



AN ORDER FOR  
THE CELEBRATION OF  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
THE SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 19, 2025 — MARCH 2, 2025



**St. Francis'** EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## **WELCOME!**

Scattered in the world we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as God's people. One of the glories of the Episcopal/Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

## **ABOUT THE SEASON AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Epiphany (meaning “manifestation”) celebrates the showing or appearance of God’s Son in our midst. Older than Christmas, Epiphany has three primary images: the coming of the Magi to acknowledge Jesus; the Baptism of Jesus; and the first sign of the Kingdom when Jesus changed water into wine at the Cana wedding reception.

The Season after the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Jesus' ministry starting in Jerusalem and spreading to the cities and towns beyond. The season follows after Jesus' birth at Christmas, the visit of the Magi and the presentation of the infant Jesus by Mary and Joseph in the temple. The Season of Epiphany concludes with Jesus' being transfigured on the mountain before his temptation in the wilderness.

## **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.*

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

## **DOXOLOGY** 10:30 only



O Trin - i - ty! O U - ni - ty! Be pres - ent as we  
wor - ship thee; And with the songs that an - gels sing  
U - nite the hymns of praise we bring. A - men.

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** *Stand.*

*The Eucharistic Prayer, or Great Thanksgiving, is the prayer of the church to invite Christ to be present in the elements of bread and wine. Now we come to the second act in the drama with the Liturgy of the Table. It is based on Jewish Fellowship meals, particularly the Passover observance. But this second half of the service is not communion in and of itself. It is the whole service, both acts of the drama, that make up the Eucharistic.*

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 thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

*Say at 8am:*

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:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LEVAS 255

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed the one who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

*The people stand or kneel.*

Presider We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end;

At supper with them Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

People **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Presider God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.



At 10:30am sing twice.

LEVAS 233

A - men, A - men,  
A - men, A - men, A - men. men.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the first two phrases: 'A - men, A - men,'. The second staff contains the next three phrases: 'A - men, A - men, A - men. men.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer follows. The link between our daily bread, and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection. In the Lord's Prayer we ask for daily bread meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the bread also symbolizes God's presence.*

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread in view of the assembly.*

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## FRACTION ANTHEM *8am only*

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM *10:30am only*

**LEVAS 271**

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*We partake in the Eucharist and are spiritually nourished, but it is not for our benefit alone. Communion enables us to return to the world with renewed vigor for proclaiming the Gospel in our words and in our lives. In the Eucharist, Christ's presence both nourishes us and challenges us.*

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

## SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

*This is Christ's table and all are welcome and all are fed. Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-friendly. 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 *Stand.*

*The Presider invites the congregation to stand and pray saying*

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together, let us pray.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

Presider Loving God, light of hope and promise of peace.

People **We give you thanks.**

Presider For the body and blood of Christ our Savior.

People **We give you thanks.**

Presider For the journey ahead and what we do not yet know;

People **For your presence, and your challenge, and the joy we cannot yet imagine, we offer ourselves. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

## **THE BLESSING**

*The Presider blesses the people as a reminder of God's extravagant love and invites us to go into the world to be God's blessing.*

**\*SENDING HYMN** *See the green insert for Sending Hymn. After Hymn, return to this bulletin. 10:30am only.*

*We begin and end our time of worship by praising God through song and prayer.*

## **DISMISSAL**

*As the celebration ends, we are charged to "Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord." The Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world, but a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.*

Deacon    Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People    **Thanks be to God.**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS BULLETIN FOR REUSE NEXT WEEK.**

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON**

**AS WE OFFER CHRIST'S UNFENCED LOVE TO THE WORLD.**