



St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER

St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, was born in Italy around 1181-1182.

Francis was born in Italy around 1181-1182. After a wild youth and a brief career as a soldier, Francis had a conversion experience that inspired him to renounce his family's wealth and devote his life to God. His dedication to poverty, humility, obedience, patience, and compassion soon attracted followers and, in 1209, he received permission from Pope Innocent III to form a new religious order known as the Friars Minor (commonly called the Franciscans).

Francis' deep love of God overflowed into love for all God's creatures—expressed not only in his tender care of lepers and his (unsuccessful) attempt to negotiate peace between Muslims and Christians during the fifth Crusade, but also in his prayers of thanksgiving for creation, his sermons preached to animals and his insistence that all creatures are brothers and sisters under God.

St. Francis of Assisi's ministry was deeply impacted by St. Clare. The two were drawn together by their passionate love for God and became partners in ministry.

Like Francis, Clare was born to a wealthy family in the 12th century. Clare was young, innocent and in love with life when she learned that Francis had decided to deny his possessions and leave the riches of youth behind. She desired to join him in this simple way of life, imitating him not only because of his example but also because of his words that were filled with the love of God. When she was 18 years old, she decided to do the same thing Francis had done. She left all that was familiar and safe to serve Christ alongside him.

With the help of friends who joined them along the way, they worked together to help anyone they met who was struggling and in despair.

Years later, nearing the end of his life, Francis was sheltered by Clare in a hut of branches in her church at San Damiano. She was near him at his death.

Because Francis and Clare are united in their ministry which made God's love for the vulnerable visible, ***we have named the childcare wing of our building the "St. Clare Shared Ministry Space." Just as these two saints shared in ministry, so we, too, share in ministry with our tenant, Trailblazer Academy.*** This is also why we unite Francis and Clare in name during the Eucharistic Prayer.

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

FLUTE AND PIANO DUET

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN 10:30am

I SING A SONG



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
 his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
 Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
 joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
 by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **Who brings all things into being and calls them good.**

Presider Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.

People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Presider Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.

People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Presider Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.

People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Presider Bless your Creator, all people made by God.

People **With all of creation, we praise your name.**

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

At 8:30, only refrain sung twice. At 10:30, all sung.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est,
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
peace to peo - ple of good will. *To Verses*

1. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, for your great glory
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **Refrain**

3. 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. **To Amen below**

A - men, a - men, a men, a - men,
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE COLLECT OF ST. FRANCIS

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

God of radiance and goodness, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfect joy. We ask this in Jesus' name.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the Book of Job.

39:1–18

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?

Do you observe the calving of the deer?

Can you number the months that they fulfil,

and do you know the time when they give birth,

when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,

and are delivered of their young?

Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;

they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,

to which I have given the steppe for its home,

the salt land for its dwelling-place?

It scorns the tumult of the city;

it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

It ranges the mountains as its pasture,

and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?

Will it spend the night at your crib?

Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,

or will it harrow the valleys after you?

Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?

Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.

For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,

forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.

It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;

because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.

When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider."

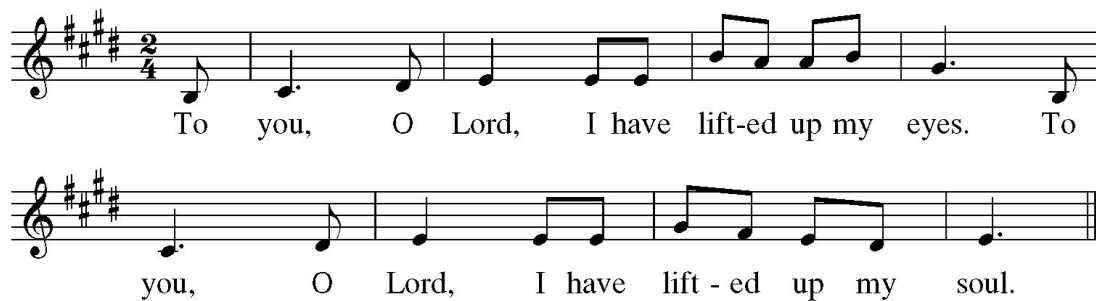
The Word of the Lord.

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.



I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord who made the heavens and the earth. ANTIPHON

The Lord is your guard and your shade, for ever by your side.
By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. ANTIPHON

The Lord ever watches over you, the guardian of your soul.
The Lord will guard your coming and your going now and for ever. ANTIPHON

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

4:32-35, 5:1-11

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON

CANTICLE OF THE SUN

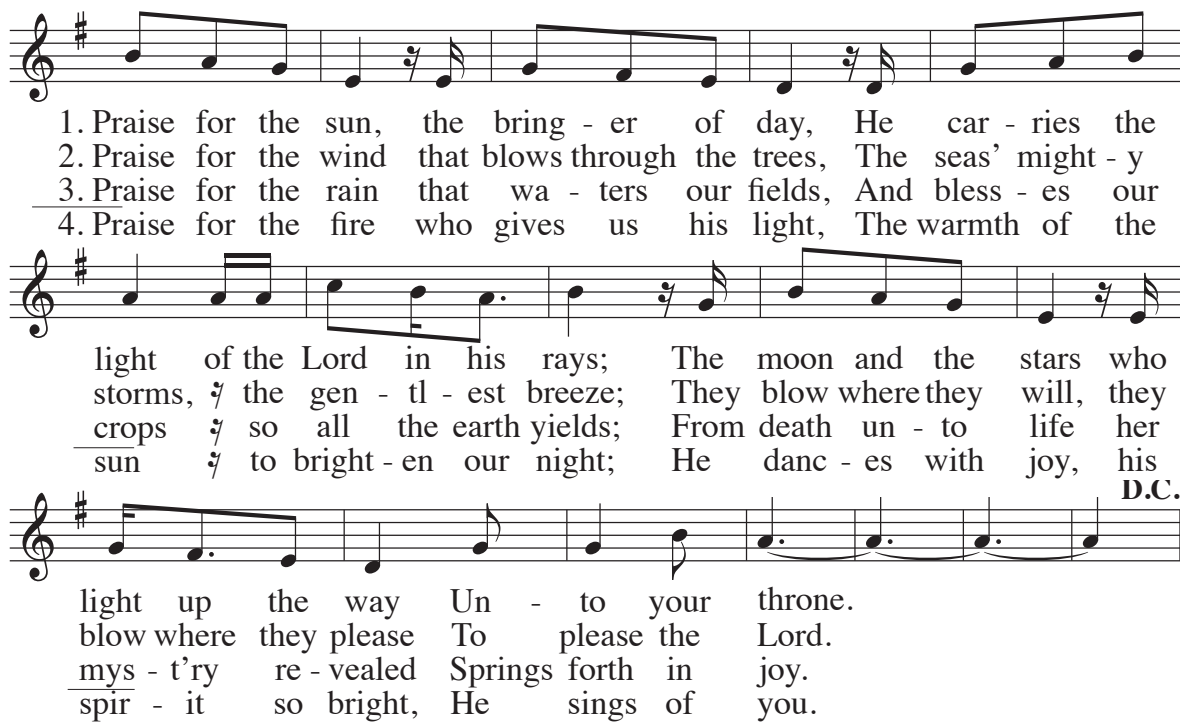
At 10:30am, stand and sing verses 1 and 2.

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
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
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.

THE GOSPEL

Deacon	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.	17:5-10
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.	
Deacon	The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'" The Gospel of the Lord.	
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.	

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *At 10:30am, sing verses 3 and 4 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

Presider As a gathered community of God's people, let us offer our thanksgiving for God's abundant creation and God's Spirit present in the world, responding with "We thank you, Lord."

After each prayer, all say, "***We thank you, Lord.***"

Reader Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For the trust you have shown in giving into our care the natural world and, particularly, for the animals that share our homes and our life's journey; help us to be good stewards of your creation.

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For all that is gracious in the lives of humankind; for the power of healing and the hope of wholeness which you give to all in need. We pray that you be present to those who have asked for our prayers (especially _____).

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Reader For life eternal which you promise to those who have ended their earthly journey (especially _____). Help us to trust that God has wiped their tears away and they have come to rest in the loving presence of their creator.

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Presider God of abundance, may we continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your creation.

People **To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

People **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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 the Lord 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

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

DOXOLOGY 10:30am



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thank to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say/sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Say at 8:30:

People **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Sing at 10:30:



Presider

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup; gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, gracious God, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful God, gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Gracious God, now and for ever.

At 8:30

People

Amen.

At 10:30, sing two times.



**Pronounced: Ay-men.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
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People	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
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FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb _____ of _____ God, _____ Lamb _____ of _____ God, _____ you

1., 2.
take a-way the sins of the world, _____ have mer - cy _____ on us.

3.
world, _____ grant _____ us peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Our bread is gluten-, dairy-, and nut-friendly. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.



1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
 2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
 4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And
 there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.
 dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -



soled as to con - sole. To be un - der - stood as to un - der -



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider Let us pray.

People Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Presider May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord have compassion on you! May God give you peace! And the blessing of God Almighty, Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

People Amen.

SENDING HYMN 10:30am ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Following the service, please bring your pet for a blessing from our clergy. After the 10:30 service, stay to enjoy lunch.