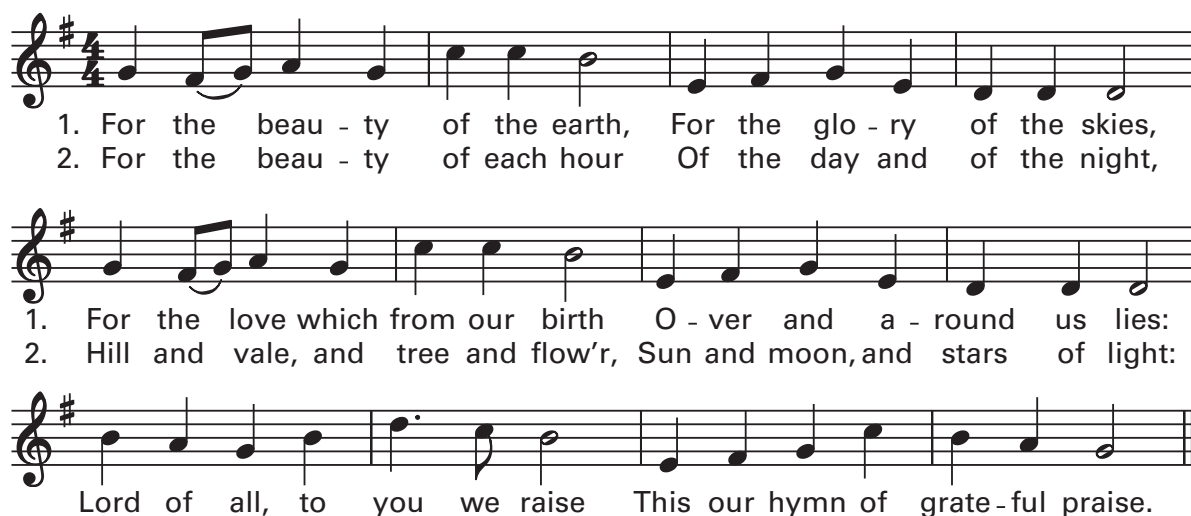


SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

**PRELUDE** *10:30am* **FOR THE FRUITS OF ALL CREATION (WITH) FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH**  
**FLUTE AND PIANO**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING HYMN** *10:30am* **FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH**



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,  
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,

1. For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:  
2. Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:

Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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



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            Gracious God, the air sings with songs of glory, water flashes silver with creation, and the forests bloom with leaves for healing nations. May your light and love fill our hearts and souls and minds, that we may share your abundant grace with the world.

People             **Amen.**

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

### **THE FIRST LESSON**

Reader            A reading from the book of Exodus.

32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

People             **Thanks be to God.**

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

## Refrain



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, we have sinned, we have sinned.



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

## Verses

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offense.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt, from my guilt  
and cleanse me, O Lord, from my sin.
2. My offenses truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done.
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence, O Lord,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
4. Give me again the joy of your help, Lord;  
with a spirit of fervor sustain me.  
O Lord, open my lips, O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the first letter of Timothy.

1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ANTIPHON

### HALLE, HALLE, HALLE

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

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

## THE GOSPEL

Deacon A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

15:1-10

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

Deacon All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL ANTIPHON** *At 10:30am, sing music on previous page one time through.*

**SERMON** *Sit*

**THE REV. DR. KRISTEN LESLIE**

## 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.**

Deacon	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	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
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	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
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	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
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	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
Leader	Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died [especially _____]. God, Giver of life,
People	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
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	<b>Amen.</b>



## 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.**

## 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** 10:30am

**HOW GREAT THOU ART**  
**FLUTE/PIANO DUET**

**LEVAS 6o**

**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** 10:30am

**TABLE OF THE WORLD**  
**ST. FRANCIS' SINGERS**

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

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us  
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his  
 o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the  
 love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
 raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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