# St. Francis' Episcopal Church, Sunday, February 9, 2025

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

PRELUDE 10:30am

**COME, THOU FOUNT** 

ARR. HEATHER SORENSON

**GATHERING SONG** 10:30am

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Isaiah.

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

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend;

keep looking, but do not understand.'

Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes,

so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears,

and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said:

"Until cities lie waste without inhabitant,

and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate;

until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again,

like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.]

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

People Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY**

## 138

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



- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;
- For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things. ANTIPHON
- 4 When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. ANTIPHON
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
  O Lord, your love endures for ever;
  do not abandon the works of your hands. ANTIPHON

## THE SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

Reader A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

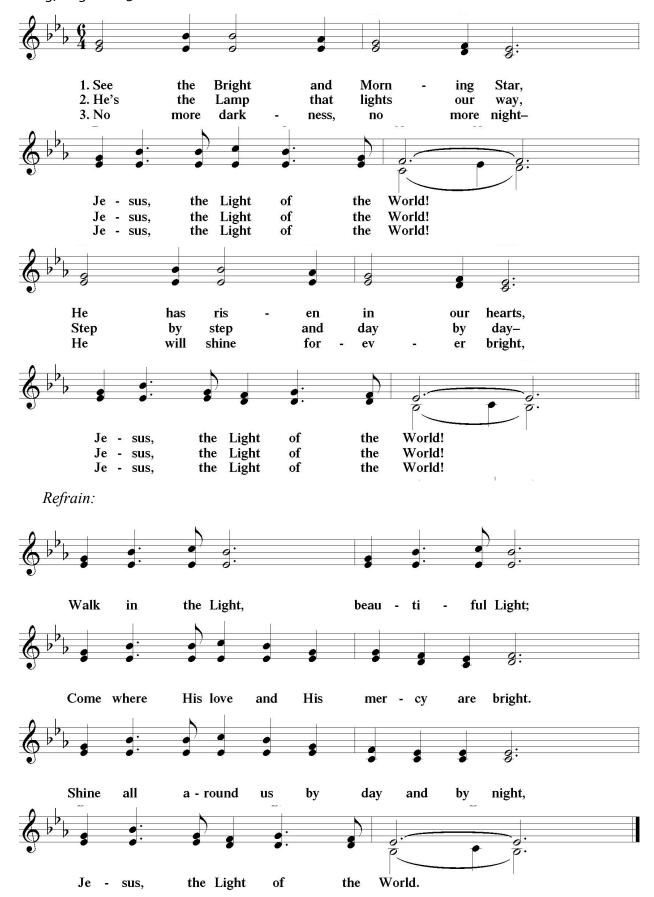
For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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. 5:1-11

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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, sing verse 3.

## THE SERMON Sit.

## THE REV. CANON WHITNEY RICE

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.**

#### **BIRTHDAY BLESSING**

Presider Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever

they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes

understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

# **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.

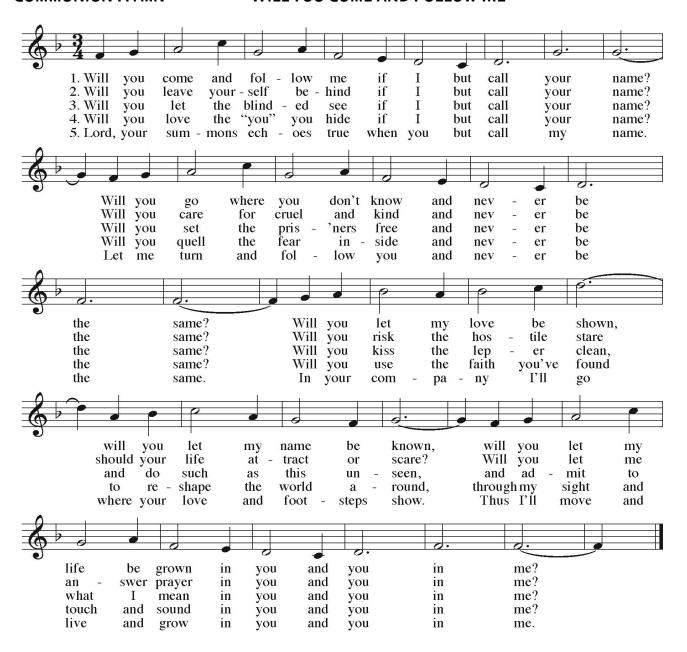
MEDITATION HYMN 8:00am COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING
BY ELENYI



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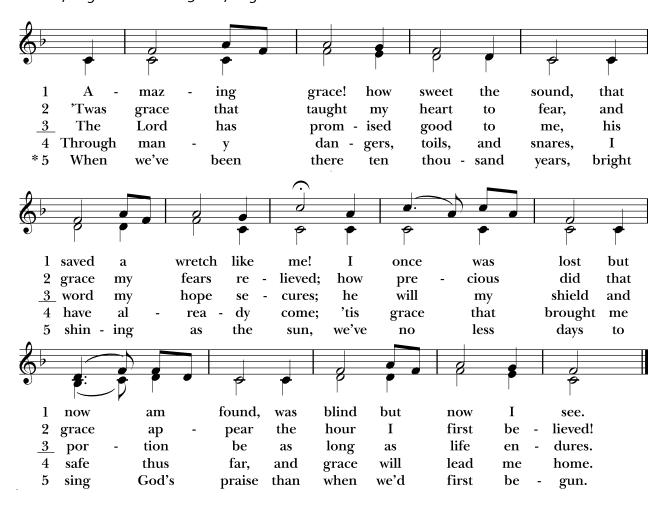
## **COMMUNION HYMN**

## WILLYOU COME AND FOLLOW ME



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At 8am, sing verse 1. At 10:30am, sing all verses.



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