



AN ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST



St. Francis' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO THE “ORDINARY TIME” OF PENTECOST!

There are six liturgical seasons in the church year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost or “ordinary time.” The term “ordinary time” is not used in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), but the season after Pentecost is often called ordinary time.

In both the Incarnation (Advent, Christmastide, and Epiphanytide) and the Paschal seasons (Lent, Holy Week, and Eastertide), the church walks through and celebrates the defining moments of the life of Jesus, mining these events for meaning and spiritual nourishment. In the long ordinary time, we apply the teachings of these seasons to our presence in the world, living the values of the kingdom of God in light of what we've experienced in the months prior.

The Godly Play curriculum (which we use for our school year Children's Formation) refers to ordinary time as the “great, green, growing season.” This is why our liturgical color for the season is green. This half of the Christian year invites us to continue to plumb the depths of the teachings of Jesus and to embrace Jesus' practical teachings as we live out the mysteries we have celebrated in the major of events of his life.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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.

**The asterisk symbol is used to indicate when to look at the bulletin insert for this Sunday's specific music and scripture.*

IF YOU'VE NEVER WORSHIPED LIKE THIS BEFORE

The Episcopal liturgy is a structured, historic way of worshiping, contrasting with the fluid, sermon-focused style of nondenominational services. Guided by the Book of Common Prayer, the congregation follows a fixed weekly rhythm where everyone participates through responsive readings, traditional hymns, and physical postures like standing, sitting, bowing, and making the sign of the cross.

While nondenominational services often feature one sermon text chosen by the pastor, Episcopal worship is intensely saturated with Scripture through a fixed calendar called the Revised Common Lectionary. Every single Sunday, you will hear four distinct readings: one from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a New Testament Epistle, and a Gospel reading. This means you encounter the breadth of the entire Bible over a three-year cycle. The sermon is typically much shorter than a nondenominational message. It directly reflects on these passages as they apply to our world, our church, and our personal lives.

This heavy scriptural focus builds directly toward the service's climax: the Holy Eucharist (Communion). Each week the community gathers at the altar to receive bread and wine, emphasizing ancient Christian tradition, quiet reverence, and community connection over individual emotion.

Have questions about the liturgy? Great! Questions are encouraged. Ask Rev. Laurie or Deacon David as you leave the sanctuary.

ABOUT THE COVER ART

The cover art is by parishioner Ellen Ogier Kreisel.

**The order of service begins in the insert booklet. After the doxology, continue here.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You are the source of life and light. You made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Say at 8:30am:

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 10:30am:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord ____ God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Presider

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are
bold to say/sing,

At 8:30, spoken. At 10:30, sung.



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed
be thy name; thy king - dom come, thy will be
done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this
day our dai - ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es, as
we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us; and
lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er
us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow - er and the
1 Final
glo - ry are yours, for the yours now and for ev -
er, for ev - er, for ev - er. A - men.

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.

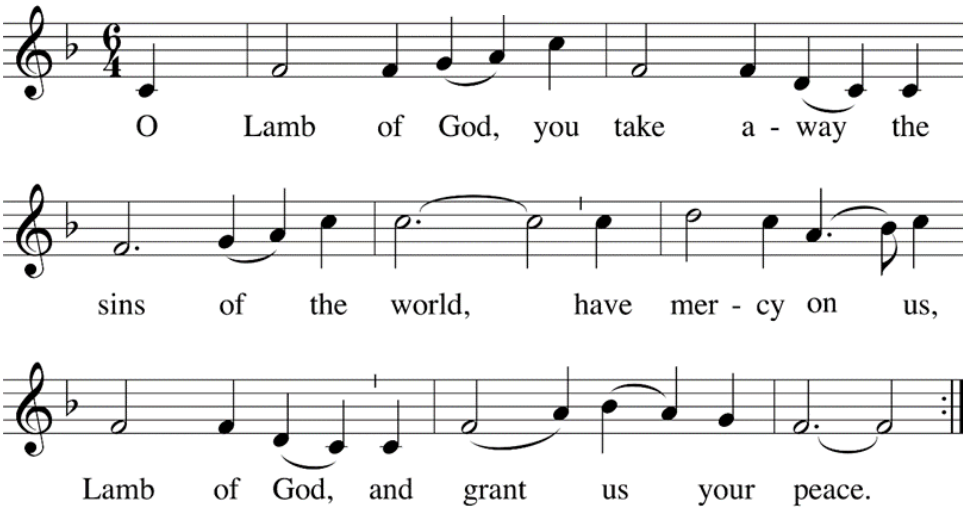
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM

At 8:30am, spoken:

People Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.

At 10:30am, sung:



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you would like gluten-free bread, please let the minister know as you approach them. 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**

See the insert for Communion Hymn. After Hymn, return to this bulletin.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now Father, send us our
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witness of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

***SENDING HYMN**

See the insert for Sending Hymn. After Hymn, return to this bulletin.

DISMISSAL

Deacon	Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People	Thanks be to God.

Please leave this service booklet for use in upcoming weeks.