

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

PRELUDE

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

FLUTE AND PIANO DUET

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN 10:30am COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

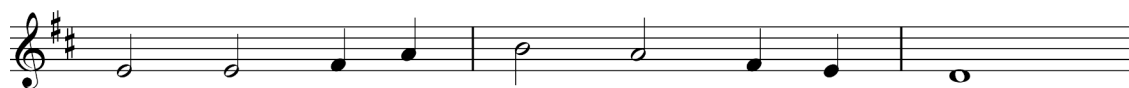
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1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## 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.

Most gracious Lord, whose appearing is as sure as the dawn: Come to us like the spring rains that water the earth, showering your blessings upon us and all whom you have made, that we may be strengthened by your love and may share that love with others; in the name of the Source, the Word, and the Spirit.

People **Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Reader	<p>A reading from the book of Sirach.</p> <p>10:12-18</p> <p>The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.</p> <p>For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.</p> <p>Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely.</p> <p>The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place.</p> <p>The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place.</p> <p>The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.</p> <p>He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth.</p> <p>Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.</p> <p>The Word of the Lord.</p>
People	<p><b>Thanks be to God.</b></p>

*All spoken in unison.*

**Hallelujah!**

**Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in his commandments!**

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

**Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last for ever.**

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

**It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.**

**For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

**They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.**

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

**They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.**

**The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never

leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ANTIPHON

## IF YOU BELIEVE AND I BELIEVE

*At 8am, stand and sing once. At 10:30am, stand and sing two times.*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The text is: "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 piece ends with a double bar line.

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

Deacon                      A reading from the Gospel of Luke. 14:1, 7-14

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

Deacon                      On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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. 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 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            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

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            Not an easy peace  
not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace,  
but the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you all.

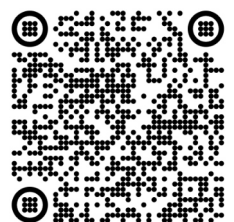
People            **And also with you.**

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

#### I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

##### FLUTE AND PIANO DUET

### DOXOLOGY 10:30am

#### PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW



The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 2/2. The melody is as follows: Staff 1: A whole rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5. Staff 2: Quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5. Staff 3: Quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5. The lyrics are: "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."

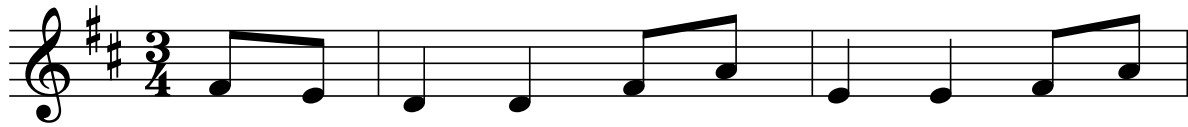
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### COMMUNION HYMN

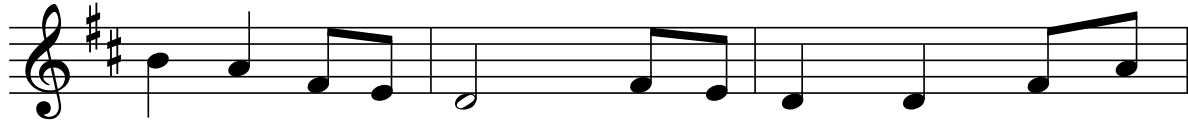
#### IRISH BLESSING

##### FLUTE AND PIANO DUET

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



1. From the ta - ble of Christ Je - sus to the  
 2. From the ta - ble of Christ Je - sus to the  
 3. From the ta - ble of Christ Je - sus to the



ta - ble of the world, now to live the Gos - pel  
 ta - ble of the world, we are nour - ished by this  
 ta - ble of the world, we re - turn to dai - ly



vi - sion of a land where good-ness reigns— not to  
 ban-quet; may we nour - ish all we meet. Sing of  
 la - bor, lives of hun - ger, fear, and need. All trans-



seek the beg - gar's "thank you," not for  
 grace and sing of mer - cy, sing of  
 formed here in our meet - ing, all who



earth - ly, vain re - ward, but to do the work of  
 love that brings forth peace. May we hum - bly serve all  
 strug - gle to be - lieve: Let us go forth from this



jus - tice, lay - ing down the an - gry sword.  
 peo - ple, share the rich - ness of this feast.  
 ta - ble to be - come what we re - ceive.

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