

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

PRELUDE

THE LOVE OF THE LORD

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WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN 10:30am OPEN YOUR EARS, FAITHFUL PEOPLE

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1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you. *Fine*
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.
God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!
And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -
jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,
Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
To - rah o - ra,
words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah! *Da Capo*
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider We meet in the name of God,
 Creator of the universe,
 source of True humanity.
 Mother and Father of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider We meet in the name of Jesus,
 Word made flesh,
 Savior of fallen humanity,
 lover of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit,
 Lord and giver of life,
 Midwife of new humanity,
 Inspirer of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider Come then, eternal God,

People **Be present here,
Befriend us here,
Renew us here.**

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

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

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O Holy Spirit, love within: Kindle within us the flame of your burning passion, that we may work without ceasing for justice and peace on earth, and at length may attain to your love that never ends; 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 Jeremiah.

23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

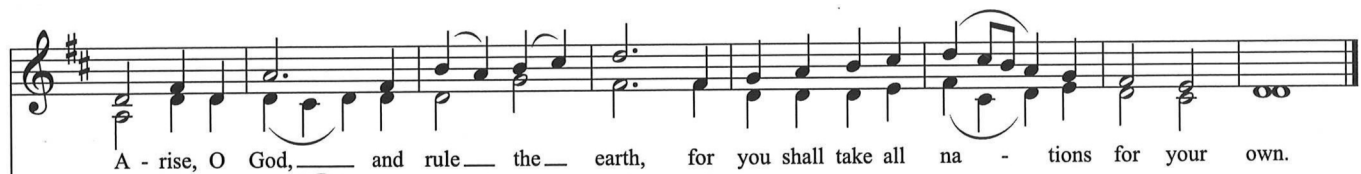
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

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



God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked? **ANTIPHON**

Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked. **ANTIPHON**

They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken. **ANTIPHON**

Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.'"

Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

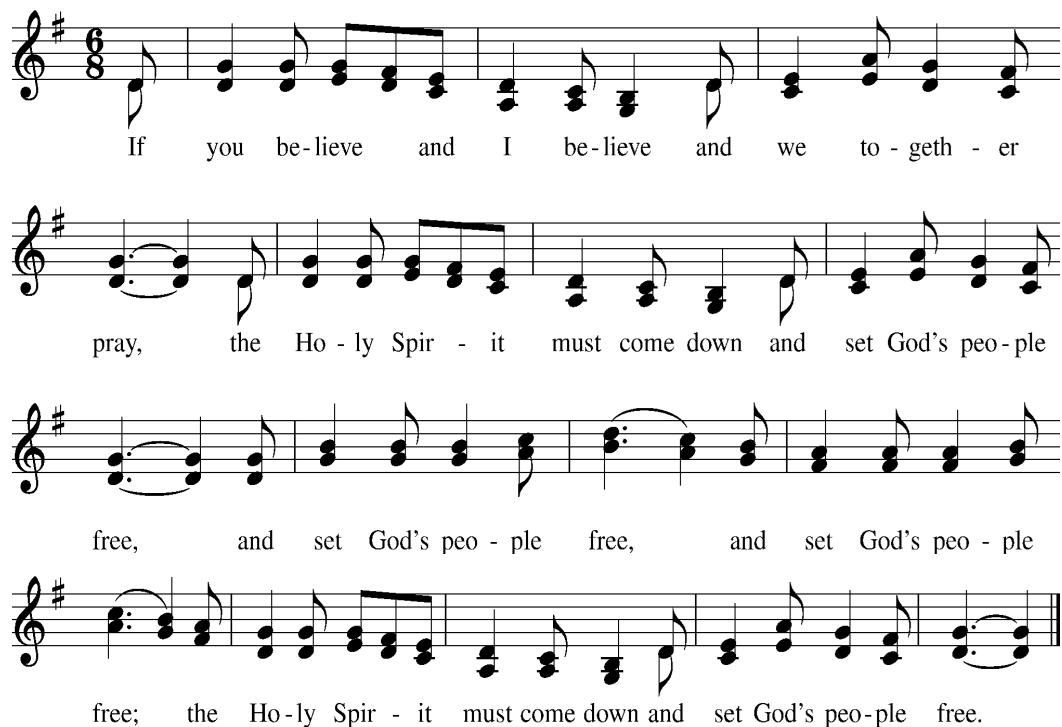
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON

IF YOU BELIEVE AND I BELIEVE

Stand and sing two times.



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

12:49-56

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

Presider Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Sing music on previous page one time through.*

SERMON *Sit*

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

Today's sermon is a children's sermon. All children are invited to come to the front and sit with the preacher. It is important to note that children's sermons speak to all ages. They animate scripture's essential messages for us through our human senses. After the sermon, silence is kept for a time.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

The Presider invites anyone of any age or any role who is starting an academic year to gather at the altar with backpacks or supplies.

Presider God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers, staff and students who fill them. We thank you for this new beginning, and we ask your blessing+ on these school supplies and on the students who will use them. We thank you for these your people, and ask you to bless+ them with curiosity, understanding and respect.

People **May their supplies and backpacks be a sign that they have all they need to learn and grow this year. May your love guide them.**

Presider All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us.

People **Amen.**

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

Presider 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, as you know and love us in your Son Jesus, Christ our Lord, accept and fulfill our petitions.

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.

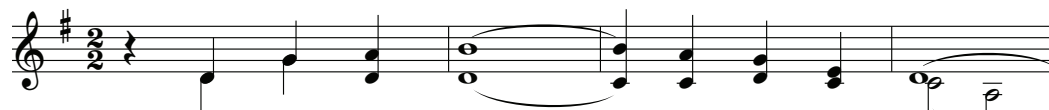


THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

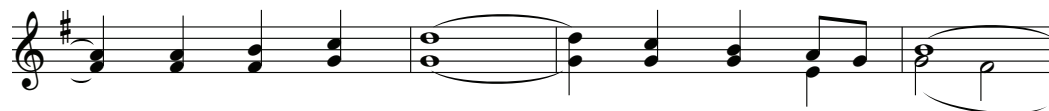
THE GIFT OF LOVE



1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,



And have the gift to all in - spire,
And striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
Our spir - its long to be made whole.



And have not love, my words are vain,
But not be giv'n by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - 'ry deed;



As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
By this we wor - ship, and are freed.

DOXOLOGY 10:30am only PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow,



praise the heal - er of our souls; earth and moon and



stars a - bove sing praise to you, O God of Love.

From here, continue to the bulletin labeled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 4, and return to this insert for Communion Hymn and Sending Hymn.

COMMUNION HYMN

THE LOVE OF THE LORD

1. All that I count - ed as gain
 2. Rich - es and hon - ors will fade,
 3. Sil - ver and gold have I none,
 4. Faith is the wealth I pos - sess

now I con - sid - er as loss,
 earth - ly de - light dis - ap - pear,
 no land to count as my home,
 Find - ing its source in my God: yet

emp - ty and worth - less to me in the
 fade like the grass of the field in the
 wealth be - yond meas - ure I own in the
 faith in the prom - ise of Christ is my

1., 3. light of the love of the Lord.
 2., 4. Lord.

light of the love of the Lord.
 light of the love of the Lord.
 life and my love of the Lord.

What more could bring us hope than to know the pow'r of his

life? What more could bring us peace than to

share in his suf-f'ring and death? What more could be our

fi - nal wish than to live in the love of the Lord?

From here, continue to the bulletin labeled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 9, for the Post-Communion Prayer.

SENDING HYMN

GUIDE MY FEET, LORD



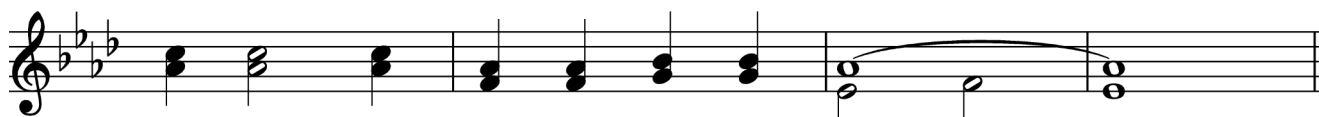
1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I



don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____

Continue to the bulletin labeled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 10.