St. Francis' Episcopal Church, Sunday, January 26, 2025

Service begins here at both 8am and 10:30am.

PRELUDE 10:30am

My Heart Rejoices

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GATHERING SONG

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We begin by praising God through song and prayer. Stand. At 8am, sing verse 1. At 10:30am, sing all.



GREETING

Standing before the assembly, the Presider welcomes the community to worship.

Presider Blessed are you, Holy and Eternal God.

People Blessed be God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider Holy and Immortal One, illuminate the shadows in our hearts, open our eyes to your

saving love, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

People Guide us, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your truth we may find freedom, and

in your will discover peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: SPOKEN 8am. Stand.

Leader Arise, shine out, for your light has come; People the glory of the Lord is rising upon you. Leader The nations will come to your light, People and rulers to your dawning brightness. Leader They shall bring gold and frankincense, People and proclaim the praise of the Lord. Leader Your gates will lie open continually, People shut neither by day nor by night. Leader No more will the sun give you daylight, People nor moonlight shine upon you. Leader But the Lord will be your everlasting light, People your God will be your splendor. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: SUNG 10:30am. Stand.

Presider Let us glorify the Holy One as we sing.





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider continues with the prayer appointed for the day, called the collect. The collect is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the readings for the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scripture for the day.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES Sit.

We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Reading and commenting on scripture goes back to the earliest services of Christianity. Following the pattern of Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set pattern for what will be read when.

THE FIRST LESSON: A READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Reader A reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then

he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

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At 8am, the congregation reads the antiphon together. At 10:30, the congregation sings the antiphon together.



The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul.

The decrees of the LORD are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple. R.

The precepts of the LORD are right; they gladden the heart.

The command of the LORD is clear; it gives light to the eyes. R.

The fear of the LORD is pure, abiding forever.

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The judgments of the LORD are true; they are, all of them, just. R.

They are more to be desired than gold, than quantities of gold.

And sweeter are they than honey, than honey flowing from the comb. R.

THE SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

Reader A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

12:1-11

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

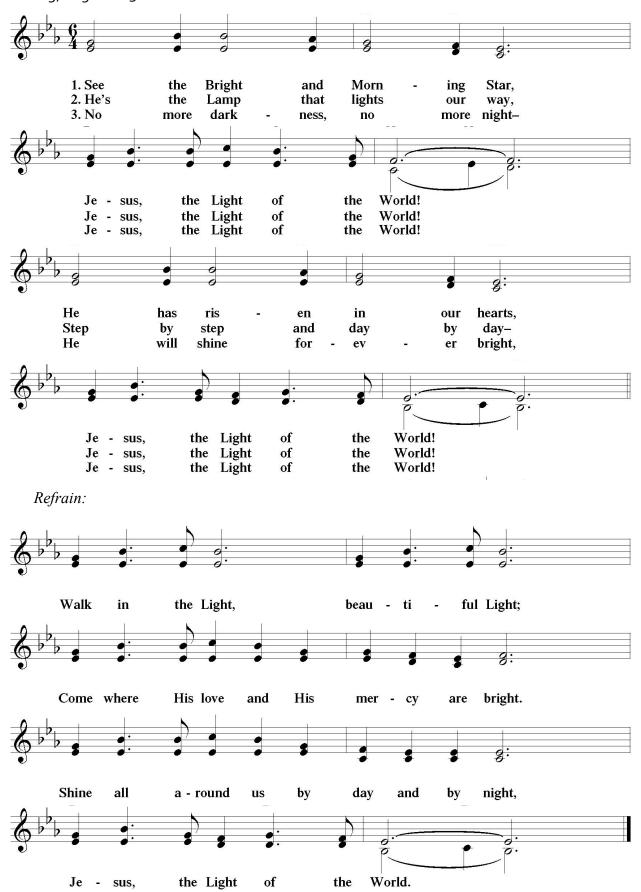
Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOSPEL Stand.

We stand, as we are able, for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on Jesus' words and actions, and sing the Gospel Hymn. At 8am, sing refrain only. At 10:30am, sing verses 1 and 2. After reading, sing verse 3.



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Deacon God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke. 4:14-21

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN Music on previous page. At 8am, sing refrain; at 10:30am, since verse 3.

THE SERMON Sit.

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

We remain seated for the sermon. Having someone comment on the scriptures read goes back to the earliest days of Christianity and to the Jewish Synagogue worship which preceded it.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Presider, priest or deacon, leads the assembly in an affirmation of faith. Originally the entire service was viewed as our confession of faith. But, since the Sixth Century, the church has recited either the Nicene Creed or the Apostle's Creed at the Eucharist. The word creed comes from the Latin credo for "I believe" or "I lend my heart to." Creeds tell a deeper "truth" that goes beyond "facts."

THE NICENE CREED Stand.

Deacon We affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.

People 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 man.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer changes people. Prayer is not about changing God but about changing us more into the likeness of God. Collectively and individually we offer the hopes and desires of our hearts to God. The Deacon offers the prayers for those who are sick or have asked our prayers.

Deacon Let us now bring our prayers for the Church and for the world before God.

The people respond to each intercession with silence. In the silences throughout our prayers, we are invited to hold up to God the names of those we especially remember today.

Presider

To the One who is the road on which we travel, our companion along the way, and our journey's end, we pray in boldness and confidence through faith in Christ Jesus. Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

As we enter in to worship we ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone and things done on our behalf so that we may be reconciled to each other and to God.

Deacon

Our Savior Jesus Christ says, 'A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.' Let us confess to almighty God our failure to accept and to share love with others.

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 your 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 EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

As we enter the most sacred portion of our worship we exchange a sign of God's promised peace. There are no set words to use in greeting each other, but "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and "Shalom" are all commonly used.

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

As a community of reconciliation and peace, we greet each other with a sign of our desire for peace.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Sit.

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

Having been nourished from the richness of God's love in sacred story and reconciled to each other through prayer, confession and peace, we gather at Christ's table to offer ourselves to be transformed for service in the world. We listen to or sing a hymn to continue to prepare our hearts and minds for the Eucharistic Prayers to come.

*THE OFFERTORY 10:30 only

The gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts are offered by the assembly to be set apart or consecrated as a reminder of Christ's sacrificial love and life. Once the Holy Table or Altar is prepared, the Presider and people give thanks to God for the many gifts we have been given by standing and singing our praise.

MEDITATION HYMN 8:00am

EPIPHANY CAROL

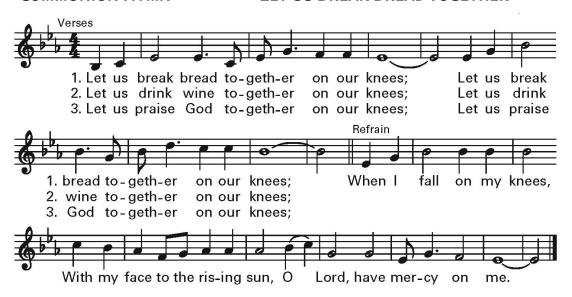
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COMMUNION HYMN

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER



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SENDING HYMN 8am

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,

the people of God from his dwelling take leave.

The sacrifice ended; oh, now be extended

the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching, our inner souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace shall incite us; his love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

SENDING HYMN 10:30am

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME



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You are welcome to take this insert home with you for prayer or pondering.