



Sunday, January 18, 2026  
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
with Baptism and Reception



## **ABOUT BAPTISM**

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates, but also parents, godparents, and sponsors, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring faith. The wider community of the church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

## **"NO MISTAKES IN WORSHIP"**

At St. Francis' we say, "There are no mistakes in worship." Of course we make mistakes, but this is our way of saying that our focus is praise, thanks, and dwelling with God as a community. If we sing off key, stand or sit at the wrong time, or make some other error, God is still praised. That is our priority! So if you make a mistake while you are with us, welcome to the club, and God be praised!

## **PICTURES AND VIDEO**

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 *10:30am only*

## CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

## Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for  
 2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for  
 5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —  
 2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —  
 5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

## Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

## **OPENING ACCLAMATIONS** *Stand*

Bishop            Arise, shine, for Christ's light has come.

People            **God's glory is revealed among us and within us.**

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 creator of all.**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Leader            Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People            **Amen.**

## **WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES** *Sit*

### **THE FIRST LESSON**

Reader            A reading from the book of Isaiah. 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says,  
    who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
    and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
    and my God has become my strength--

he says,

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
    to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
    and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
    that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”  
Thus says the Lord,  
    the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
    the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up,  
    princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
    the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## PSALM

At 8:30am, all speak the antiphon: **Here I am, Lord, here I am; I come to do your will.** At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.



You delight not in sacrifice and offering,  
but in an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and sin  
offering.

Then I said, "Behold, I have  
come." R.

In the scroll of the book it stands  
written of me:

"I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your instruction lies deep within  
me." R.

Your uprightness I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O LORD. R.

Your saving help I have not hidden in  
my heart;

of your faithfulness and salvation I  
have spoken.

I made no secret of your merciful love  
and your faithfulness to the great  
assembly. R.

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## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sing verse 1 and refrain before Gospel Reading.*

1. See the Bright and Morn - ing Star,  
 Je - sus, the Light of the World!  
 He has ris - en in our hearts,  
 Je - sus, the Light of the World!  
 Walk in the Light, beau - ti - ful Light;  
 Come where His love and His mer - cy are bright.  
 Shine all a - round us by day and by night,  
 Je - sus, the Light of the World.

## THE GOSPEL

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

1:29-42

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** *At 10:30am, sing the refrain above one time through.*

**SERMON** *Sit*

**THE RT. REV. DEON K. JOHNSON**

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

### **PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES**

Bishop                    The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor                    I present Ariadani to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Bishop                    Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate                    I do.

Bishop                    Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidate                    I renounce them.

Bishop                    Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidate                    I renounce them.

Bishop                    Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidate                    I renounce them.

Bishop                    Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Candidate                    I do.



Bishop Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Candidate I do.

Bishop The other candidates will now be presented.

Senior Warden I present Mary, Meaghan and Jeffrey to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do.

*The Bishop addresses the congregation:*

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

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT** *Stand*

Deacon Do you believe in God?

People **I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth.**

Deacon Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 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 evil 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 Christ?

People **With God's help I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

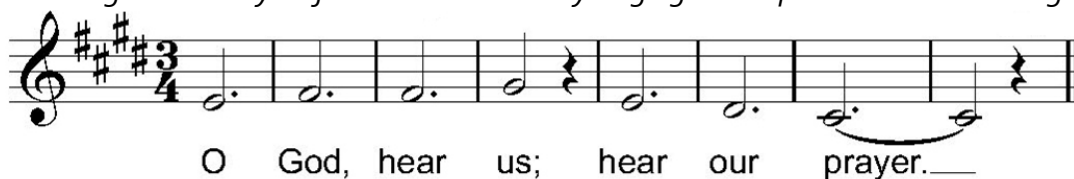
Bishop How will you preserve God's creation?

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 Dani who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for Meaghan, Jeff, and Mary who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Cantor begins the Prayers for the Candidates by singing the response one time through.*



Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People	<b>O God, hear us; hear our prayer.</b>
Deacon	Open their hearts to our grace and truth.
People	<b>O God, hear us; hear our prayer.</b>
Deacon	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People	<b>O God, hear us; hear our prayer.</b>
Deacon	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People	<b>O God, hear us; hear our prayer.</b>
Deacon	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People	<b>O God, hear us; hear our prayer.</b>
Deacon	Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People	<b>O God, hear us; hear our prayer.</b>
Deacon	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People	<b>O God, hear us; hear our prayer.</b>
Bishop	Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.
People	<b>Amen.</b>

## THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*The Bishop blesses the water, saying*

Bishop	The Lord be with you.
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People	<b>And also with you.</b>
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Bishop	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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People	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>
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*The Bishop continues.*

## THE BAPTISM

*The candidate is presented by name to the Bishop, who then pours water upon the candidate saying*

Bishop I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Abiding God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Dani your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

People **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*

Priest You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

*The Bishop lights the baptismal candle from the Paschal Candle.*

Bishop Let us welcome Dani.

Bishop and People

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*Silence may be kept.*

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 Bishop lays hands on each candidate and says*

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.

Candidates       **Amen.**

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 Savior.

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** *Sit*

*St. Francis' Episcopal Church is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who contribute as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your contribution in the collection plate or use the QR code to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to parishioners' annual commitments.*

## **GATHERING 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.*

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In

all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on

chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -  
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -  
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,  
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness  
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,

Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the  
 And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as  
 Is re - vealed in time and space; As we

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus: All are wel-come,  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us:

all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

## DOXOLOGY

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*At 10:30am, the following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.*

**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 Bishop takes the bread and wine. All stand.*

Bishop            The Lord be with you.

People            **And also with you.**

Bishop            Lift up your hearts.

People            **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Bishop            It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 8:30am:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**



*Sing at 10:30am:*

Bishop Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Bishop and People

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Bishop Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



## AMEN



*\*Pronounced: Ay-men.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

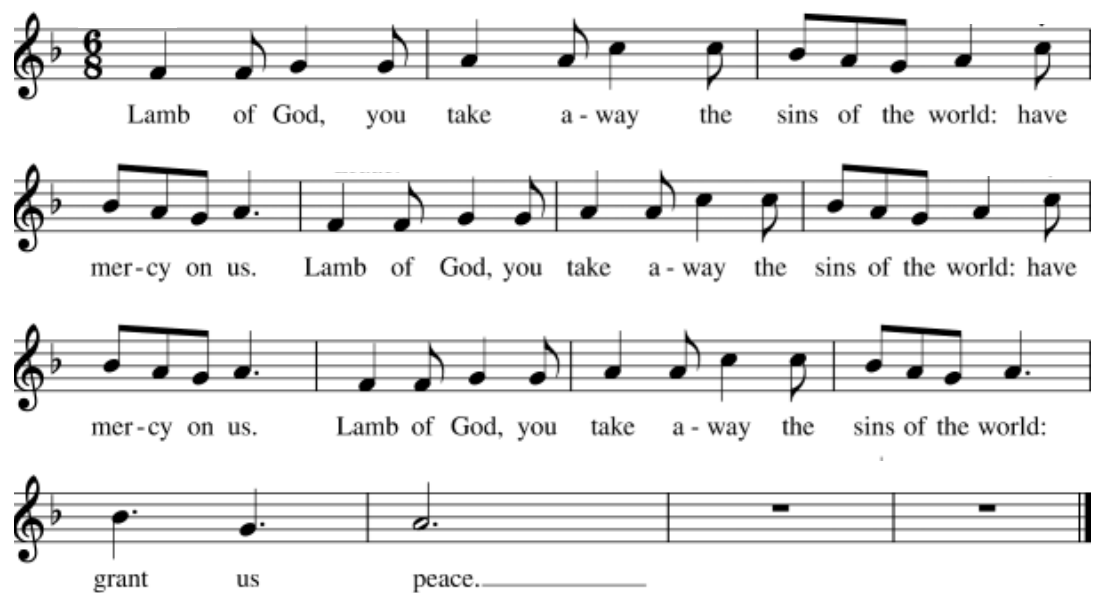
Presider	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People	<b>Our Father, who art in heaven,</b>
	<b>hallowed be thy Name,</b>
	<b>thy kingdom come,</b>
	<b>thy will be done,</b>
	<b>on earth as it is in heaven.</b>
	<b>Give us this day our daily bread.</b>
	<b>And forgive us our trespasses,</b>
	<b>as we forgive those</b>
	<b>who trespass against us.</b>
	<b>And lead us not into temptation,</b>
	<b>but deliver us from evil.</b>
	<b>For thine is the kingdom,</b>
	<b>and the power, and the glory,</b>
	<b>for ever and ever. Amen.</b>

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Presider	We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
People	<b>God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.</b>

**FRACTION ANTHEM** At 8:30am, spoken. At 10:30am, sung.



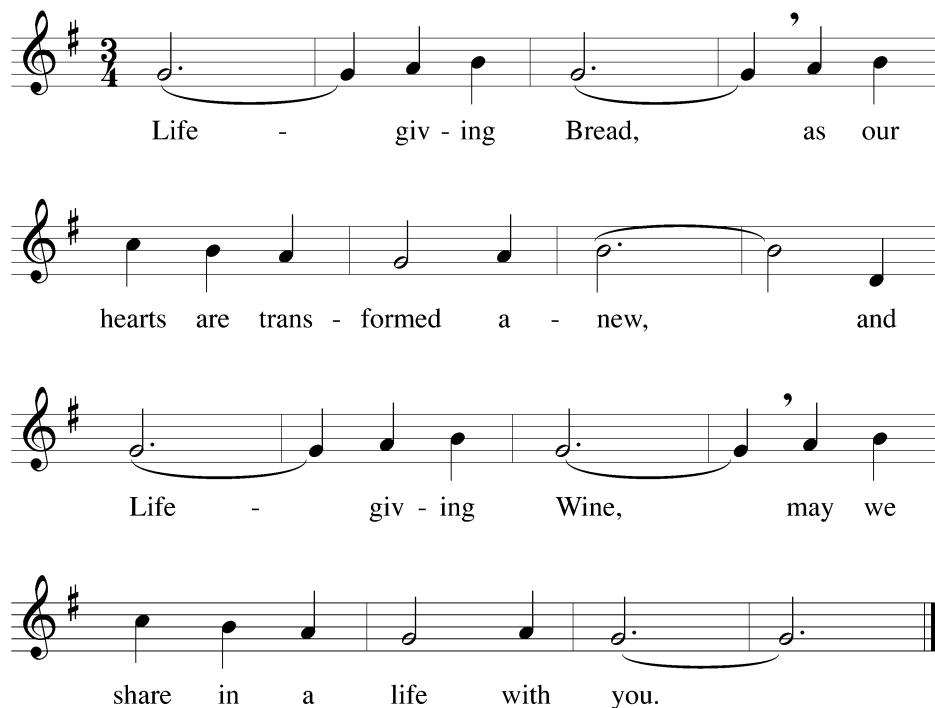
Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Deacon The table of Christ's body and blood is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus. It is the table of sharing with the poor and lowly of the world, with whom Jesus identified.

Bishop So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

People Amen. As the bread and wine we now eat are transformed, may we be changed into the likeness of Christ; bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh, loving and caring for the world.

*Our bread is gluten-, dairy-, and nut-friendly. 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.*



**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *Stand*

*After all have received communion the Bishop says*

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

People **Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
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.**

## BLESSING

*The Bishop blesses the people.*

People                      **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *10:30am*

**SPIRIT TAKE US HOME**

**CHRISTOPHER GRUNDY**

### **REFRAIN:**

Spirit take us home, take us home by another way,  
Take us long way 'round the tyrants and their schemes.  
Give us strength to walk, show us dreams of a better day,  
And we'll pave the way with justice going home by another way.

The mountains and the hills made low, the rough places made plain  
The despots thrown down from their throne till only love remains. **REFRAIN**

No offerings for billionaires to make them richer still.  
Bring all your frankincense and myrrh that the hungry may be filled. **REFRAIN**

So when the proud boys and the klan ask where the Christ child lies,  
Just tell them that you'll let them know next time you're passing by. **REFRAIN**

## DISMISSAL

Deacon                      Let us go forth in the name of Christ, the light of all nations! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People                      **We will go in Christ's name! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE