

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

PRELUDE *10:30am*

ODE TO JOY

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WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *10:30am*

AT THE DAWN OF YOUR CREATION

At the dawn of your creation, God, you spoke, "Let there be light!"
You divided earth from heaven, you created day and night.
You made sunbeams dance with shadows, you created energy!
Peaceful evenings, bright tomorrows, all began with "Let there be..."

By your word, you formed creation: dry land, water, ocean breeze.
Soon there burst forth vegetation — plants with fruit, majestic trees.
Rain and snow and changing seasons, creatures filling land and sea —
God, your very good creation all began with "Let there be..."

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.

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 Loving God, Creator of all,

 we thank you for the beauty of Creation;

 show us, we pray, how to respect

 the fragile balance of life.

Guide us by your wisdom

 to care for the environment,

 that by the decisions we make, life may be cherished

 and a good and fruitful earth be preserved for future

 generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Amos. 6:1a,4-7

 Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
 and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

 Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
 and lounge on their couches,

 and eat lambs from the flock,
 and calves from the stall;

 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
 and like David improvise on instruments of music;

who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord.

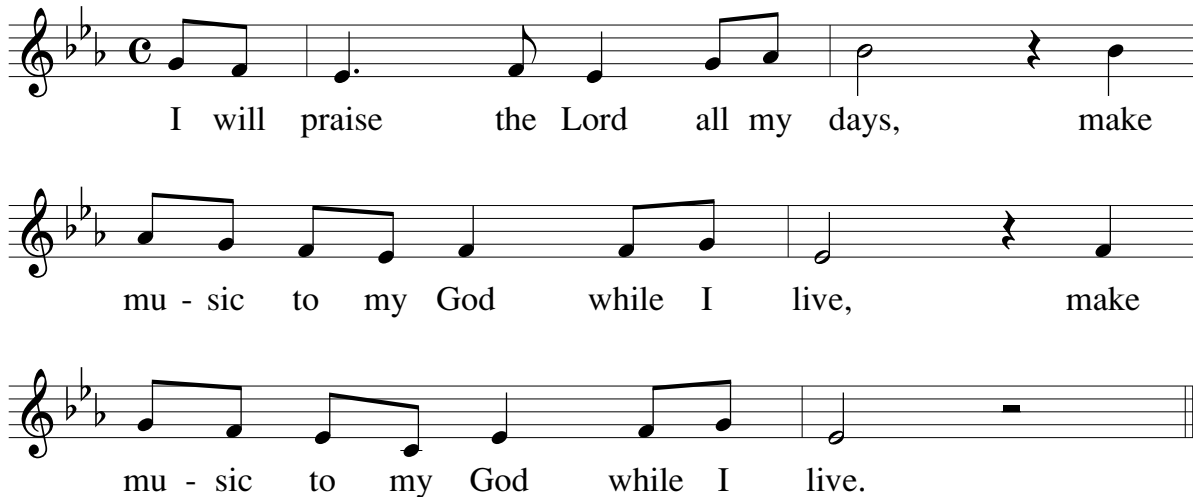
People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

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

Refrain



I will praise the Lord all my days, make
mu - sic to my God while I live, make
mu - sic to my God while I live.

Verses

1. Put no trust in the powerful, mere mortals in whom there is no help.
Take their breath, they return to clay, and their plans that day come to nothing.
They are happy who are helped by Jacob's God, whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who alone made heaven and earth, the seas and all they contain.
2. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to the oppressed.
It is God who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who protects the stranger, and upholds the widow and orphan.
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God from age to age.

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

A reading from the first letter of Timothy.

6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 16:19-31

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

Deacon Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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. 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."

*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 the resurrection. 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.

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.

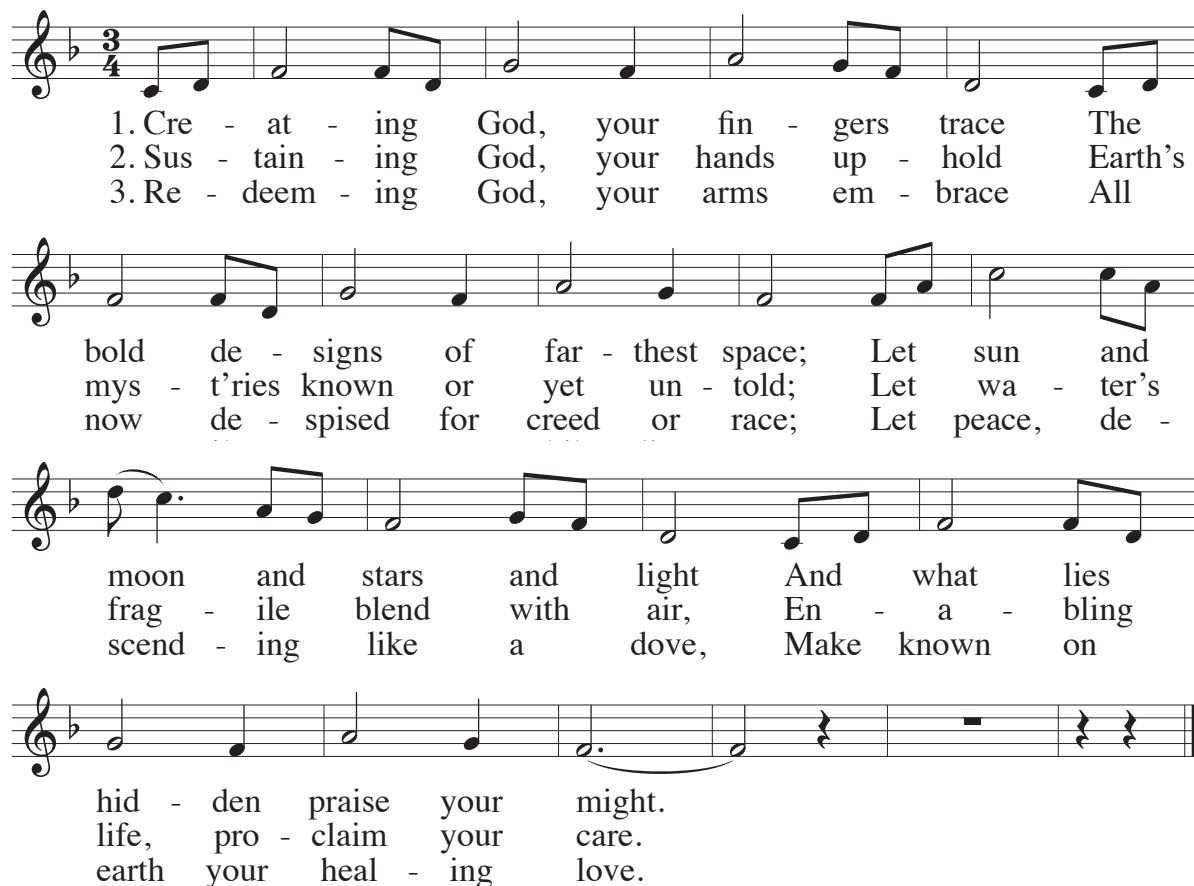
ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

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**CREATING GOD**

1. Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace The
2. Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold Earth's
3. Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace All

bold de - signs of far - thest space; Let sun and
mys - t'ries known or yet un - told; Let wa - ter's
now de - spised for creed or race; Let peace, de -

moon and stars and light And what lies
frag - ile blend with air, En - a - bling
scend - ing like a dove, Make known on

hid - den praise your might.
life, pro - claim your care.
earth your heal - ing love.

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.

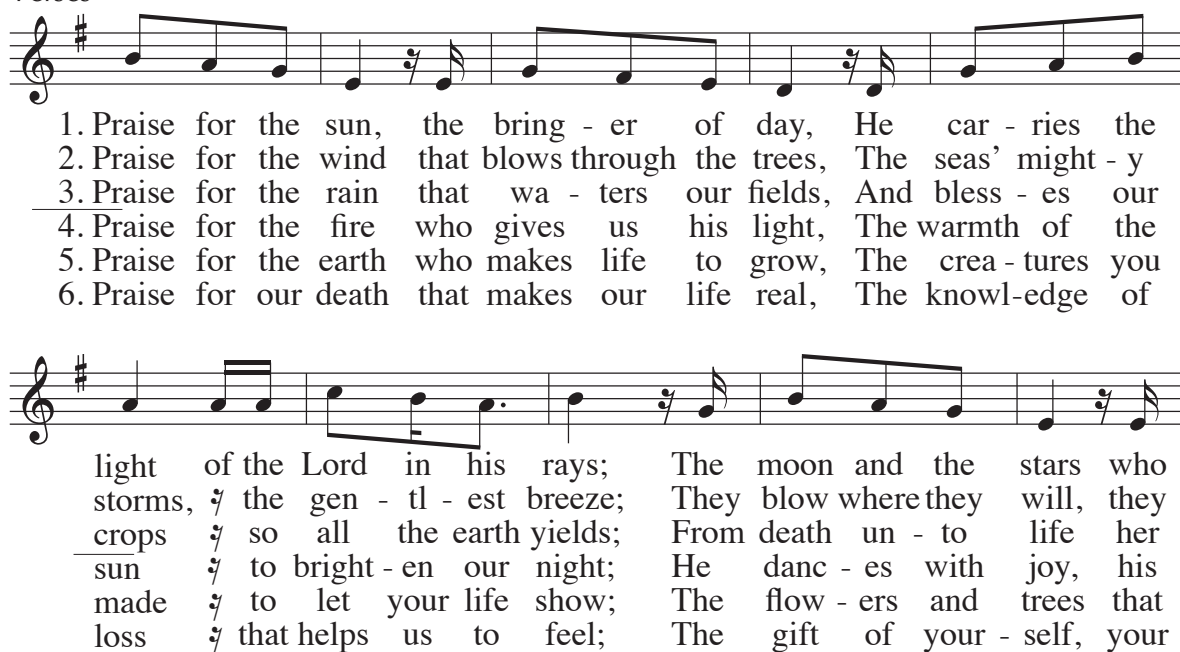
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Refrain



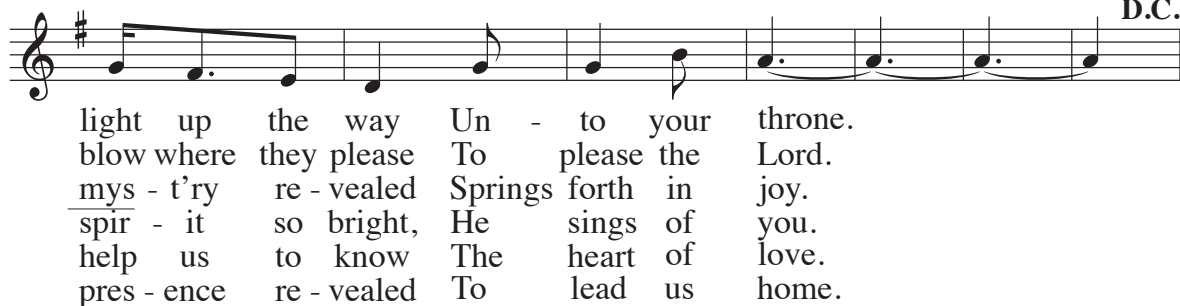
The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,
and all cre - a - tion is shout-ing for joy. Come,
dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas' might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl-edge of
light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
storms, ♪ the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
crops ♪ so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
sun ♪ to bright - en our night; He danc - es with joy, his
made ♪ to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that
loss ♪ that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your

D.C.



light up the way Un - to your throne.
blow where they please To please the Lord.
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.
spir - it so bright, He sings of you.
help us to know The heart of love.
pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

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

When you made us as your children, sending us throughout your lands,
You commanded, "Have dominion — care for earth; it's in your hands."
Yet we hurt this world you've given; we harm earth and sky and sea.
We forget it's your creation — you, who once said "Let there be..."

At this joyful celebration, may we hear your word anew:
May we care for your creation, knowing it's a trust from you.
Just as daily there's a dawning, bringing light to all we see,
So we daily hear your calling — you, who once said, "Let there be..."

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