

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH  
HOLY COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT**



**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF 2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

## **ABOUT LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT**

St. Francis' is blessed by inspired worship shared in varied forms led by seasoned liturgical leaders, lay and ordained. Today's service, "The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament," is a special service featuring these leaders. Deacon David will preside and preach, and Lay Liturgical Leader Linda Carter will open our liturgy and serve as Lay Eucharistic Minister. This form of liturgy allows us to gather for Morning Prayer and share communion while Laurie+ is away.

The Episcopal Church only authorizes priests to consecrate the elements of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Our Savior, Jesus Christ. However, in accordance with the Canons of Episcopal Church, and of the Diocese of Missouri, communion may be distributed from pre-consecrated elements by a deacon. Bishop Deon, using the Book of Common Prayer guidelines, developed and authorized us to use the Litany of the Consecrated Gifts in today's service.

Much will be familiar to you in today's service though there are some important differences that speak to what is unique about this kind of worship.

- The Liturgy of the Word remains unchanged.
- At the confession, things began to change. Rather than bidding the confession from the lectern, the deacon joins the people to lead confession and ask for God's absolution. Only priests are empowered, through their ordination, to absolve sins directly.
- At the Liturgy of the Table, the deacon places the pre-consecrated elements on the altar and returns to stand with the people to lead the Litany of Consecrated Gifts. This litany is not a Eucharistic Prayer. Standing with the people and not at God's Table underscores the deacon is not consecrating the elements.
- Communion is distributed by Lay Eucharistic Ministers, not the deacon, underscoring again, that the deacon is not serving at the table where a Eucharistic Prayer has happened.
- The liturgy concludes with an Act of Thanksgiving, not a blessing which is something only Priests are empowered to offer.

## **ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER DESIGN**

This Sunday we launch our stewardship campaign for the 2024 budget year. The title of St. Francis' stewardship, Sharing God's Gifts, speaks to the nature of Christian giving. Letting go of and sharing our material goods is a tangible action that bears witness to what we sing at the 10:30am offertory each week: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

The logo draws on the story of the feeding of the multitudes found in all four Gospels. In that story, the crowds share freely what they have and suddenly no one is without enough bread and fish to eat. In fact, there are leftovers—an abundance. The image of the wheat in the field, that from which we form the bread, also speaks to this abundance.

We ask that you prayerfully consider a 2024 pledge to St. Francis. We can't be St. Francis' without you.

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*We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.*

## WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Stand. 10:30only*

## GATHER US IN



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,  
 2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,  
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,



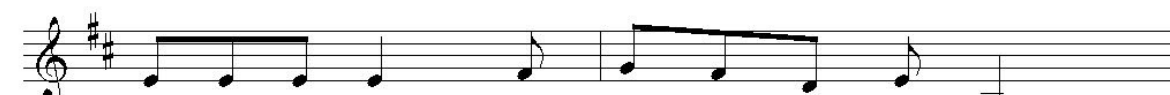
Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,  
 We are the old— who yearn for your face,  
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,



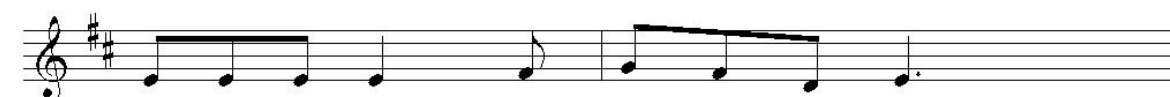
See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,  
 We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,  
 Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;  
 Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;  
 Give us to eat the bread that is you;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
 Nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

## OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

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

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Leader 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 *Read together at 8:00 only*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Creator,  
we worship You, we give You thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Child of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
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 the Father. Amen.**

**GLORIA** 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, 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 THE DAY

Leader God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

Life-giving God, as we experience your healing, may we proclaim your deeds, and turn to you to offer thanks and praise; through Jesus our Messiah, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus. 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of

heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM OF THE DAY**

**106**

*The people speak the entire psalm together.*

**Hallelujah!**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures for ever.**

**Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord  
or show forth all his praise?**

**Happy are those who act with justice  
and always do what is right!**

**Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people,  
and visit me with your saving help;**

**That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your people,  
that I may glory with your inheritance.**

**We have sinned as our forebears did;  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

**Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb  
and worshiped a molten image;**

**And so they exchanged their Glory  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

**They forgot God their Savior,  
who had done great things in Egypt,**

**Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

**So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand. 10:30 only* **HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH**

Refrain:

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

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

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

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

Verse: **Oh, God to whom shall we go?**  
**You alone have the words of life,**  
**Let your words be our prayer and the song we sing:**  
**Hallelujah, hallelujah. repeat refrain**



## THE GOSPEL

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

22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** *At 10:30 only, sing the music on previous page one time through.*

**SERMON** *Sit*

**THE REV. DAVID LUCKES**

**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 We pray for God to fill us with the Spirit. Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.

*After each prayer, please respond "**and fill us with your Spirit.**"*

Deacon Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the River Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room. In your mercy fill us with your Spirit. hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.

People **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

*Silence is kept for a time.*

People           **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.**

Deacon           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**

Deacon           The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People           **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Sit*

## **OFFERTORY**

*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.*

**MEDITATION HYMN** *8:00 only*

**WHAT FEAST OF LOVE**

**BY BRIAN WENTZEL & DELORES DUFFNER**

*music on following page*



1. What feast of love is of-fered here, What ban-quet come from  
 2. What light of truth is of-fered here, What cov - e - nant from  
 3. What wine of love is of-fered here, What crim-son drink from



1. heav - en? What food of ev - er - last - ing life, What  
 2. heav - en? What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, What  
 3. heav - en? What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, What



1. gra - cious gift is giv - en? This, this is Christ the  
 2. won - drous word is giv - en? This, this is Christ the  
 3. pre - cious blood is giv - en? This, this is Christ the



1. King, The bread come down from heav - en. O  
 2. King, The Sun come down from heav - en. O  
 3. King, The sweet - est wine of heav - en. O



1. taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 2. see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 3. taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

*During the offertory hymn, the Deacon places the reserved sacrament (communion bread and wine consecrated at last week's Eucharistic Feast on the altar and sets the table.*

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

**H 380**

**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.**

## **WE GATHER AT THE TABLE**

*Taking a position in the center aisle and facing the altar, the deacon leads the people in the Litany of the Consecrated Gifts, provided below.*

Deacon                We give thanks to you, O God, for all things good and beneficial to our bodies and souls.

People                **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon                For the Body and Blood of Christ, set here before us;

People                **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon                That you have brought us together in this place;

People                **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon                That your eternal Word was made flesh for us;

People                **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon                For Christ's life and ministry, death and resurrection;

People                **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon                That you fill our lives with grace and grant us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People                **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon                That through this Sacrament you grant us a pledge of our eternal inheritance;

People                **We thank you, O God.**

Deacon                We pray, therefore, in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

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 deacon then moves to the altar, takes the elements, faces the people and says*

Deacon                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. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.*

*Communion wafers are dairy- and nut-free but do contain gluten today. For a gluten-free communion wafer, please ask the Eucharistic Minister who is distributing when you get to the front of the line.*



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

### \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

Deacon Let us pray.

All In gratitude, in deep gratitude  
 for this moment,  
 this meal,  
 these people,  
 we give ourselves to you.

Take us out  
 to live as changed people  
 because we have shared the Living Bread  
 and cannot remain the same.  
 Ask much of us,  
 expect much from us,

enable much by us,  
encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory,  
both as inhabitants of earth  
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.  
Amen.

## **A WORD ABOUT SHARING GOD’S GIFTS**

**BRENDA RUSSELL AND JEFF RAINBOLT**  
**2024 STEWARDSHIP CO-CHAIRS**

### **ACT OF THANKSGIVING**

Deacon            Let us pray.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

Deacon            God of all creation, we gather on this first day of the week made holy by the resurrection of Christ, your Son.

People            **In the waters of baptism we were buried with him so that we might also rise with him and so share his victory over sin and death.**

Deacon            You have transformed our lives into the living stones that form your Church with Christ as the foundation stone.

People            **Strengthen this community’s bond of communion and peace and deepen our solidarity with your Church throughout the world. Rekindle within us this Sabbath day the vision of your kingdom so that our daily concerns and labor may find their proper perspective.**

Deacon            Fill our homes with the spirit of the Gospel.

People            **Give us the grace to see the true face of the people with whom we live. In a world torn by sin and division make us instruments of reconciliation and mercy. We raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, O God.**

Deacon            May we who celebrate Christ’s resurrection this day share in his eternal glory where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1. Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con -  
2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God who is

fess - ing, The peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take  
liv - ing, The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we em -

leave. Our prayer here has end - ed, O now be ex -  
brace. Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er

tend - ed The fruits of our wor - ship in all who be -  
car - ing, We claim as our fam - 'ly all those of each

lieve. The seed of Christ's teach - ing, Our in - ner souls  
race. With grace God has fed us, One true light has

reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. God's  
led us U - nit - ing us all in the life that we share. Then

grace shall in - cite us, In love shall u - nite us To  
may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing Give

fur - ther God's king - dom and an - swer the call.  
hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

**DISMISSAL**

Deacon With Christ beside us, before us, beneath us, and above us, let us go in the name of Christ to love and serve our God!

People **We go in the name of Christ! Thanks be to God!**