# St. Francis' Episcopal Church, Sunday, November 24, 2024

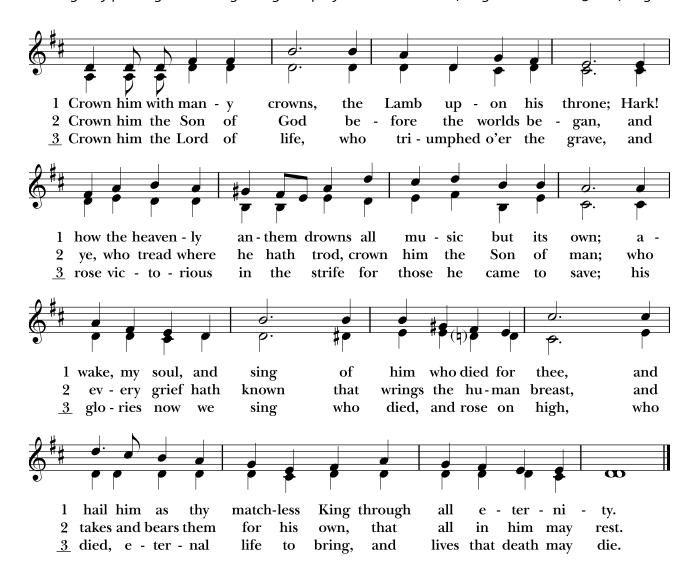
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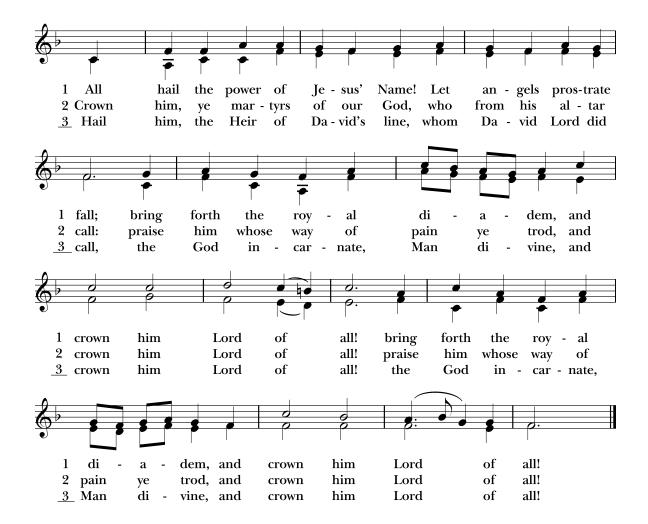
Prelude 10:30am Open Your Ears, O Faithful People Arr. Ronald A. Nelson

## GATHERING SONG 8am CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

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We begin by praising God through song and prayer. Stand. At 8am, sing verse 1. At 10:30am, sing all verses.





## **GREETING**

Standing before the assembly, the Presider welcomes the community to worship.

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.

People Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are

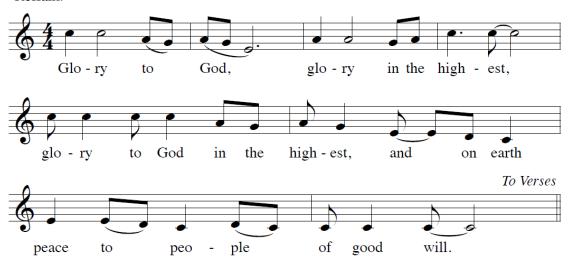
hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may

perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

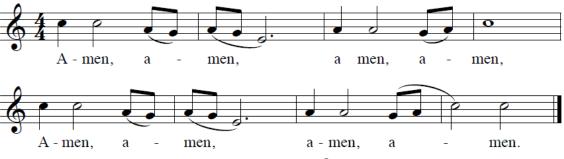
People Amen.

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

#### Refrain:



- 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**



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider continues with the prayer appointed for the day, called the collect.

The collect is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the readings for the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scripture for the day.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

# WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES Sit.

We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Reading and commenting on scripture goes back to the earliest services of Christianity. Following the pattern of Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set pattern for what will be read when.

## THE FIRST LESSON: A READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Reader A reading from the first Book of Samuel.

23:1-7

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted,

the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,

his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,

the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,

ruling in the fear of God,

is like the light of morning,

like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

At 8am, the congregation reads the antiphon together. At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon together.

## Antiphon:



Lord, remember David, and all the hardships he endured;

How he swore an oath to the Lord and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob: **ANTIPHON** 

"I will not come under the roof of my house," nor climb up into my bed;

I will not allow my eyes to sleep, nor let my eyelids slumber;

Until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob." **ANTIPHON** 

"The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; we found it in the fields of Jearim.

Let us go to God's dwelling place; let us fall upon our knees before his footstool." **ANTIPHON** 

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, you and the ark of your strength.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing with joy.

For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your Anointed. **ANTIPHON** 

The Lord has sworn an oath to David; in truth, he will not break it:

"A son, the fruit of your body will I set upon your throne.

If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children will sit upon your throne for evermore." **ANTIPHON** 

## THE SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Revelation.

1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

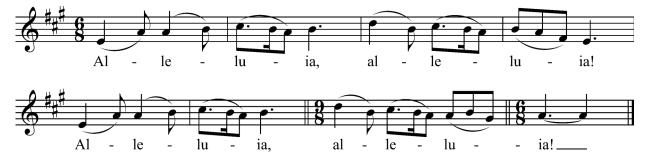
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#### GOSPEL HYMN: PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOSPEL Stand.

We stand, as we are able, for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on Jesus' words and actions, and sing the Gospel Hymn.

#### 8ам

#### CELTIC ALLELUIA



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**10:30AM** Sing verse 1 before the Gospel is read.



### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Deacon God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

18:33-37

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you

about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." At the end of the Gospel the Deacon says

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN** At 10:30am, verse 2 on the previous page is sung one time through.

## THE SERMON Sit.

## THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

We remain seated for the sermon. Having someone comment on the scriptures read goes back to the earliest days of Christianity and to the Jewish Synagogue worship which preceded it.

#### THE NICENE CREED Stand.

The is a gender expansive version of the Nicene Creed adapted by Bishop Deon.

Deacon We affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.

People We believe in one God, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the only One of God, eternally begotten of the Creator, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator. Through Christ all things were made. For us and for our salvation, Christ came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake, Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered death, and was buried. On the third day, Christ rose again in accordance with the Scriptures, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God. Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and the kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Creator, who with the Creator and the Christ is worshipped and glorified, and who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy, universal, 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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer changes people. Prayer is not about changing God but about changing us more into the likeness of God. Collectively and individually we offer the hopes and desires of our hearts to God. The Deacon offers the prayers for those who are sick or have asked our prayers.

Deacon: God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to

you in faith with thanksgiving. Therefore we come to you with grateful hearts asking you,

God of Love, grant our prayer.

After each prayer, the people reply, "grant our prayer."

Presider: Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your

people. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

As we enter in to worship we ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone and things done on our behalf so that we may be reconciled to each other and to God.

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

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 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 EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

As we enter the most sacred portion of our worship we exchange a sign of God's promised peace. There are no set words to use in greeting each other, but "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and "Shalom" are all commonly used.

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

As a community of reconciliation and peace, we greet each other with a sign of our desire for peace.

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Sit.**

# GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

Having been nourished from the richness of God's love in sacred story and reconciled to each other through prayer and peace, we gather at Christ's table to offer ourselves to be transformed for service in the world. We listen to or sing a hymn to continue to prepare our hearts and minds for the Eucharistic Prayers to come.

# \*THE OFFERTORY 10:30 only

The gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts are offered by the assembly to be set apart or consecrated as a reminder of Christ's sacrificial love and life. Once the Holy Table or Altar is prepared, the Presider and people give thanks to God for the many gifts we have been given by standing and singing our praise.

# MEDITATION HYMN 8:00am ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME BY SHANE AND SHANE

## OFFERTORY HYMN 10:30am Crown Him With Many Crowns

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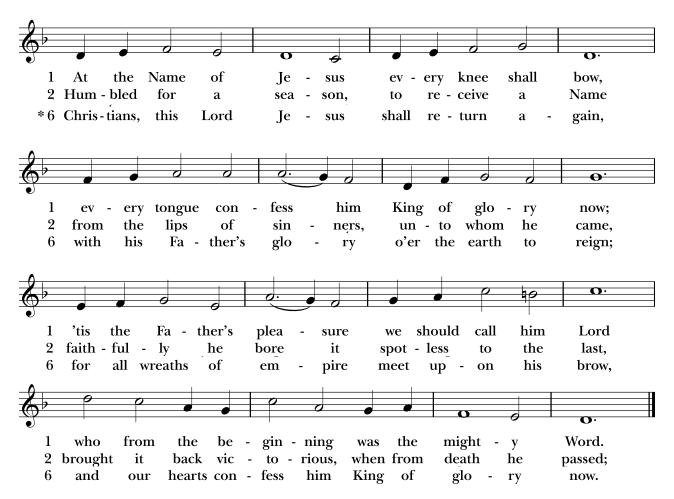
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You are welcome to take this green insert home with you for prayer or pondering.