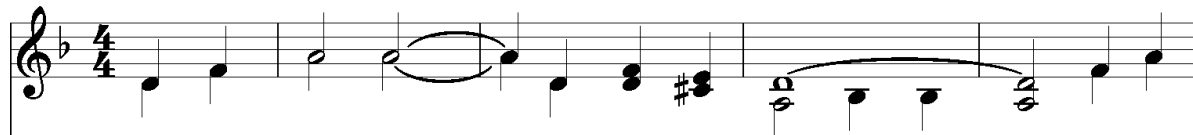
Because God's word is living, active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates to the point that it separates the soul from the spirit and the joints from the marrow. It's able to judge the heart's thoughts and intentions. No creature is hidden from it, but rather everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of the one to whom we have to give an answer.

Also, let's hold on to the confession since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, who is Jesus, God's Son; because we don't have a high priest who can't sympathize with our weaknesses but instead one who was tempted in every way that we are, except without sin.

Finally, let's draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



1. I want Je - sus_____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
 2. In my tri - als,_____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my
 3. In my sor - rows,_____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my



1. Je - sus_____ to walk with me (walk with me); All a -
 2. tri - als,_____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When the
 3. sor - rows,_____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When my



1. long my_____ pil - grim jour - ney,_____ Lord, I want
 2. shades of_____ life_____ are fall - ing,_____ Lord, I want
 3. heart with - in_____ is ach - ing._____ Lord. I want



1. Je - sus_____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 2. Je - sus_____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 3. Je - sus_____ to walk with me (walk with me).

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
 People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

proclaimed by Archdeacon Harry Leip

10:17-31

As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, “Good teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?”

Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. You know the commandments: Don’t commit murder. Don’t commit adultery. Don’t steal. Don’t give false testimony. Don’t cheat. Honor your father and mother.”

“Teacher,” he responded, “I’ve kept all of these things since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, “You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me.” But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, "It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom!" His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, "Children, it's difficult to enter God's kingdom! It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

They were shocked even more and said to each other, "Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them carefully and said, "It's impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God."

Peter said to him, "Look, we've left everything and followed you."

Jesus said, "I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

Vicar: I present Abby, Kathryn, Mary and Tatum for Confirmation.

Junior Warden: I present Ann, Doris, Ellen, Jane, Janet, Joe, John, Mary and Ryan to be received into this Episcopal Communion.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Bishop: Together let us renew our commitment to Christ.

Deacon: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Deacon: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Deacon: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop: How will you connect to Christ in community?
People: **With God's help I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

Bishop: How will you resist and turn to Christ?
People: **With God's help I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**

Bishop: How will you show Christ in your life?
People: **With God's help I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

Bishop: How will you seek and serve Christ in your life?
People: **With God's help I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.**

Bishop: How will you work for the reign of God?
People: **With God's help I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

Bishop: How will you preserve God's creation?
People: **With God's help I will cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Deacon: Let us now pray for these siblings of ours who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People: **Amen.**

The Vicar and Warden call candidates forward and the Bishop lays hands on them, saying:

For Confirmation:

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life.
People: **Amen.**

For Reception into the Episcopal Church:

Bishop: We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. May the Holy Trinity bless, preserve, and keep you.
People: **Amen.**

The Bishop then concludes

Bishop: Almighty and everlasting God, let your divine hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Bishop: 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

Offertory

What the Lord Has Done in Me

Reuben Morgan

The Holy Communion

Bishop: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to our God.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

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

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: 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.

Bishop: 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 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

And so, 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."

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

Bishop: Lord God of our Forebearers; God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Abba 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.**

Bishop: Accept these prayers and praises, 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, A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop: 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:

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

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

The Lamb of God

Bishop: 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.

Communion Hymn

Just As I Am

LEVAS 138

1. Just as I am, without one plea, But
 2. Just as I am, though tossed about With
 3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight
 4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive; Wilt
 5. Just as I am, thy love unknown Has
 6. Just as I am, of thy great love The

1. that thy blood was shed for me,
 2. many-a conflict, many-a doubt;
 3. riches, healing of the mind,
 4. welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
 5. broken every barrier down;
 6. breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,

1. And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O
 2. Fightings and fears within, without, O
 3. Yea, all I need in thee to find, O
 4. Be cause thy promise I believe, O
 5. Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O
 6. Here for a season then a have: O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Postcommunion Prayer

Bishop 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 you 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

Sending Hymn

Down at the Cross

LEVAS 28



1. Down at the cross where my Sav - ior died, Down where for cleans-ing from
 2. I am so won-drous-ly saved from sin, Je - sus so sweet-ly a -
 3. O, pre-cious foun - tain that saves from sin, I am so glad I have
 4. Come to this foun - tain so rich and sweet: Cast your poor soul at the



1. sin I cried; There to my heart was the blood ap - plied;
 2. bides with - in; There at the cross where He took me in;
 3. en - tered in; There Je - sus saves me and keeps me clean;
 4. Sav - ior's feet; Plunge in to - day, and be made com - plete;



Glo - ry to His name. Glo-ry to His name. — Glo-ry to His name! —



There to my heart was the blood ap-plied; Glo - ry to His name.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed Parishioners

Abigail E. Jones
Kathryn N. Anzilotti
Mary L. Pruitt
Tatum L. McCart

Congratulations to Our Newly Received Parishioners

Ann Marie Widner
Doris M. Schneider
Ellen B. Ogier
Jane McCoy
Janet M. Houseman
Joseph C. Bernert
John A. McCoy
Mary L. Pruitt
Ryan N. Baskin

Linda F. Carter is unable to be present today so she will be received Nov. 14 at St. Martin's