

ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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

GATHERING SONG

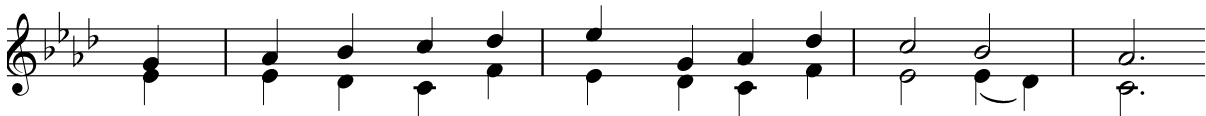
PRAISE BE TO THE LIVING GOD

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We begin by praising God through song and prayer. Stand. At 8am, v. 1 only.



1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;



who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

GREETING

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

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.

People **Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **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 Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for a time.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE: GLORY TO GOD *8am + 10:30am*

Presider Let us glorify the Holy One as we sing.

1. Glo - ry to God, source of love from the
dawn of cre - a - tion, and Je - sus
Christ, who was born to be love's in - car -
na - tion! And cease-less praise
be to the Spir - it al - ways,
pow - er of love's trans - for - ma - tion!

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The final note of the piece is a whole note G4, which is marked with a '2' below it, indicating a fermata.

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Proverbs. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

for the Lord pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

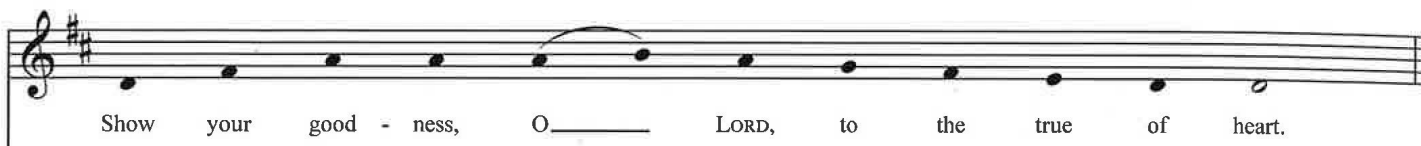
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

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The psalms are a part of the poetry of the Hebrew people. They express joy and sadness; loneliness and thanksgiving as part of the human longing to be united with God.

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



- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore. **ANTIPHON**
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

Reader

A reading from the letter from James.

2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become

accountable for all of it.[For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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.

Your Word O God is life and love, shower-ing all bless - ings
from a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You have the words to
eter - nal life, Bear - ing the bur - den of our strife Al - le - lu - ia
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Mark.

7:24-37

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little

daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

At the end of the Gospel the Deacon says

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL HYMN *The music on the previous page is sung one time through.*

THE SERMON *Sit.*

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 *Stand.*

Deacon Please stand, as you are able, as we affirm our faith.

Silence is kept for a time.

Deacon We are not alone; we live in God's world.

People **We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make anew, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

Deacon We trust in God.

People **We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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: God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving. Therefore we come to you with grateful hearts asking you, God of Love, grant our prayer.

After each prayer, the people reply, "grant our prayer."

Presider: Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 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 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 8am LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

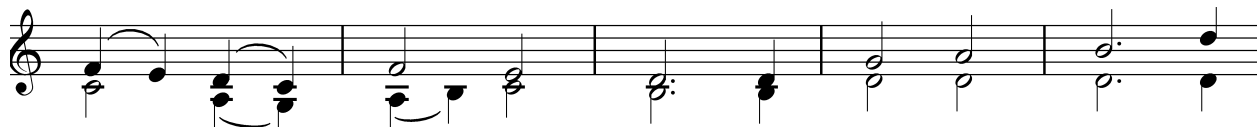
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OFFERTORY HYMN 10:30am LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

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1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bid! Let me thy in - ner
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

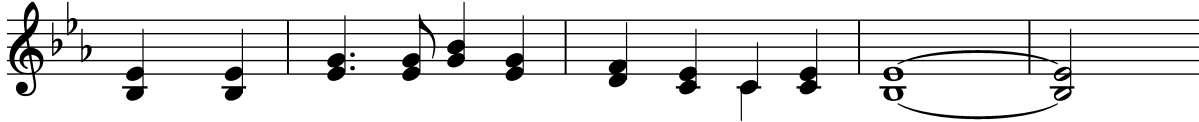


1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

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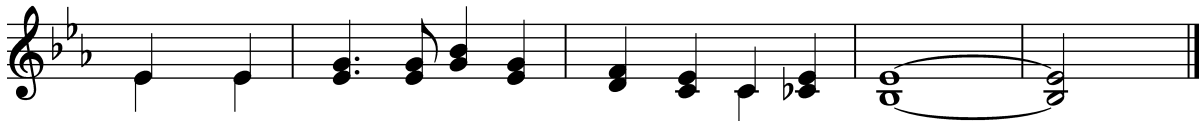
1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, In my heart;—
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, In my heart;—
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, In my heart;—
4. I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart, In my heart;—
5. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, In my heart;—



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In my heart,_____ In my heart,_____



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From here, continue to the yellow bulletin labelled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 10, for the Post-Communion Prayer.

SENDING HYMN *8am*

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME?

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be
 the same? Will you let my love be shown,
 will you let my name be known, will you let my
 life be grown in you and you in me?

SENDING HYMN *10:30am*

REJOICE YE PURE IN HEART

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1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from
 1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.

Refrain
 Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

Continue to the yellow bulletin labelled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 11.

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