

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

PRELUDE

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

ARR. MARK HAYES

WELCOME 10:30am

GATHERING HYMN

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach— us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People Let us rejoice in creation and be glad in it.

## SONG OF PRAISE

## MASS OF CREATION

*At 8:30am, spoken. At 10:30am, sung as printed.*

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory. **REFRAIN**

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. **REFRAIN**

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! Amen! **REFRAIN**

## **SALUTATION**

Presider            The Creator be with you.

People             **And also with you.**

Presider            Let us pray.

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Presider            O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People             **Amen.**

## **WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit***

### **THE FIRST LESSON**

Reader            A reading from the book of Genesis. 50:15-21

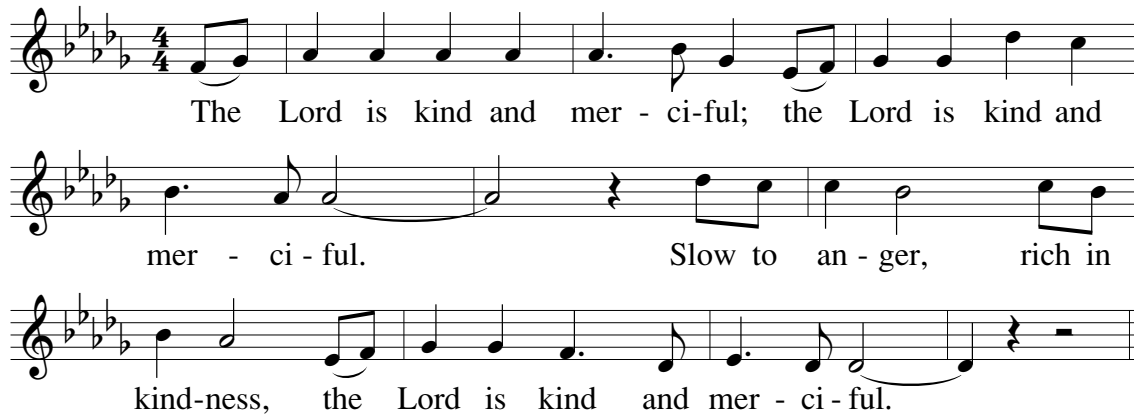
Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

People             **Thanks be to God.**

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

## Refrain



## Verses

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul; all my being bless God's name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul; forget not all God's blessings.
2. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, full of kindness.  
God is good to all creation, full of compassion.
3. The goodness of God is from age to age,  
blessing those who choose to love.  
And justice toward God's children; on all who keep the covenant.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ANTIPHON

## HALLE, HALLE, HALLE

*Stand and sing two times.*



## THE GOSPEL

Deacon

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

18:21-35

People

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When5

his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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**

**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

*During the silence after each bidding, the people may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

Deacon            Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in our world, now and always, responding  
"Hear our prayer" to each prayer.

*After each prayer, please respond "**hear our prayer.**"*

Leader            Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to  
heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the  
planet. God, Giver of life,

People            **Hear our prayer.**

Leader            Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it,  
and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. Grant that our prairie flourish. May it be a  
sacramental sign of your abundance and provide shelter and consolation to your people.  
God, Giver of life,

People            **Hear our prayer.**

Leader            Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us  
always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. God, Giver of life,

People            **Hear our prayer.**

Leader            Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence  
inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. God, Giver of life,

People            **Hear our prayer.**

Leader            Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your  
presence and help [especially \_\_\_\_]. God, Giver of life,

People            **Hear our prayer.**

Leader            Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died [especially \_\_\_\_]. God, Giver of life,

People            **Hear our prayer.**

Presider            Creator God, you call us into being. Inspire us with your extravagant generosity, and sustain us with hope in resurrection life. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd.

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 you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People            **Amen.**

## ANOINTING FOR HEALING

*The Ministration to the Sick or Anointing for Healing is a sacramental rite of the Episcopal Church found on page 453 of the Book of Common Prayer. Through laying on of hands and anointing with holy oil, the service emphasizes the healing power of Christ and the connection between the worshiping community and the person seeking healing of mind, body, or spirit. The words of this healing service come from the Iona Community, an international, ecumenical Christian movement working for justice and peace, the rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship.*

Presider            Those who seek healing of mind, body, or spirit are now invited to come forward.

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*Those seeking anointing speak their name out loud as the congregation gathers around them. The Presider continues with prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing.*

## THE PEACE

Presider            The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

### WHEN WE ARE LIVING



1. When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
2. Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.



and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.  
Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,



we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

#### Verse 3

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.

#### Verse 4

Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying, with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.

## DOXOLOGY 10:30am

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

### COME TO THE FEAST ST. FRANCIS' SINGERS

Come to the feast, child of mine. Come, break the bread, come, drink the wine.  
Come to the feast, leave your burdens behind. Come to the feast, child of mine.

Come to the feast, child of mine. You are the branch; I am the vine.  
Come feed your soul, break the bread, drink the wine. Come to the feast, child of mine.

Come and receive the new life I won for you. Come and remember the cost  
Come and receive what God's love has done for you....my life given up on the cross.

Come to the feast, child of mine. Come, break the bread, come drink the wine.  
Come to the feast, leave your sorrows behind. Come to the feast, child of mine.

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



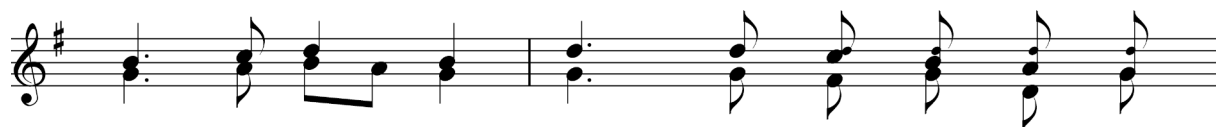
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

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