



**SHARING GOD'S GIFTS**  
ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023**

**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF 2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

## ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER DESIGN

This Sunday we continue 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 of 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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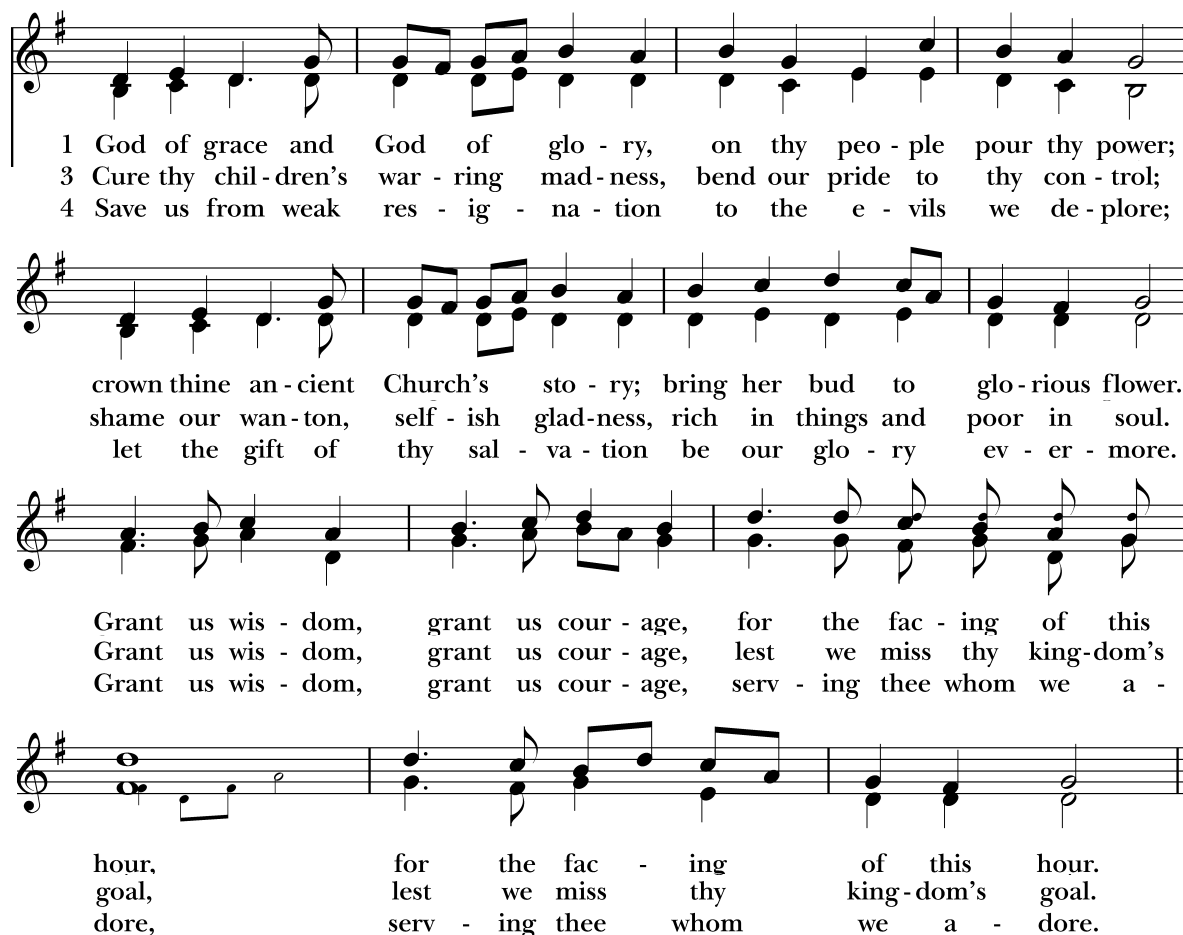
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## WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Stand. 8am v. 1 only*

## GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

H 59



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;  
 crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
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 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

## OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

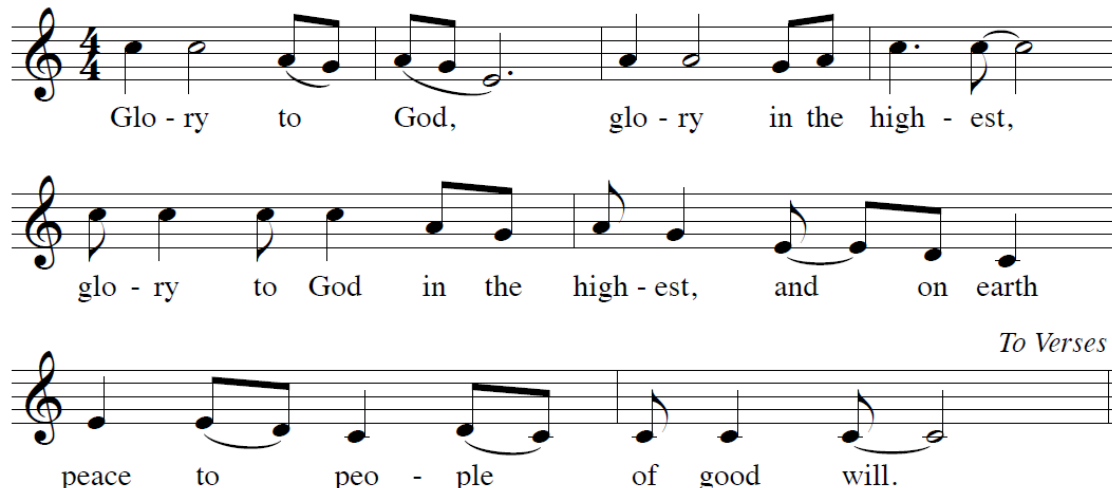
Presider Be with us, Spirit of God;  
 People **nothing can separate us from your love.**  
 Presider Breathe on us, breath of God;  
 People **fill us with your saving power.**  
 Presider Speak in us, wisdom of God;  
 People **bring strength, vision and healing.**

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Presider Generous God, you pour your love and mercy into our hearts;  
 you freely offer us your grace, though we may refuse to accept it.  
 People **Be with us now as we gather to worship in your name.**  
**Open our hearts to receive from you, that our lives may be a blessing to others**  
**as we follow Jesus.**

# GLORIA At 8am, refrain only sung twice

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

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Holy One, nameless, you stay with us; even when we wrestle in the darkness may we never lose heart until your justice is fulfilled; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who is alive with you and 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. 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



*At 8am, spoken*

The Lord is King;  
 let the people tremble;  
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
 let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;  
 he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;  
 he is the Holy One. **ANTIPHON**

"O mighty King, lover of justice,  
 you have established equity;  
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
 and fall down before his footstool;  
 he is the Holy One. **ANTIPHON**

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
 and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,  
 they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
 they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. **ANTIPHON**

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;  
 you were a God who forgave them,  
 yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
 and worship him upon his holy hill;  
 for the Lord our God is the Holy One. **ANTIPHON**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** *Stand. At 8am, refrain 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.                    22:15-22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**SERMON** *Sit*

**THE REV. CANON WHITNEY RICE**

**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 and make God's reign of justice, mercy and love visible in our world and in our lives. Lord, come to bless us, and fill us with your Spirit.

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

Presider            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            The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us come to God seeking healing and salvation, and praying for guidance and vision.

*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.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

Deacon Christ came and proclaimed the Gospel: peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near. May 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*

## **WE GATHER AT THE TABLE**

## **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*

**O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING**

**PERFORMED BY SARAH KROGER**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *10:30 only***O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING**

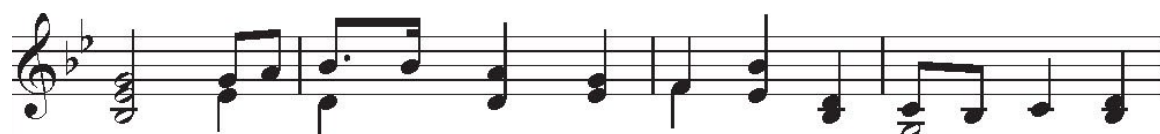
1 O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to -  
2 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we



day and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re -  
bring, that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our



pay; for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you  
King; and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or



send, at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out  
ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you



end; we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your  
still: to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your



word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
ways, and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Stand*

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 him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And now we give you thanks because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth, and give us power to proclaim your Gospel to the nations, and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*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:*

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

*The people stand or kneel.*

Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

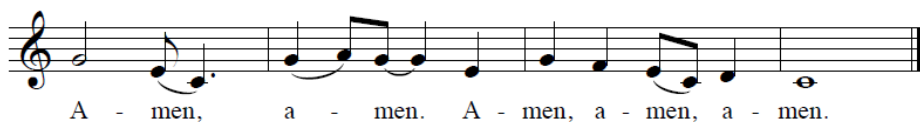
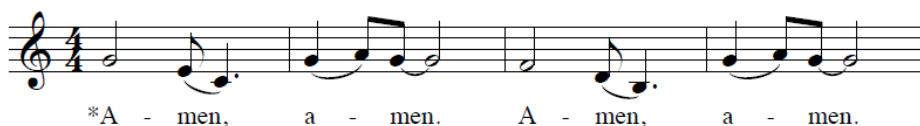
**Christ will come again.**

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Eternal One, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

## AMEN

*Sing two times at 10:30.*



*\*Pronounced: Ay-men.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

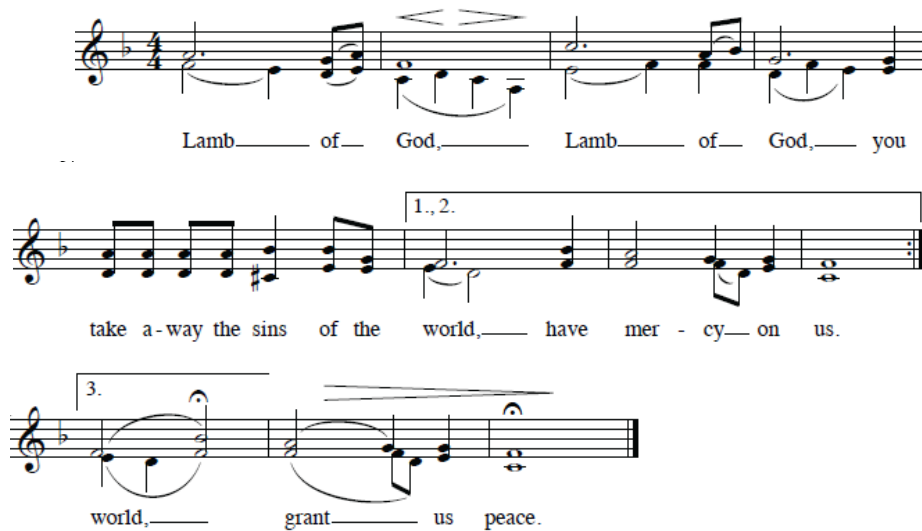
Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
People **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
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*



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
world, grant us peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

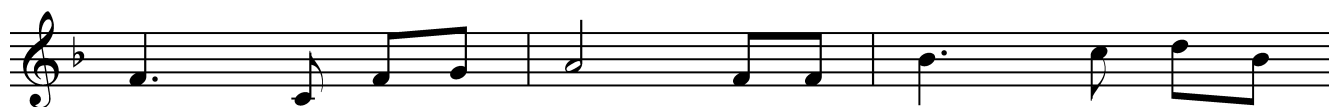
*This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over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

**COMMUNION HYMN** *10:30 only* **IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER****MHSO 86**

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple  
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o -  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i -



tree; in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter -  
dy; there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing  
ty; in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our



flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of  
hope to you and me. From the past will come the  
life, e - ter - ni - ty; in our death, a res - ur -



win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
fu - ture, what it holds, a mys - ter - y, un - re -  
rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Stand*

Presider Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**A WORD ABOUT SHARING GOD'S GIFTS** *10:30am only***SUZANNE JONES**

## BLESSING

Presider            The Spirit give you grace to confess Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People            **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### PEACE IS FLOWING LIKE A RIVER

Peace is flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing  
Love is flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing  
Heal - ing's flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -

out of you and me. \_\_\_\_\_  
out of you and me. \_\_\_\_\_  
out of you and me. \_\_\_\_\_  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Flow - ing out in - to the  
Flow - ing out in - to the  
Flow - ing out in - to the  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

des - ert, set - ting all the cap - tives free. \_\_\_\_\_  
des - ert, set - ting all the cap - tives free. \_\_\_\_\_  
des - ert, set - ting all the cap - tives free. \_\_\_\_\_  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## DISMISSAL

Deacon            The Lord says, 'Go into all the world and make disciples of all the nations.' Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People            In the name of Christ. Amen!

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