

ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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

PRELUDE 10:30am

SIMPLE GIFTS

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GATHERING SONG

LOVE DIVINE

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



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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,

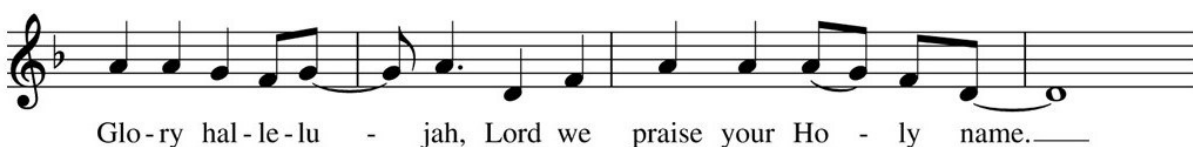
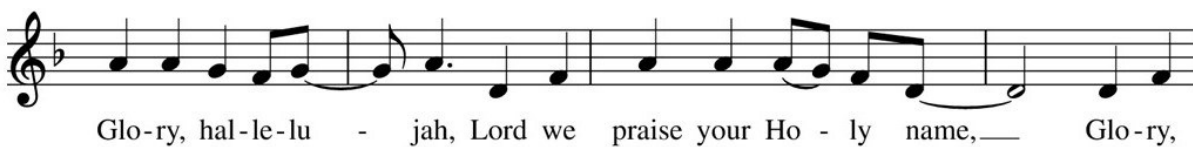
People **nor moonlight shine upon you.**

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.





1. Glo-ry to God_ in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth._



2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you,_ we give you thanks,_ we praise you for_ your glo-ry.



3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,



Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,_ Glo-ry,



Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name._ 4. You



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive_ our_ prayer. 6. For



you a - lone_ are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are_ the Lord,



7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the



glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we

Praise your Ho - ly name.

A - - - - men.

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.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and 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 Genesis. 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

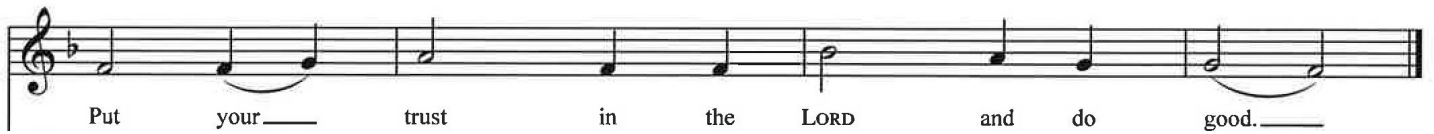
And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

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



Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away. **ANTIPHON**

Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord,
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday. **ANTIPHON**

Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. **ANTIPHON**

In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace. **ANTIPHON**

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The Lord will help them and rescue them;
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

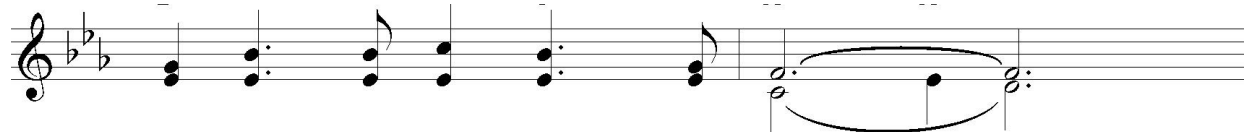
Reader	A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.	15:35-38,42-50
	<p>Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.</p> <p>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.</p> <p>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.</p>	
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.



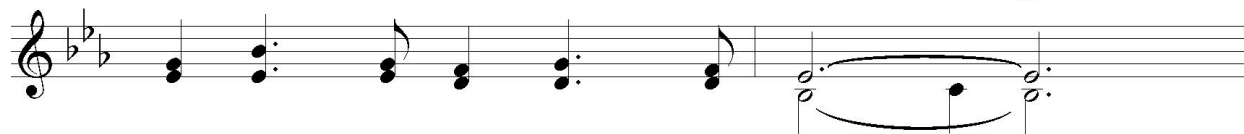
1. See the Bright and Morn - ing Star,
2. He's the Lamp that lights our way,
3. No more dark - ness, no more night-



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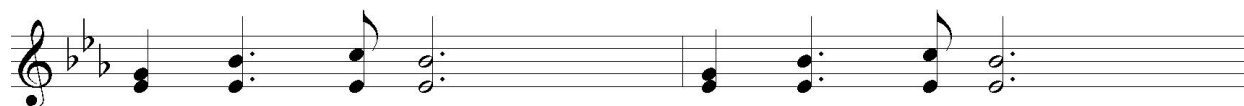


He has ris - en in our hearts,
Step by step and for day -
He will shine for - ev - er bright,

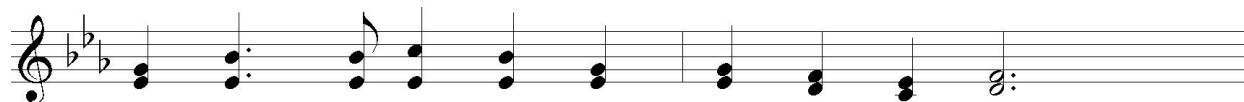


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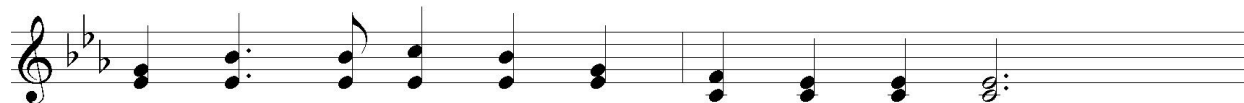
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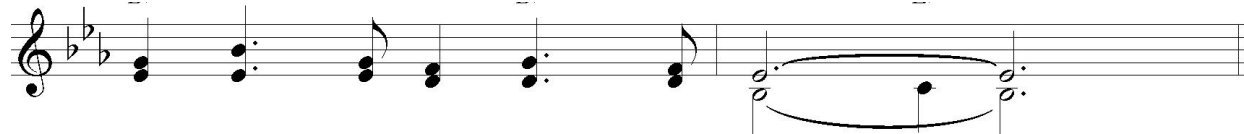
Walk in the Light, beau - ti - ful Light;



Come where His love and His mer - cy are bright.



Shine all a - round us by day and by night,



Je - sus, the Light of the World.

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*

IMMORTAL INVISIBLE

PERFORMED BY METHODIST HYMNAL

PORTER SAYER, SAXOPHONE SOLO

I can only imagine what it will be like, when I walk by Your side.
I can only imagine what my eyes will see, when Your face is before me:
I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for you Jesus, or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence, or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing Hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine.

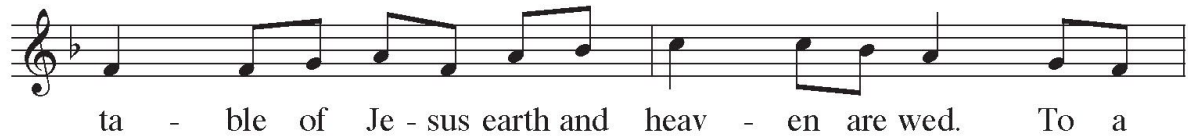
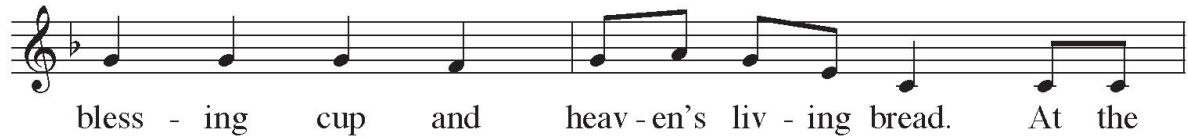
I can only imagine when that day comes, and I find myself standing in the Son.
I can only imagine when all I would do, is forever, forever worship You.
I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for you Jesus, or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence, or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing Hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine. I can only imagine. I can only imagine.

From here, continue to the bulletin labelled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 4, and return to this insert for Communion Hymn and Sending Hymn.

COMMUNION HYMN 10:30am

AT THE TABLE OF JESUS



Verses



1. Where love and char - i - ty are found There God is a - mong us; God's
2. Now, as we gath - er all as one, Di - vi - sion is end - ed, com -
3. Joined with the an - gels and the saints, Be - hold - ing God's glo - ry and



Let our hearts be glad and re - flect God's love.
Let us dwell in love as our God in - tends.
And with heav - en's hosts we'll come face to face.

From here, continue to the bulletin labelled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," p. 11.

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



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Continue to the bulletin labelled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," p. 12.

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