

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

PRELUDE

SIMPLE GIFTS

ARR. JOSEPH M. MARTIN

WELCOME *10:30am only*

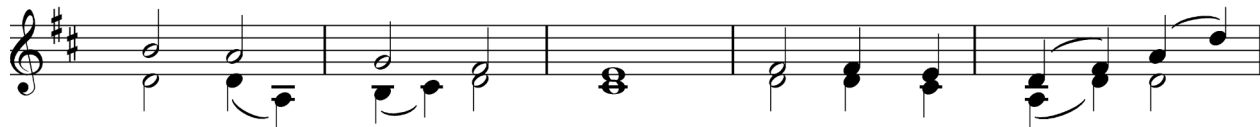
GATHERING HYMN *10:30am only*

JESUS SHALL REIGN

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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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



Glo - ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace *has
World with-out end, with-out end, A-men. World with-out end, with - out

par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it
end, A - men. World with-out end, with - out end, A - men.

was in the be-gin - ning, is now and ev-er shall be, A - men.

**May substitute "is show'ed on me"*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader	A reading from the book of Isaiah. Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him-- and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things. The Word of the Lord.	45:1-7
People	Thanks be to God.	

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 96

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



O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
O sing to the Lord; bless his name. **REFRAIN**

Proclaim his salvation day by day.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples. **REFRAIN**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and power;
ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name. **REFRAIN**

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, "The Lord is king."
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **REFRAIN**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader	A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.	1:1-10
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:		
Grace to you and peace.		

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we

had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

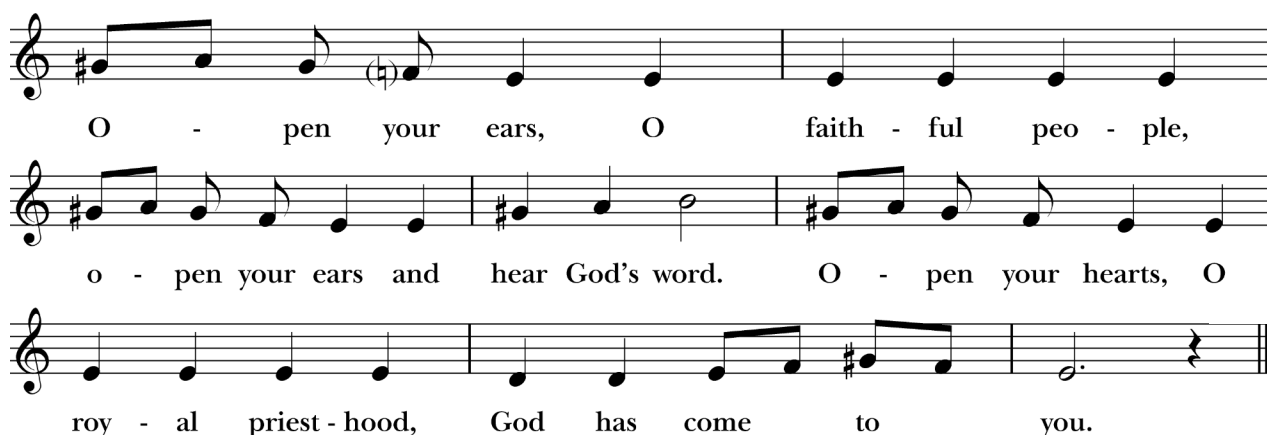
GOSPEL ANTIPHON

OPEN YOUR EARS

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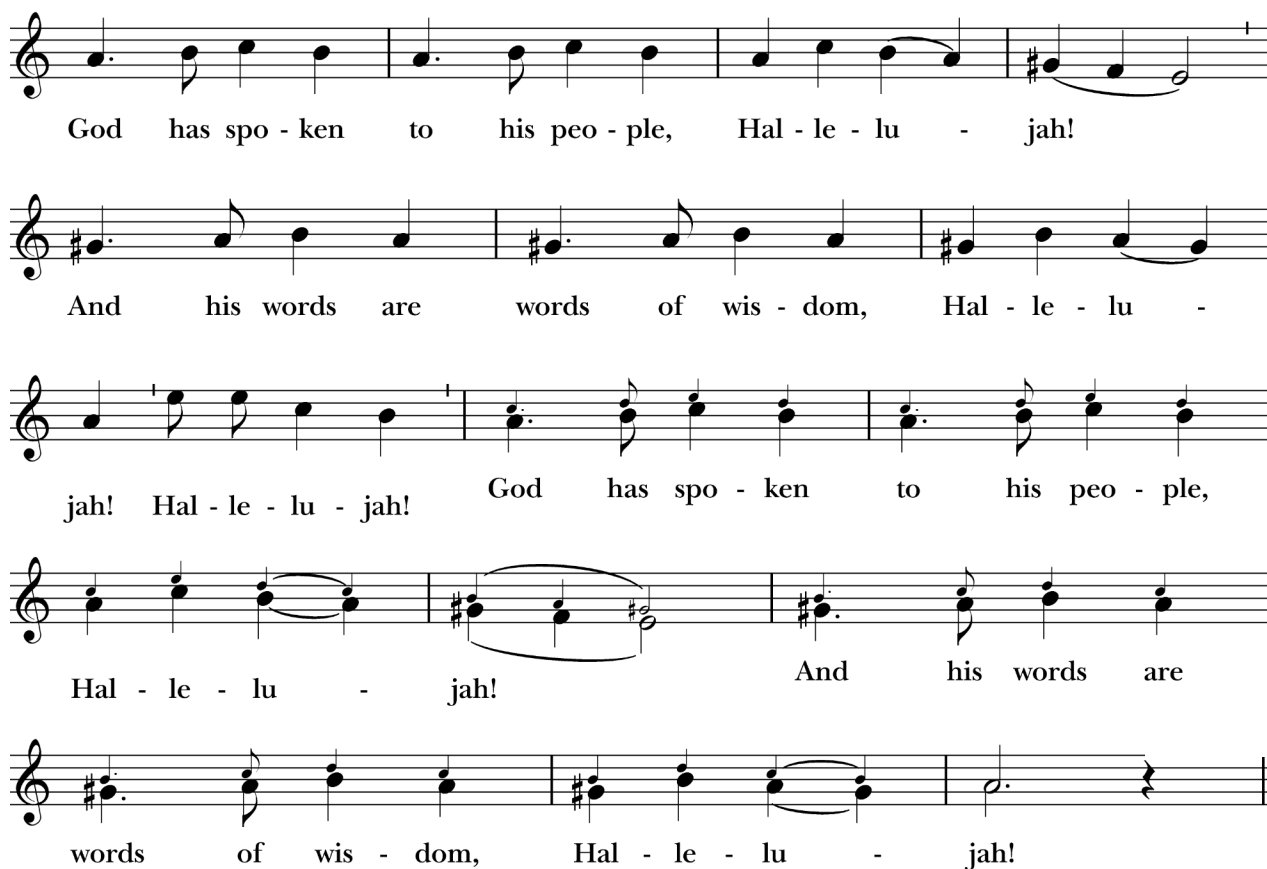
At 8:30am, sing refrain. At 10:30am, stand and sing.

Verse:



O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.

Refrain:



God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!
And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -
jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!

THE GOSPEL

Deacon A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

22:15-22

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

Deacon The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Sing refrain 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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

After each prayer, please respond "Lord, have mercy."

Presider Rejoicing in the fellowship of the God-bearer Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

Presider Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider 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 The peace of the Lord be with you always.

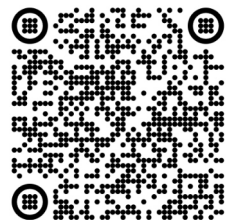
People **And also with you.**

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

YOU ARE MINE

DUET

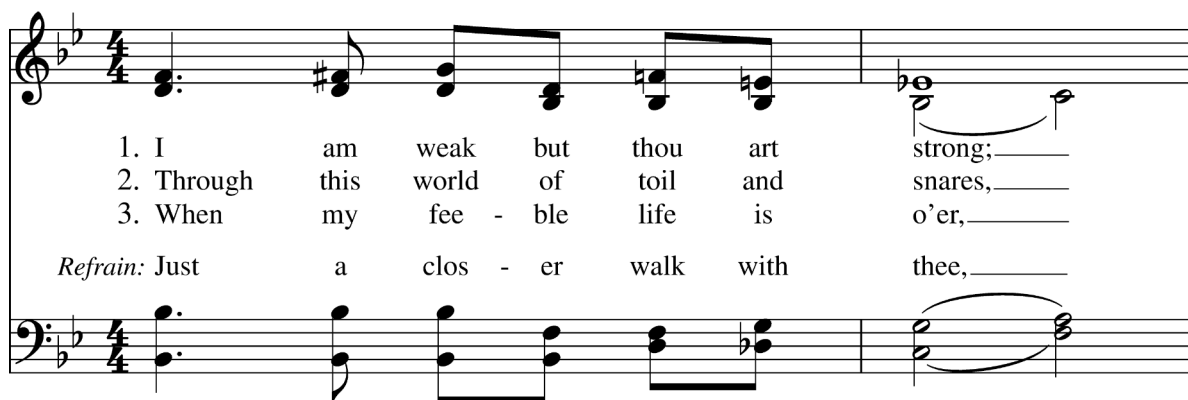
DOXOLOGY

At 10:30am , the following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

Lord, all good things come from a -
bove: All truth, all strength, all joy and
love. My com - fort and my guid - ing
sun, blest be my God, while a - ges run.

The musical notation is written on four staves in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a dash, indicating a continuation of the melody. The second staff begins with a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a half note. The third staff begins with a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a half note. The fourth staff begins with a half note, followed by a quarter note, and then a half note.

From here, continue to the small bulletin labeled "An Order for the Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 4, and return to this insert for Communion Hymn and Sending Hymn.



1. I am weak but thou art strong;____
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,____
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,____

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,____



1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;____ I'll be sat - is - fied as
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?____ Who with me my bur - den
 3. Time for me will be no more;____ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,____ Dai - ly walk - ing close to



D.C. for Refrain

1. long____ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 2. shares?____ None but thee, dear____ Lord, none but thee.
 3. o'er____ To Thy king - dom____ shore, to thy shore.

Refrain: thee,____ Let it be, dear____ Lord, let it be.

Words: Anonymous. Music: American Folk Song.

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

Stewardship is our personal response to God's generosity in the way we share our resources of time, talent, and money. Stewardship reflects our commitment to making God's love known through the realities of human life and our use of all that God has given us. It is also our service to God's world and our care of creation.

Parish members are encouraged to make an annual stewardship pledge. This pledge represents their specific Christian commitment to "work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God" (Book of Common Prayer, p. 856).



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er, I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.

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

VOTE WITH YOUR BULLETIN

After mass, drop this bulletin in ONE of the voting bins to indicate which mass you would attend if we added a 4pm mass on Christmas Eve in addition to our 6pm mass. Write below HOW MANY PEOPLE, including yourself, would attend with your group/household.

From my house, ____ (quantity) would attend at: 4:00pm / 6:00pm (circle one)

____ Check here if your household does not plan to attend mass on Christmas Eve at St. Francis.

Name (optional but helpful) _____