

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

PRELUDE

INSTRUMENTAL

WELCOME 10:30am only

GATHERING HYMN 10:30am only

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

LEVAS 189



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

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



Glo - ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace *has
World with-out end, with-out end, A-men. World with-out end, with - out

par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it
end, A - men. World with-out end, with - out end, A men.

was in the be-gin - ning, is now and ev-er shall be, A - men.

**May substitute "is show'ed on me"*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 Isaiah.

51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 138

At 8:30am, all speak, **Lord, I thank you for your faithfulness and love.** At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon one time through before the spoken verses.



I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down toward your holy temple. **ANTIPHON**

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
For you have exalted over all
your name and your promise.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul. **ANTIPHON**

All earth's king shall thank you, O Lord,
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
"How great is the glory of the Lord!" **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in

teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANTIPHON

RAIN DOWN

At 8:30am, sing refrain. At 10:30am, stand and sing refrain, verse 1, and refrain again.

Refrain

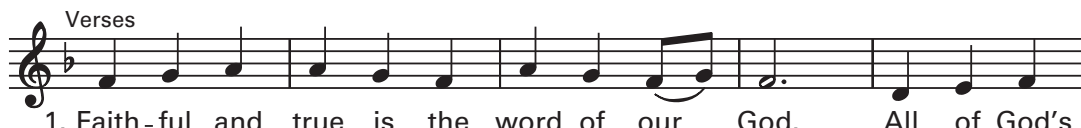


Rain down, rain down, rain down your

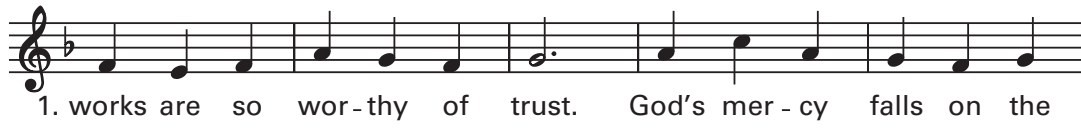


love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

Verses



1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's



1. works are so wor-thy of trust. God's mer-cy falls on the



1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.

THE GOSPEL

Deacon

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

16:13-20

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

SERMON *Sit*

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

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

Deacon In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

After each prayer, please respond "Lord, have mercy."

Presider Rejoicing in the fellowship of the God-bearer Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

Presider Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon 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 with you always.

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.



Non-pledged gifts in today's offering plate will purchase snacks for children at Eureka Elementary who otherwise would not have them.

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

I CANNOT TELL

1. I can - not tell why He, the King of Heav - en,
 2. I can - not tell why He, the Joy of Heav - en,
 3. I can - not tell when He will rule the na - tions,

Should leave the peace of all e - ter - ni - ty,
 Should give Him - self to suf - fer for my sin,
 How He will claim His loved ones as His own;

Why God Him - self should lay a - side His splen - dor
 Why Ho - ly God should love me in my shame - ful - ness,
 And who can tell the ho - ly ju - bi - la - tion

To leave the Fa - ther's side and come to me.
 Why He should die to draw my soul to Him.
 When all His chil - dren gath - er 'round His throne.

But this I know: our si - lence filled with sing - ing,
 But this I know: that Christ the Lord is ris - en,
 But this I know: all flesh will see His glo - ry,

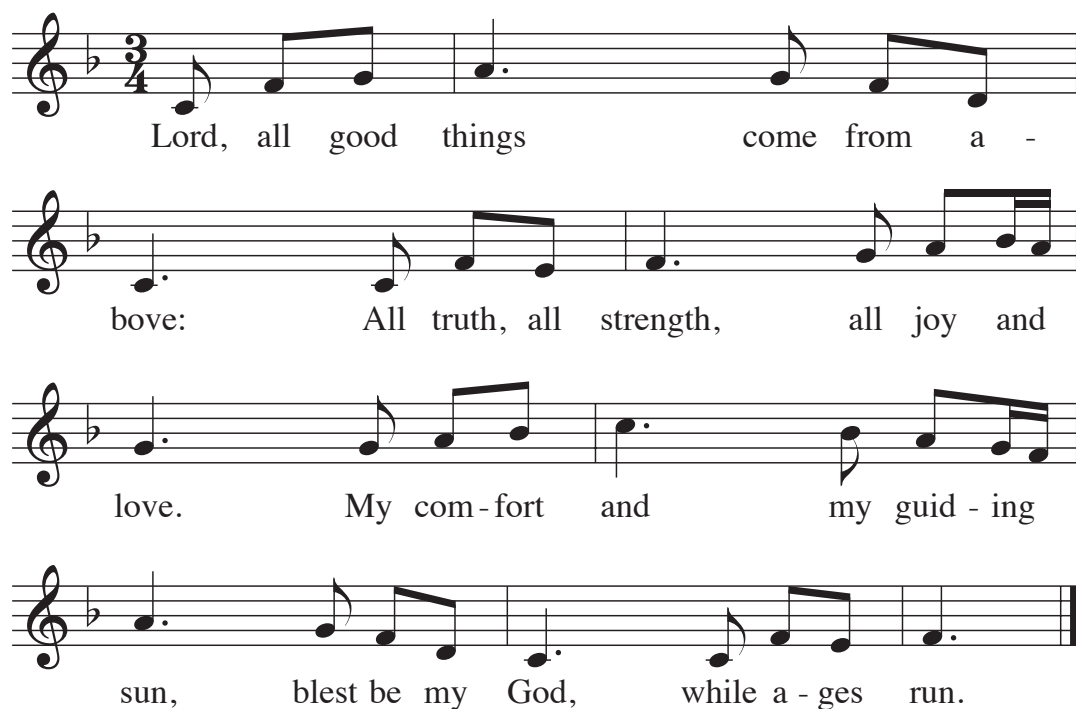
And all our dark - ness fled from heav - en's light
 And praise His name, He's ris - en now in me!
 And skies will burst as all cre - a - tion sings.

When Christ the Lord, so hu - man, yet so ho - ly,
 Be - cause He lives, I'll rise to life e - ter - nal!
 The Son will rise on one e - ter - nal morn - ing

In love was born a child for me that ho - ly night!
 He took my guilt - y heart, and I'm for - ev - er free!
 When Christ, the Sav - ior of the world, is Lord and King!

DOXOLOGY

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



Lord, all good things come from a -
bove: All truth, all strength, all joy and
love. My com - fort and my guid - ing
sun, blest be my God, while a - ges run.

*From here, continue to the small 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

IN THIS PLACE

Verses



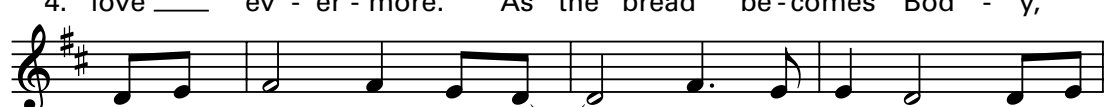
1. We are all hun-gry peo - ple, we need shel - ter and
 2. All our lives are a Mys-t'ry; we see not where they
 3. Though the world may ___ tell us to ___ look at our -
 4. In the bread that is bro - ken is the Christ that re -



1. strength. We are one in our hurt - ing, we are
 2. lead. We are asked now to trust you and we
 3. selves, we reach out to an - oth - er where ___
 4. stores. As we take, now re - ceive him, we find



1. one ___ in our pain. In our suf - f'ring and sad - ness,
 2. know we must be - lieve. As our feet be - come Christ's feet,
 3. suf - fer - ing dwells. As our hands be - come Christ's hands,
 4. love ___ ev - er - more. As the bread be - comes Bod - y,



1. we are saved by the grace
 2. we go forth with the grace
 3. we are healed by the grace
 4. we are filled with the grace

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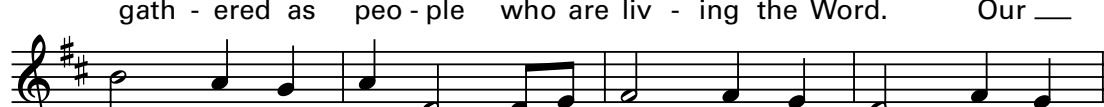
Refrain



1-4. Spir - it that is here in this place. We are



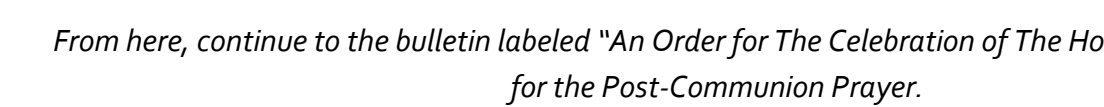
gath - ered at ta - ble as ___ one in the Lord. We are
 (*to - geth - er)



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

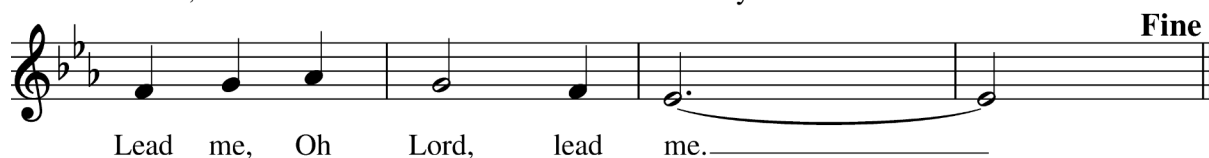
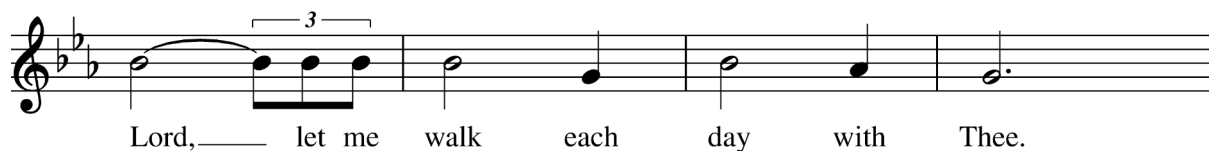


hearts and our spir - its are nur - tured by grace. It is



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

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



1. I am weak— and I need thy strength and power to—
2. Help me tread— in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my
3. I am lost— if you take your hand from me, I am



1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am
3. blind with - out— thy light to see; Lord, just



1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,
2. put - ting all— my trust in thee.
3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.



1. Lead me, Oh Lord,— lead me. _____
2. Lead me, Oh Lord,— lead me. _____
3. Lead me, Oh Lord,— lead me. _____

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

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