

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

PRELUDE 10:30am

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

ARR. CHARITY PUTNAM

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN 10:30am

GATHER US IN



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
We are the old— who yearn for your face,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS

Presider We meet in the name of God,
Creator of the universe,
source of True humanity.
Mother and Father of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider We meet in the name of Jesus,
Word made flesh,
Savior of fallen humanity,
lover of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit,
Lord and giver of life,
Midwife of new humanity,
Inspirer of all.

People **Amen.**

Presider Come then, eternal God,

People **Be present here,
Befriend us here,
Renew us here.**

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

1. Glo - ry to God, source of love from the
dawn of cre - a - tion, and Je - sus
Christ, who was born to be love's in - car -
na - tion! And cease - less praise
be to the Spir - it al - ways,
pow - er of love's trans - for - ma - tion!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Most Holy and Loving God, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself taking the form of a slave, that we may humbly and devoutly serve others, to the honor and glory of your name.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Sit*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

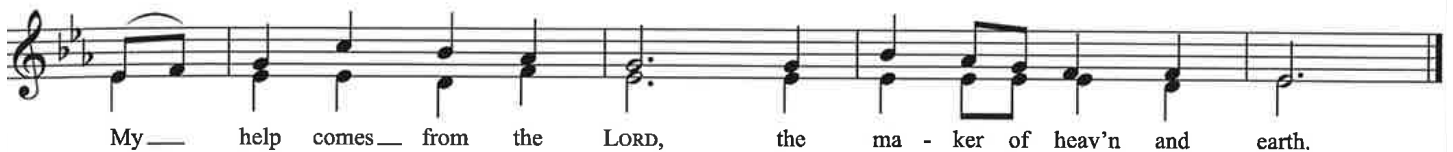
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

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



I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. **ANTIPHON**

He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep; **ANTIPHON**

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night. **ANTIPHON**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the second letter of Timothy.

3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

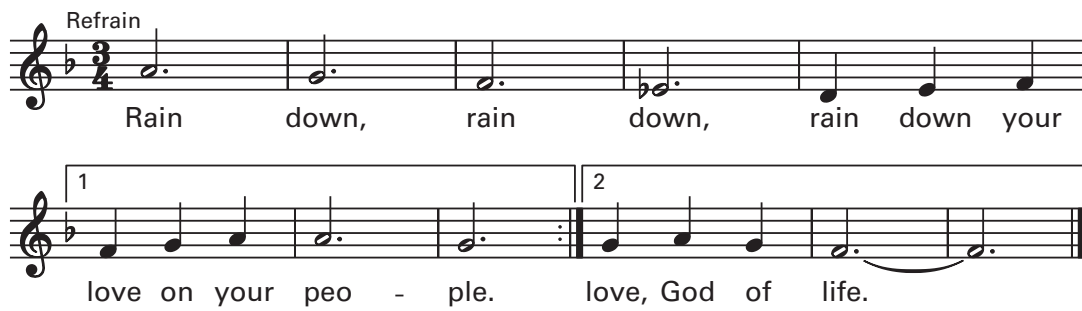
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON 10:30am

RAIN DOWN

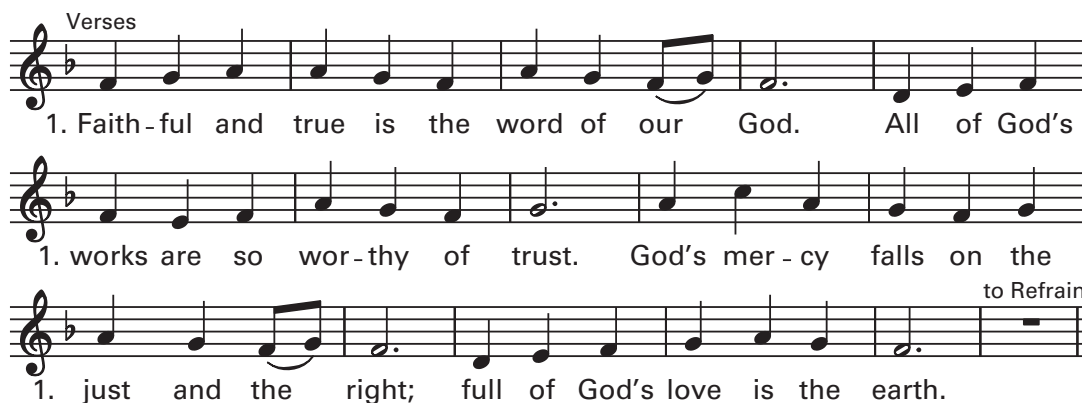
Stand and sing verse 1 and refrain.

Refrain



Rain down, rain down, rain down your
love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

Verses



1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
works are so wor-thy of trust. God's mer-cy falls on the
just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.

to Refrain

THE GOSPEL

Deacon A reading from the Gospel of Luke. 18:1-8

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

Deacon Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

SERMON *Sit*

THE REV. LINDA HARDWICK

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

Deacon Faithful God, as we give voice to our needs and share our thanksgivings, teach us to trust what Jesus taught. When we ask, we will receive. When we search, we will find. When we knock, the door will be opened. O God; hear us; answer us; and send us forth.

After each prayer, please respond "hear us; answer us; and send us forth."

Presider Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: In this fellowship of love and prayer, as you know and love us in your Son Jesus, Christ our Lord, accept and fulfill our petitions.

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 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 Not an easy peace
not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace,
but the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you all.

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

WORLD PEACE PRAYER ST. FRANCIS' SINGERS

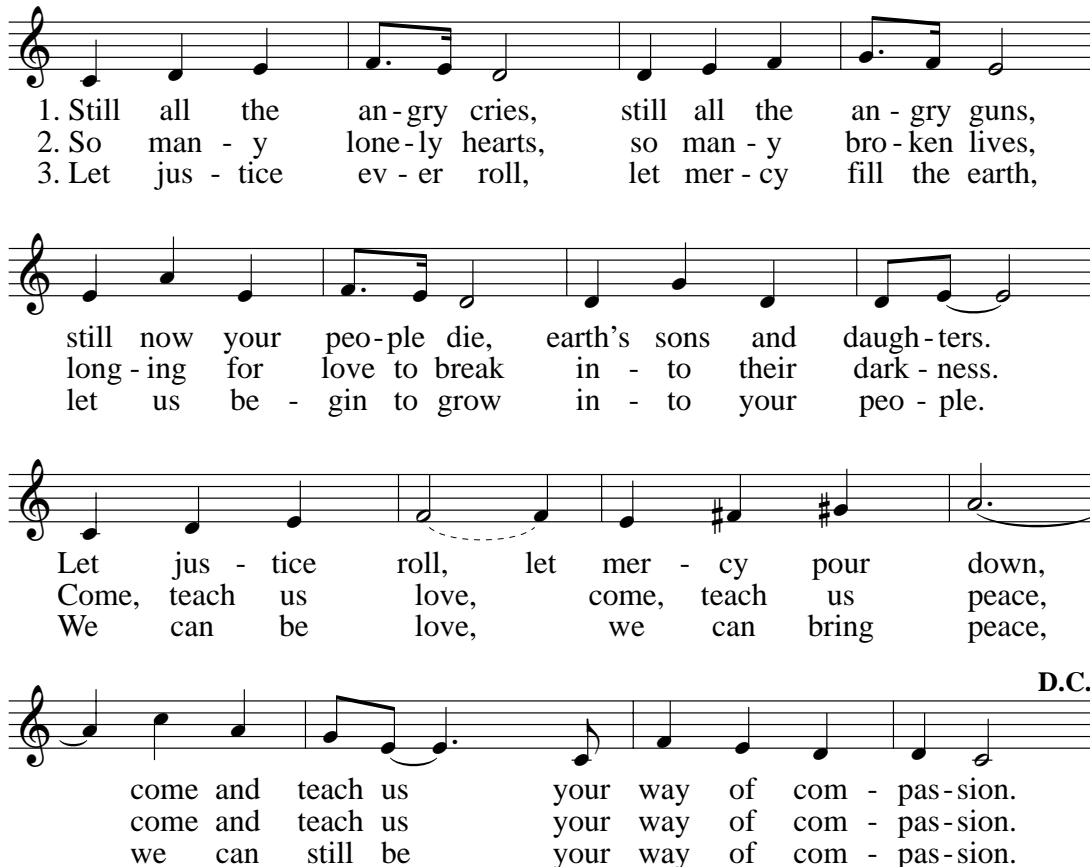
Congregation joins in to sing refrain and verse 3.

Refrain



Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from des -
pair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from
hate to love, from war to peace; let peace fill our
hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni-verse.

Verses



1. Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an - gry guns,
2. So man - y lone-ly hearts, so man - y bro - ken lives,
3. Let jus - tice ev - er roll, let mer - cy fill the earth,
still now your peo-ple die, earth's sons and daugh - ters.
long - ing for love to break in - to their dark - ness.
let us be - gin to grow in - to your peo - ple.
Let jus - tice roll, let mer - cy pour down,
Come, teach us love, come, teach us peace,
We can be love, we can bring peace,
D.C.
come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
we can still be your way of com - pas-sion.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be
giv - en, The Son, and Spir - it blest, Who reigns in high - est
heav - en, E - ter - nal, Tri - une God, Whom earth and heav'n a -
dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be, ev - er - more.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "giv - en, The Son, and Spir - it blest, Who reigns in high - est". The third staff has lyrics: "heav - en, E - ter - nal, Tri - une God, Whom earth and heav'n a -". The fourth staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: "dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be, ev - er - more." The piece ends with a double bar line.

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.



1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from— a
 2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my— pe -
 3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so -



1. world of care, And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make
 2. ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En -
 3. la - tion share, Till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I



1. all my wants— and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -
 2. gage the wait - ing soul to bless; And since He bids me
 3. view my home— and take my flight: This robe of flesh I'll



1. tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.
 2. seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.
 3. drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.



1. And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By
 2. I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And
 3. And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare -



1. thy re - turn, ——— sweet hour of prayer.
 2. wait for thee, ——— sweet hour of prayer.
 3. well, fare - well, ——— sweet hour of prayer!"

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



1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O
5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our



Right - eous One; Come, and bring our love to birth:
hearts a - new; Come and make op - pres - sion cease:



In the glo - ry of your Son.
Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!



Raise your joy - ful cries! Dance to the life a - round you!

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