

An Order for

THE CELEBRATION OF

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 25, 2024 — SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



ABOUT THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The Season after Pentecost, often called "ordinary time" or the "green season," follows the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church at Pentecost. During this season the usual liturgical color is green, hence being referred to as the green season. Throughout this season we hear sacred stories that highlight the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church along with themes of God's creative providence.

The Season after Pentecost is the longest season of the Church year and can include up to 28 Sundays of the year. During this season we learn that Christ is about self-giving love that is only possible through authentic relationship. These are the days where we grow into who we are called to be by imitating the lived reality of Jesus.

THERE ARE NO MISTAKES IN WORSHIP

At St. Francis', we say, "there are no mistakes in worship." Of course we make mistakes, but this is our way of saying that our focus is praise, thanks and dwelling with God as a community. If we sing off key, stand or sit at the wrong time, or make some other error, God is still praised. That is our priority! So if you make a mistake while you are with us, welcome to the club and God be praised!

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.

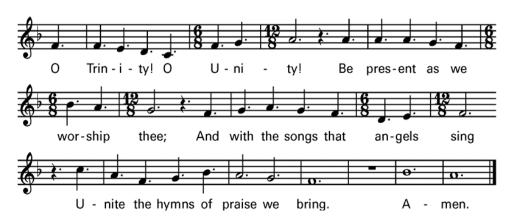
ABOUT THE BULLETIN FORMAT

The format of using a bulletin like this one, plus an insert like our green one, is a common paper- and energy-saving effort. We first began using this format in June; since then, staff and liturgy leaders have gathered feedback about the shift. We have updated the format of the bulletin to be easier to hold and clearer regarding when it is time to shift between this bulletin and the green insert.

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

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

DOXOLOGY 10:30 only



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 God 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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

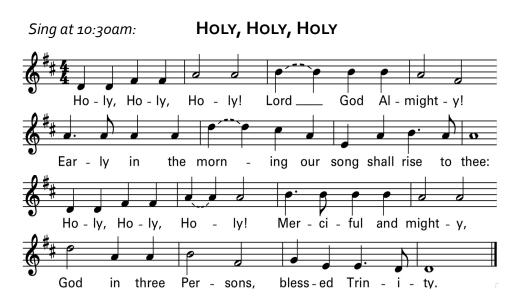
Say at 8am:

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.



The people stand or kneel.

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 Savior 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 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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

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!

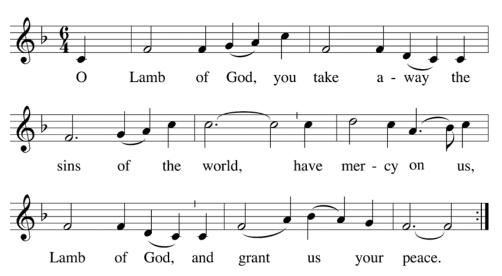
FRACTION ANTHEM 8am only

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



Invitation to Communion

Presider

These are God's holy gifts, for you God's holy people. So come to this table you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. You who are full of faith and full of doubt. Come, it is Christ himself who invites you to meet him here.

SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

This is Christ's table and all are welcome and all are fed. Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. 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 green 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.

People God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread

of life and cup of salvation. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask

this in the name of Jesus the Lord. 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.