Sunday, November 8, 2026

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

Prelude **Going Home** **arr. Joseph M. Martin**

Welcome *10:30am only*

Gathering Hymn *10:30am only* **All Are Welcome**



Opening Acclamations

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

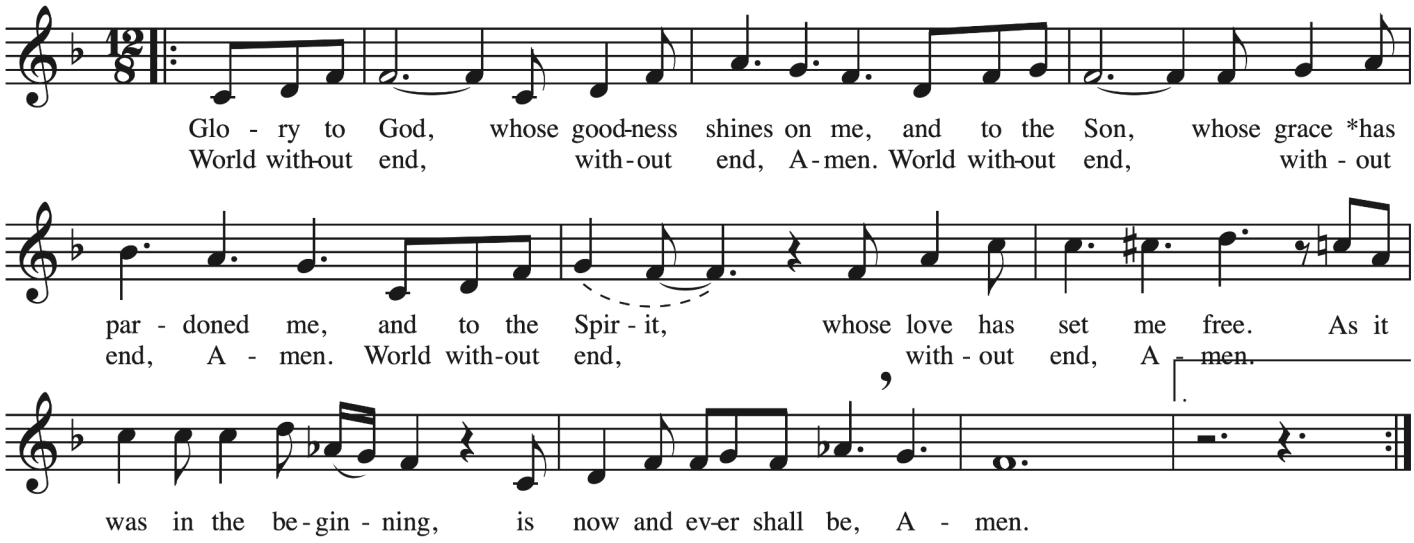
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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



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

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 Amos. 5:21-27

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm of the Day — Psalm 70

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



Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced. **REFRAIN**

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!" **REFRAIN**

But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not tarry. **REFRAIN**

The Second Lesson

Reader — A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians. 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

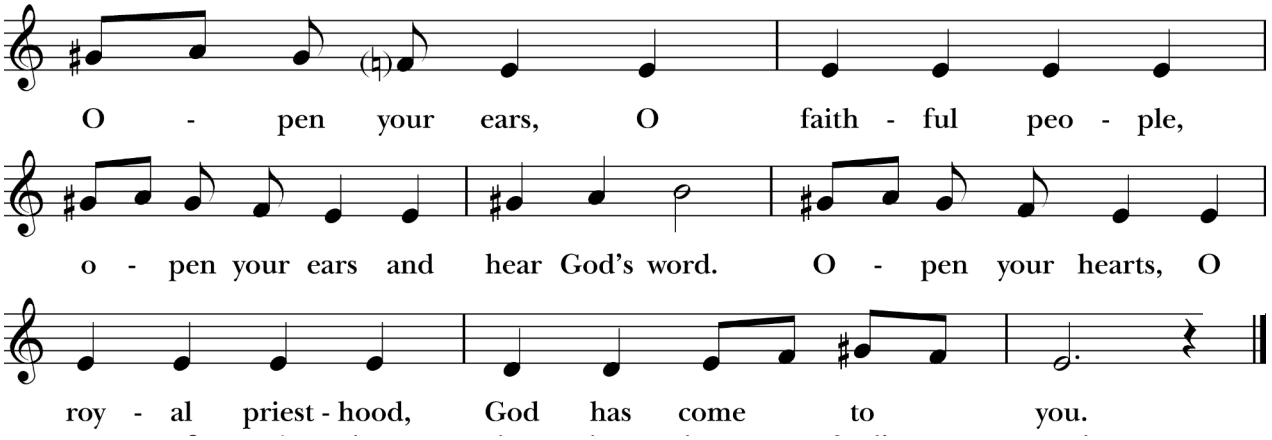
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People — **Thanks be to God.**

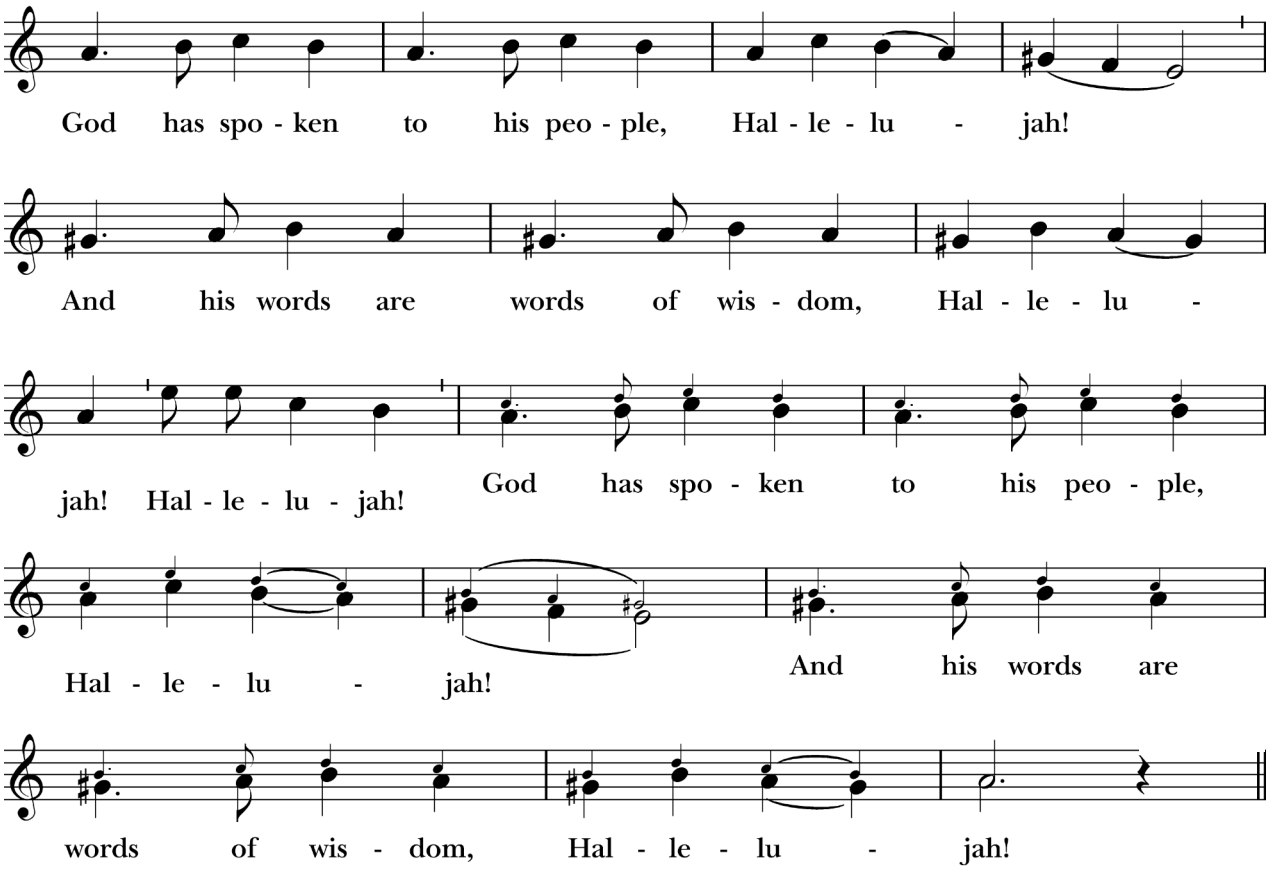
Gospel Antiphon — Open Your Ears — H 536

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

Verse:



Refrain:



The Gospel

Deacon A reading from the Gospel of Matthew. 25:1-13

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

Deacon Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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.**

Anointing for Healing

The Ministration to the Sick or Anointing for Healing is a sacramental rite of the Episcopal Church found on page 453 of the Book of Common Prayer. Through laying on of hands and anointing with holy oil, the service emphasizes the healing power of Christ and the connection between the worshiping community and the person seeking healing of mind, body, or spirit. The words of this healing service come from the Iona Community, an international, ecumenical Christian movement working for justice and peace, the rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship.

Presider Those who seek healing of mind, body, or spirit are now invited to come forward.

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

Those seeking anointing speak their name out loud as the congregation gathers around them. The Presider continues with prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing.

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

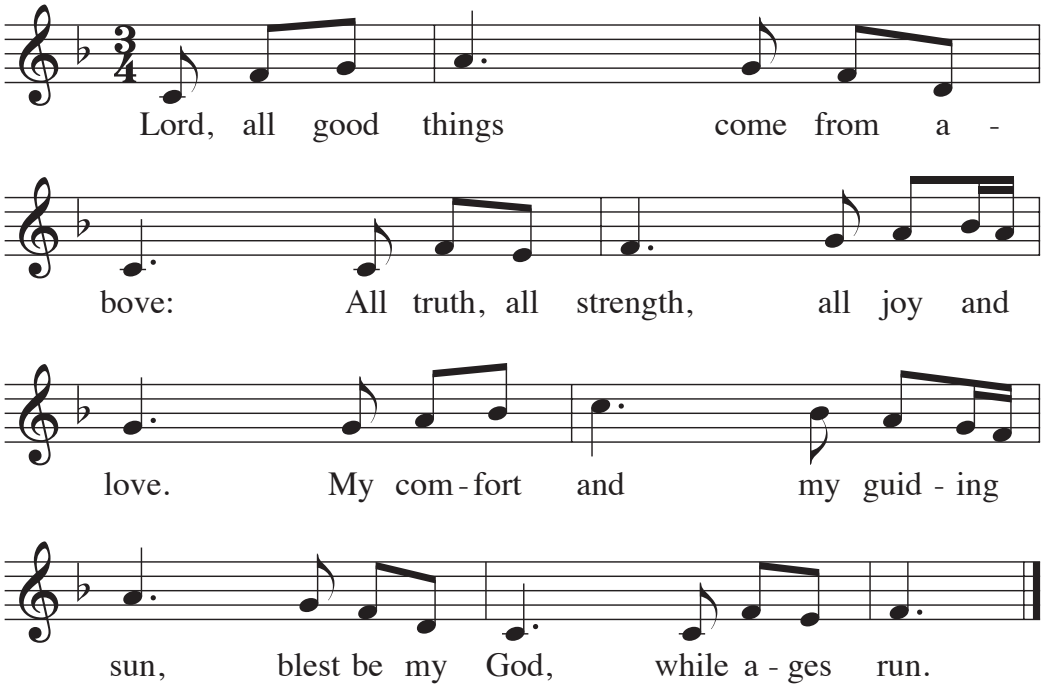
We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Today each member of the congregation is invited to come forward during the offertory song to place their pledge card or other financial gift in the basket. We also invite you to add a rock to the tray on the table, a sign that our financial gifts form a foundation for ministry today, tomorrow, and the future of St. Francis.

Offertory **I Thank You, Lord** **arr. Joseph M. Martin**
Solo, Tina Sayers

Blessing of the Pledges

Doxology

Please stand.



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Communion Hymn **Celtic Hymn Settings** **arr. Larry Shackley**

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

Sending Hymn — Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

At 10:30am, sing two times.



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