St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, October 25, 2026
The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgy of the Word with Sacrament from the Reserve



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About Liturgy of the Word with Sacrament from the Reserve

St. Francis' is blessed by inspired worship shared in varied forms led by seasoned liturgical leaders, lay and ordained. Today's service, "The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament," is a special service featuring these leaders. Deacon David will preside and Dr. Michael Booker preach. This form of liturgy allows us to gather for Morning Prayer and share communion while Laurie+ is away.

The Episcopal Church only authorizes priests to consecrate the elements of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Our Savior, Jesus Christ. However, in accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church, and of the Diocese of Missouri, communion may be distributed from pre-consecrated elements by a deacon. Bishop Deon, using the Book of Common Prayer guidelines, developed and authorized us to use the Litany of the Consecrated Gifts in today's service.

Much will be familiar to you in today's service though there are some important differences that speak to what is unique about this kind of worship.

- The Liturgy of the Word remains unchanged.
- At the Liturgy of the Table, the deacon places the pre-consecrated elements on the altar and returns to stand with the people to lead the Litany of Consecrated Gifts. This litany is not a Eucharistic Prayer. Standing with the people and not at God's Table underscores the deacon is not consecrating the elements.
- The liturgy concludes with an Act of Thanksgiving, not a blessing which is something only Priests are empowered to offer.

The Cover Art

The cover art is created by parishioner Ellen Ogier Kreisel.

Pictures and Video

We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.

We start our worship in quiet when the bell is rung.

Prelude **Jesus Loves Me**

Welcome *10:30am only*

Gathering Hymn *10:30am only* **Gather Us In**



Opening Acclamations *Stand*

Lay Leader Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Collect for Purity

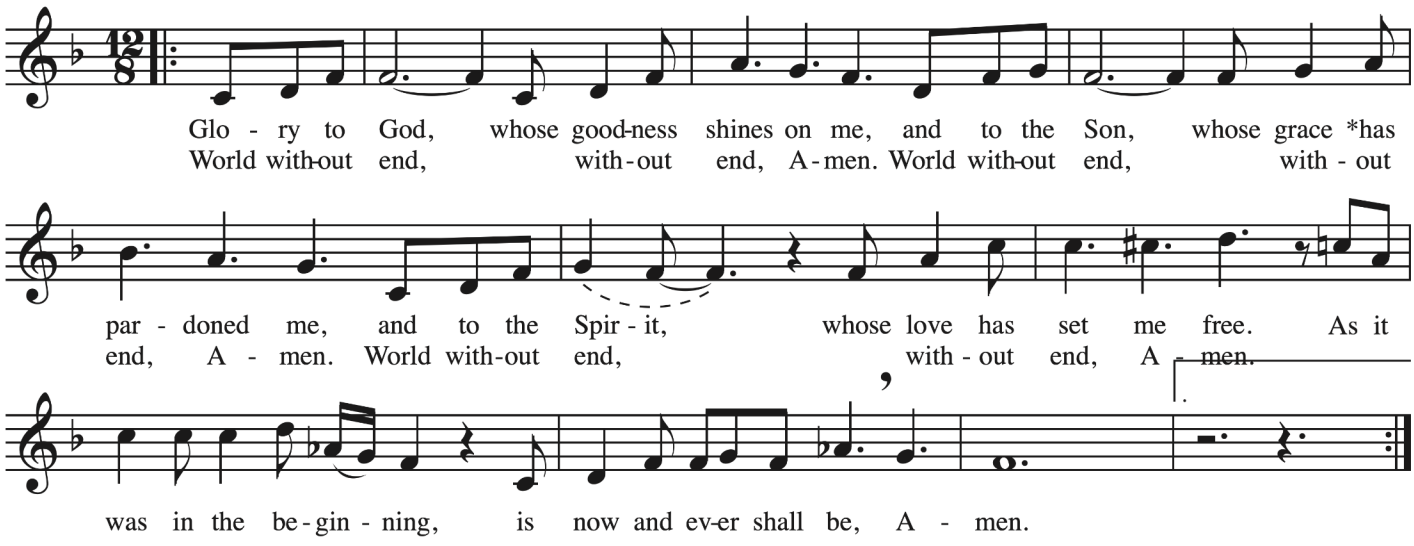
Lay Leader Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our heart by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Gloria *8:30am. Stand*

People **Glory to God in the highest,**
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
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.
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.

Gloria *10:30am. Stand*



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

The Collect of the Day

Lay Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lay Leader Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Leviticus. 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

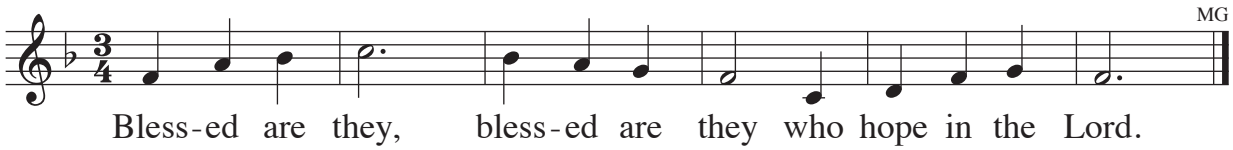
You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day Psalm 1

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



Blessed indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the path with sinners,
nor abides in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord,
and who ponders his law day and night. ℟.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. ℟.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they, like winnowed chaff,
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish. ℟.

The Second Lesson

Reader A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians. 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

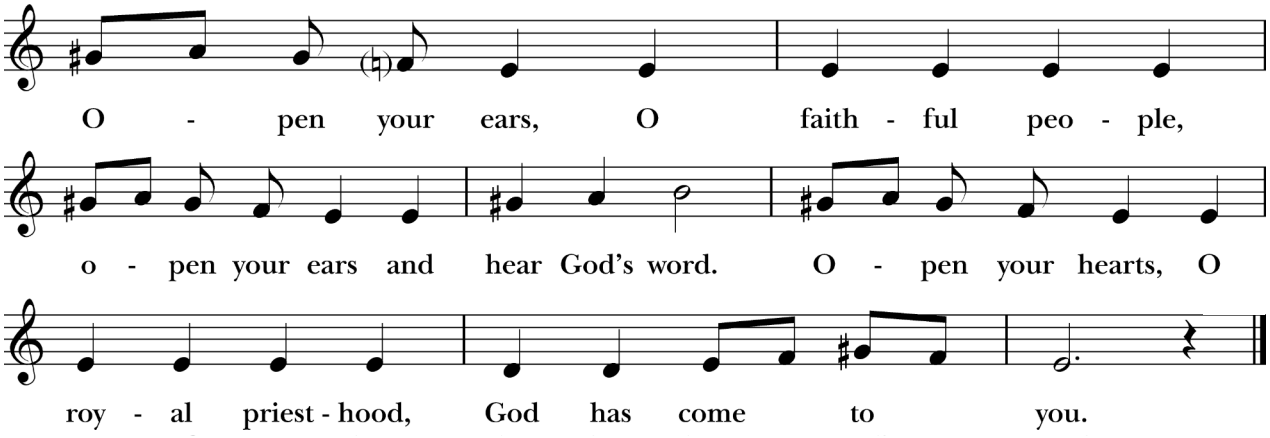
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People **Thanks be to God.**

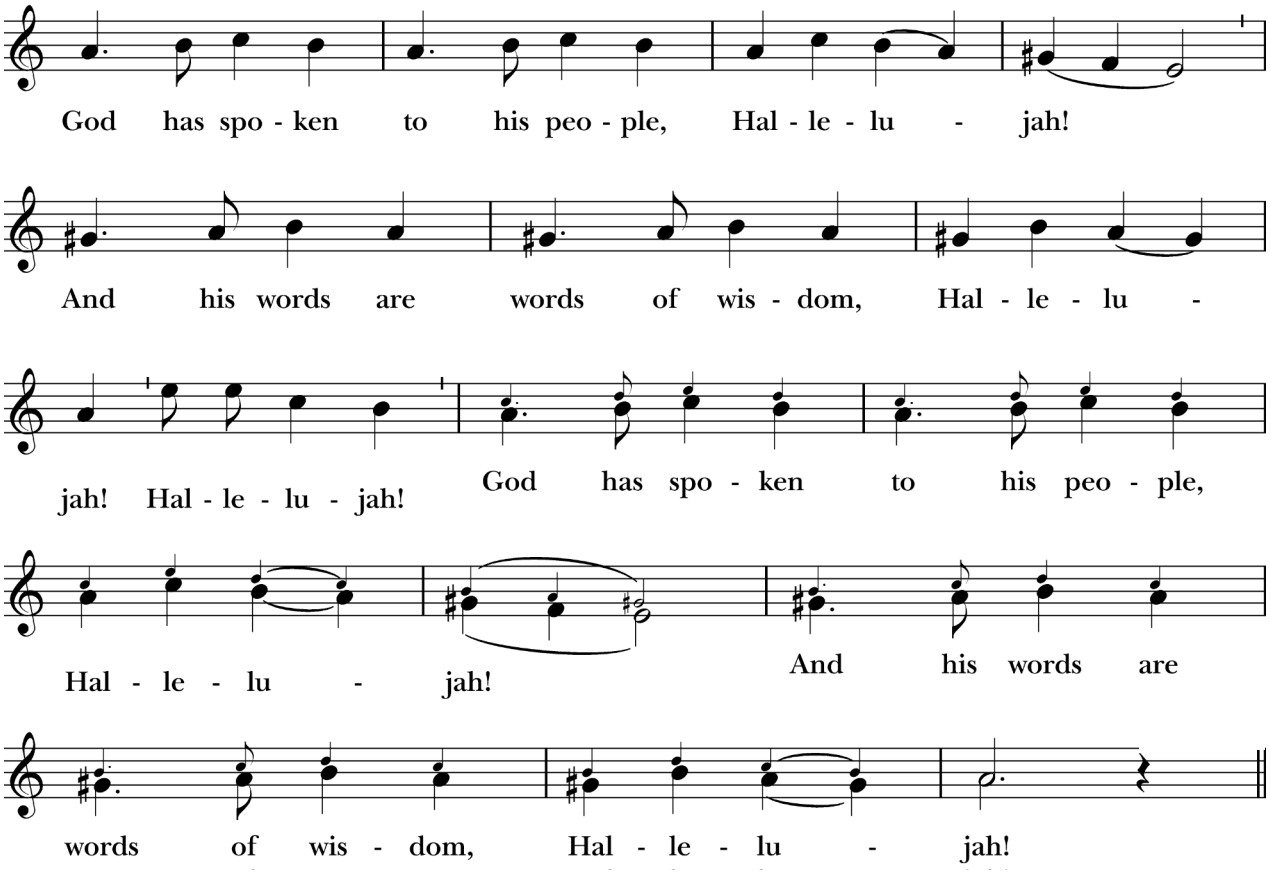
Gospel Antiphon — Open Your Ears

At 8:30am, sing verse. At 10:30am, stand and sing all.

Verse:



Refrain:



THE GOSPEL *Stand*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

SERMON *Sit* **DR. MICHAEL BOOKER**

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 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 always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

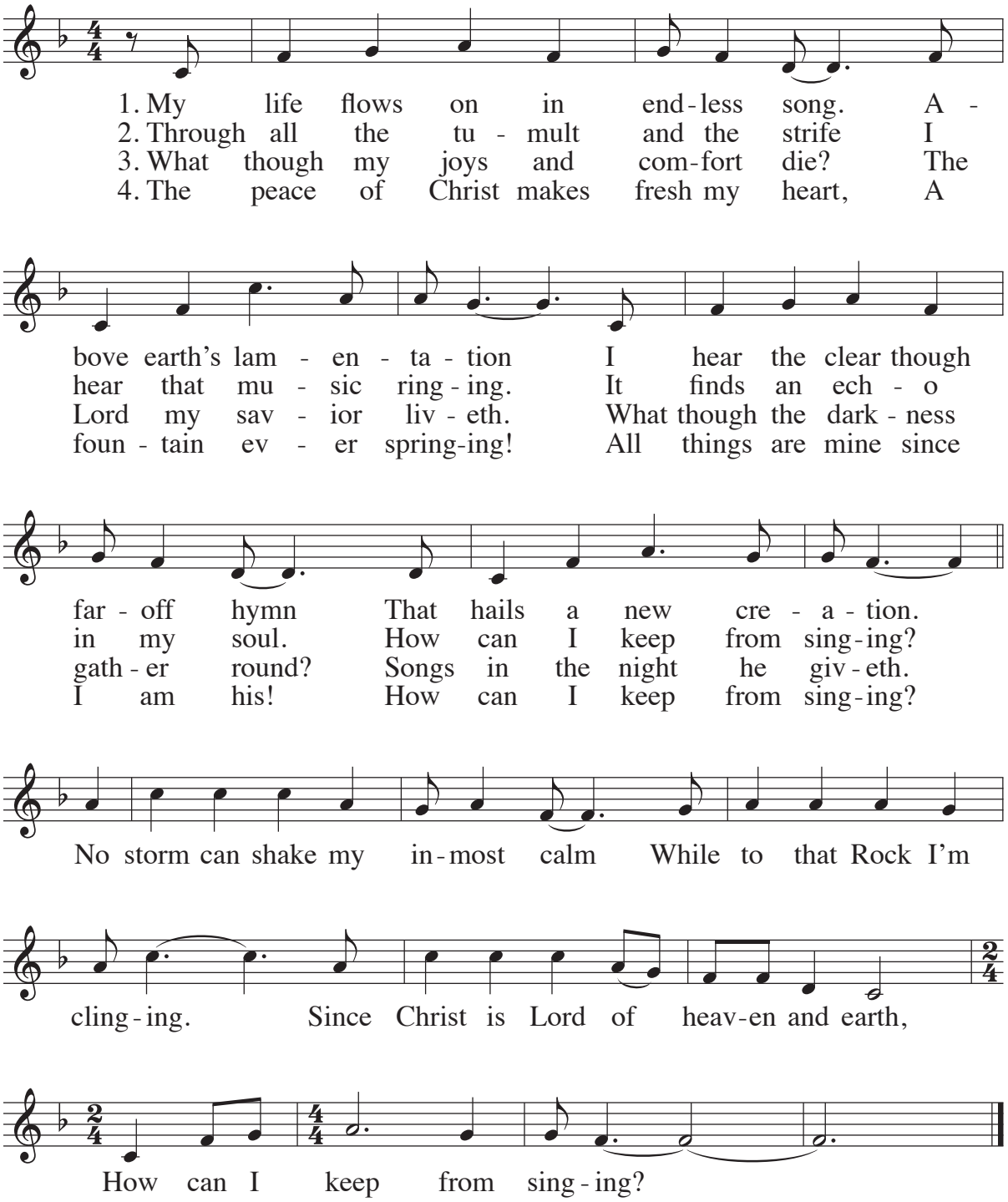
Announcements *Sit*

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.

Gathering at Christ's Table

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes the financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

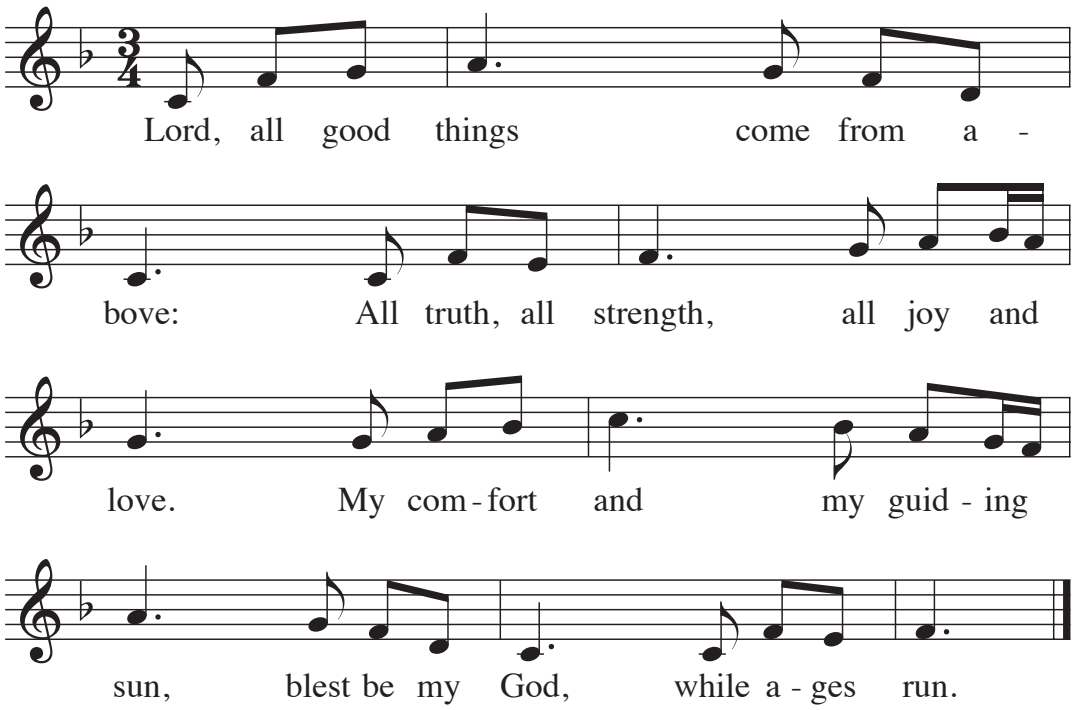
Offertory *10:30am* — How Can I Keep From Singing



Doxology

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



We Gather at the Table

Taking a position in the center aisle and facing the altar, the deacon leads the people in the Litany of the Consecrated Gifts, provided below.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for all things good and beneficial to our bodies and souls.

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider For the Body and Blood of Christ, set here before us;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider That you have brought us together in this place;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider That your eternal Word was made flesh for us;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider For Christ's life and ministry, death and resurrection;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider That you fill our lives with grace and grant us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider That through this Sacrament you grant us a pledge of our eternal inheritance;

People **We thank you, O God.**

Presider We pray, therefore, in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

Our children and youth lead us in prayer. We encourage their leadership in worship by actively participating, not clapping, despite our instinct to do so.

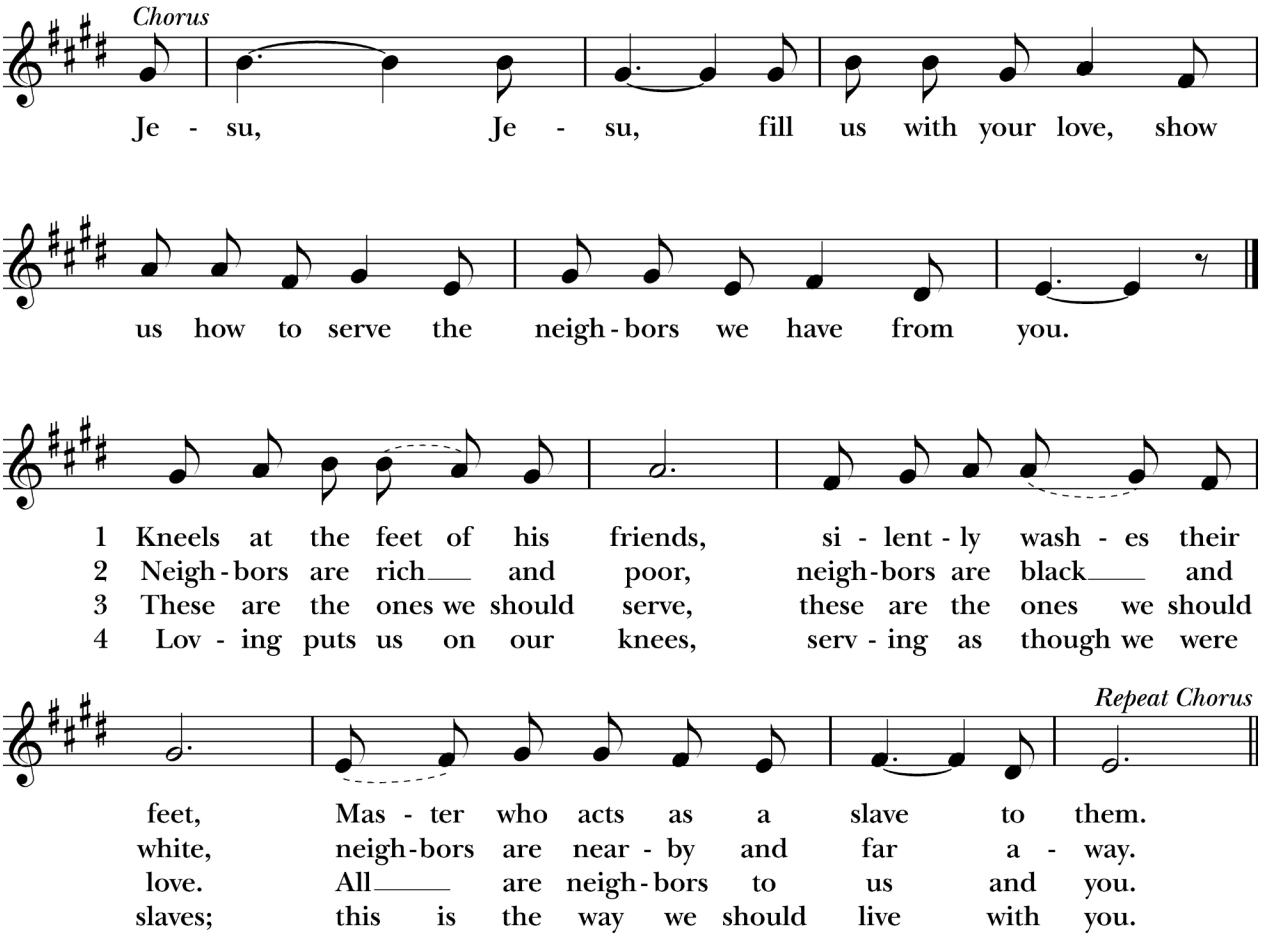
People **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For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

The deacon then moves to the altar, takes the elements, faces the people and says

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the Eucharistic Minister. 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.

Communion Hymn *10:30am* Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love



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Post Communion Prayer *Stand*

Presider Let us pray.

People **In gratitude, in deep gratitude**

for this moment,

this meal,

these people,

we give ourselves to you.

Take us out

to live as changed people

because we have shared the Living Bread

and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us,

expect much of us,

enable much by us,

encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory,

both as inhabitants of earth

and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.

Amen.

Act of Thanksgiving

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider God of all creation, we gather on this first day of the week made holy by the resurrection of Christ, your Son.

People **In the waters of baptism we were buried with him so that we might also rise with him and so share his victory over sin and death.**

Presider You have transformed our lives into the living stones that form your Church with Christ as the foundation stone.

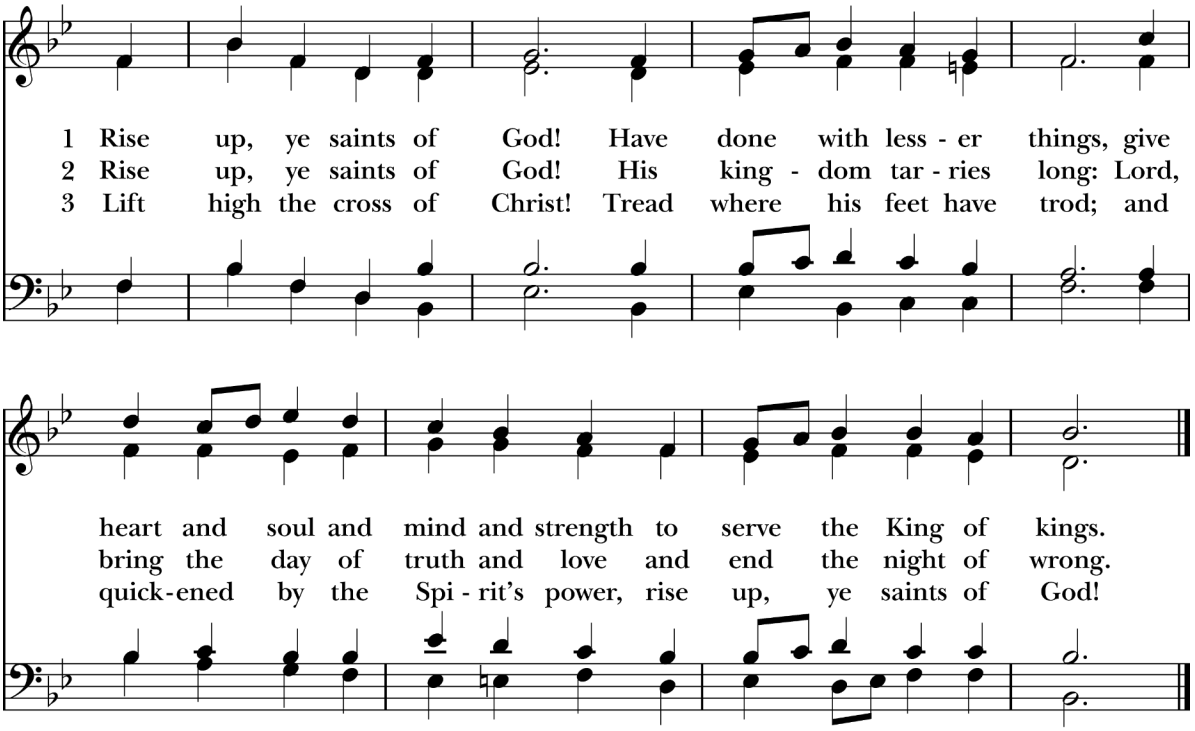
People **Strengthen this community's bond of communion and peace and deepen our solidarity with your Church throughout the world. Rekindle within us this Sabbath day the vision of your kingdom so that our daily concerns and labor may find their proper perspective.**

Presider Fill our homes with the spirit of the Gospel.

People **Give us the grace to see the true face of the people with whom we live. In a world torn by sin and division make us instruments of reconciliation and mercy. We raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, O God.**

Presider May we who celebrate Christ's resurrection this day share in his eternal glory where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sending Hymn *10:30am* Rise Up, Ye Saints of God



Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

After the service ends, anyone seeking healing of mind, body, or spirit is invited to the right of the altar to receive anointing for healing.