



Sunday, July 20, 2025
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgy of the Word with Sacrament from the Reserve



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. Deacon David will preside and preach, and Lay Liturgical Leaders Linda Carter and Michael Booker will open our liturgy. This form of liturgy allows us to 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 Canon 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 confession, things begin 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.
- The liturgy concludes with an Act of Thanksgiving, not a blessing, which is something only Priests are empowered to offer.

ABOUT THE COVER ART: THE HOSPITALITY OF ABRAHAM, BY ANDREI RUBLEV

The Hospitality of Abraham is an icon created by Russian painter Andrei Rublev in the early 15th century. It is regarded as his most famous work, the most famous of all Russian icons, and one of the highest achievements of Russian art. In a religious context, icons represent a sacred figure or event. They are used for worship and devotion, often serving as a "window to heaven" or a focus for prayer. These icons are not worshiped themselves but rather venerated as a means of connecting with the sacred figure or event they represent.

The Hospitality of Abraham depicts the Old Testament story found in Genesis 18:1-10 from today's liturgy of the word. Abraham and Sarah entertain three strangers who arrive at their tent among the oaks of Mamre. This biblical scene has mystified interpreters for centuries. To the first-century Jewish philosopher Philo, this trio represented God, accompanied by his powers, while to the rabbis, God appeared with a cadre of angels. In the eyes of the second-century Christian writer Justin Martyr, the story revealed an early, albeit anonymous, entry of Christ into human history. Two centuries later, St Augustine would deliver a classic interpretation, reading the three visitors as representations of the Holy Trinity. The mastery of Rublev's icon holds all these interpretations as possible while it puts us in Abraham's shoes observing these strangers from a distance and wondering who they are and why they have come near.

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.

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

PRELUDE 10:30am only

TASTE AND SEE

ARR. MARK HAYES

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN 10:30am only

WE GATHER TOGETHER

H 433



1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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

1. Glo - ry to God, source of love from the
dawn of cre - a - tion, and Je - sus
Christ, who was born to be love's in - car -
na - tion! And cease - less praise
be to the Spir - it al - ways,
pow - er of love's trans - for - ma - tion!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader God is here.

People **God's Spirit is with us.**

Leader Compassionate One: Remove from us all hardness of heart that we may accept all people as your precious children, remembering that when we reject them, we reject you; in the name of the Source, the Word, and the Spirit.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis. 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The Word of the Lord.

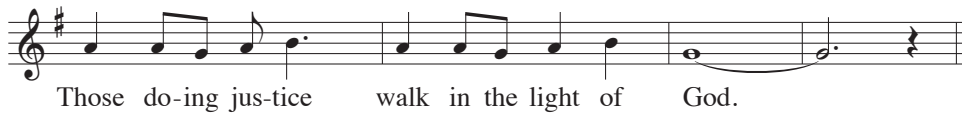
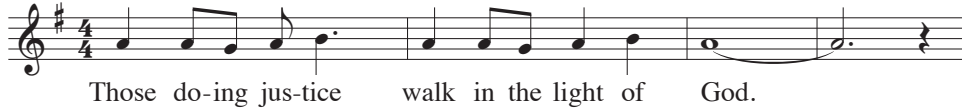
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 15

At 8am, all spoken. At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.

Refrain



Who walks with honesty? The just one of God.

Whose heart is truthful? The just one of God.

Who does not slander? The just one of God.

These are the people of light. **REFRAIN**

Who does no harm to others? The just one of God.

Who does not look for vengeance? The just one of God.

Who does not welcome evil? The just one of God.

These are the people of light. **REFRAIN**

Who does not rob the poor? The just one of God.

Who will not take a bribe? The just one of God.

Who does not live by greed? The just one of God.

These are the people of light. **REFRAIN**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON 10:30am

IF YOU BELIEVE AND I BELIEVE

Stand and sing two times.

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er

pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple

free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple

free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.

THE GOSPEL

Presider

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

10:38-42

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Presider

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left

me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

SERMON *Sit*

THE REV. DAVID LUCKES

THE NICENE CREED *Stand*

We believe in on 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 man.

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.
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

Leader Faithful God, as we give voice to our needs and share our thanksgivings, teach us to trust what Jesus taught. When we ask, we will receive. When we search, we will find. When we knock, the door will be opened. O God; hear us; answer us; and send us forth.

After each prayer, please respond "hear us; answer us; and send us forth."

Presider Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: In this fellowship of love and prayer, accept and fulfill our petitions, not as we ask in our ignorance, 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 Not an easy peace
not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace,
but the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you all.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.
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.



THE LITURGY OF THE 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.

OFFERTORY 10:30am

BE THOU MY VISION

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought,— by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart,— what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
 praise the healer of our souls; earth and moon and
 stars above sing praise to you, O God of Love.

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.

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

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

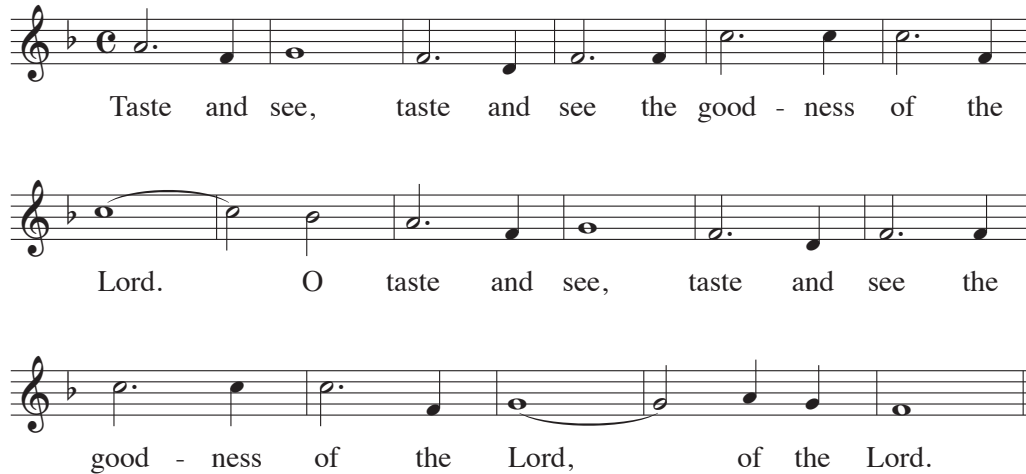
People **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine 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 and people and says

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses



1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
 I called the Lord who an - swered me;
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

D.C.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand*

Presider 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.

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. God be with you till we meet a - gain; By God's coun - sels guide, up - hold you, With God's sheep se - cure - ly

2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'Neath God's wings pro - tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro -

3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con - found you, Put God's arms un - fail - ing

fold you:
vide you:
round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Je - sus' feet, Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

DISMISSAL

Presider 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!**