



Sunday, February 15, 2026
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Liturgy of the Word with Sacrament from the Reserve



ABOUT LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH SACRAMENT FROM THE RESERVE

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. 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 the 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 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.
- The liturgy concludes with an Act of Thanksgiving, not a blessing which is something only Priests are empowered to offer.

THE COVER ART

The cover art is created by parishioner Ann Widner.

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME *10:30am only*

GATHERING HYMN *10:30am only* **PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS**

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.

Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease.

Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.

Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.

From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.

Praise the one redeeming glory; Praise the One who makes us one.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS *Stand*

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider 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 *8:30am. Stand*

People **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son 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 God the Father. Amen.**

GLORIA 10:30am. Stand

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, 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**

A - men, a - men, a men, a - men,
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

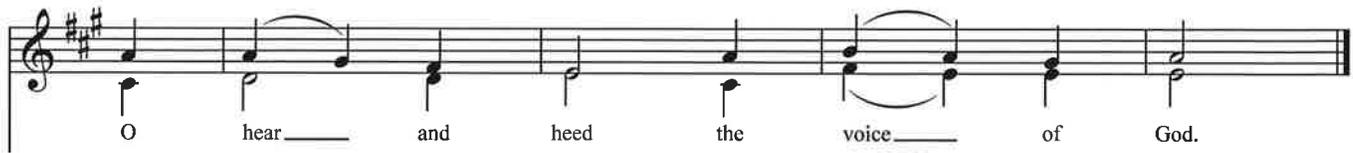
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 2

At 8:30am, all speak the antiphon: "**O hear and heed the voice of God.**" At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.



Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed? **ANTIPHON**

"Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

He whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the Lord has them in derision.

Then he speaks to them in his wrath,
and his rage fills them with terror. **ANTIPHON**

"I myself have set my king
upon my holy hill of Zion."

Let me announce the decree of the Lord:
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery." **ANTIPHON**

And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Submit to the Lord with fear,
and with trembling bow before him;

Lest he be angry and you perish;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are they all
who take refuge in him! **ANTIPHON**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON 10:30am. Stand **JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

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 *Stand*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 17:1-9

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be 9

here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *At 10:30am, sing the refrain 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 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 INTERCESSION

- Presider With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."
- Intercessor For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
- People **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
- People **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor For our Bishop Deon, and for all the clergy and people, especially those of St. Francis, let us pray to the Lord.
- People **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
- People **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, and in hopeful anticipation that the prairie seeds we plant this winter will grow, let us pray to the Lord.
- People **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor For those on our prayer list, especially _____ let us pray to the Lord.
- People **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- People **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially _____, let us pray to the Lord.
- People **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
- People **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor In the communion of St. Francis, St. Clare and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
- People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Presider Eternal One, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Child: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider 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.**

Presider 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

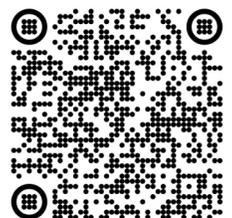
Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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 the financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

OFFERTORY 10:30am

SIM SHALOM ST. FRANCIS' SINGERS



Sim sha-lom, sim sha - lom, to - vah u - v'ra - chah,
Grant us peace, grant us peace, your most ho-ly pre-cious gift,



to - vah u - v'ra - chah, sim sha - lom.
O e - ter - nal source of peace, grant us peace.

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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.**

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.

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

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

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

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

Presider That you have brought us together in this place;

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

Presider That your eternal Word was made flesh for us;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Presider 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

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the Eucharistic Minister. 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.



1. We are all hun - gry peo - ple, we need
 2. All our lives are a mys - t'ry; we see
 3. Though the world may tell us to
 4. In the bread that is bro - ken is the



shel - ter and strength. We are one in our
 not where they lead. We are asked now to
 look at our - selves, we reach out to an -
 Christ that re - stores. As we take, now re -



hurt - ing, we are one in our pain. In our suf -
 trust you and we know we must be - lieve. As our feet
 oth - er where suf - fer - ing dwells. As our hands
 ceive him, we find love ev - er - more. As the bread



f'ring and sad - ness, we are saved by the grace
 be - come Christ's feet, we go forth with the grace
 be - come Christ's hands, we are healed by the grace
 be - comes Bod - y, we are filled with the grace



of the pow - er and the Spir - it that is here in this place.

Refrain



We are gath - ered at ta - ble as one in the Lord.



We are gath - ered as peo - ple who are liv - ing the Word.



Our hearts and our spir - its are nur - tured by grace. It is



Je - sus who fills us. He is here in this place.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

Presider Let us pray.

People **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 of 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.

ACT OF THANKSGIVING

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider 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. 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
 3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. 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 —
 3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
 4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 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.
 3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 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.

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE