

ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

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

GATHERING SONG *8am*

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

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We begin by praising God through song and prayer. Stand.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '1' before the first note. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: '1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy, be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.'

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1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -



of our God; he whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and



bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



on the Rock of A - ges found-ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their



sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the



round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.

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.

The musical score is written on six staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "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 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 God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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. 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

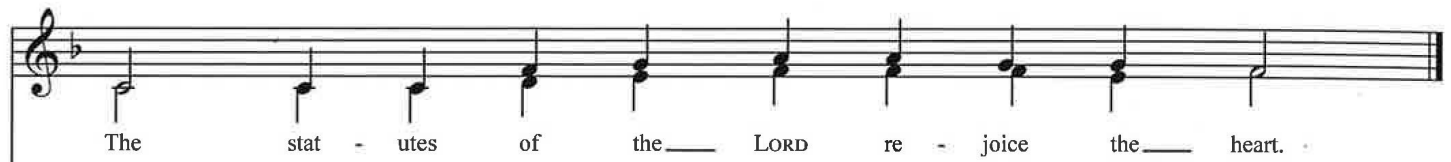
and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,

I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”
Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People

Thanks be to God.

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 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world. **ANTIPHON**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **ANTIPHON**
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes. **ANTIPHON**
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
 more than much fine gold,
 sweeter far than honey,
 than honey in the comb. **ANTIPHON**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened,
 and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends?
 cleanse me from my secret faults. **ANTIPHON**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over me;
 then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
 heart be acceptable in your sight,
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

Reader

A reading from the letter from James.

3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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, showering 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. 8:27-38

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are

ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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 10:30am

PSALM 122: I WAS GLAD

DAVID R. ERB

OFFERTORY HYMN 10:30am

I WAS GLAD, SO GLAD

BEALL AND CARTER

ST. FRANCIS' SINGERS

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

COMMUNION HYMN 10:30am

LEAD ME TO CALVARY

LEVAS 31



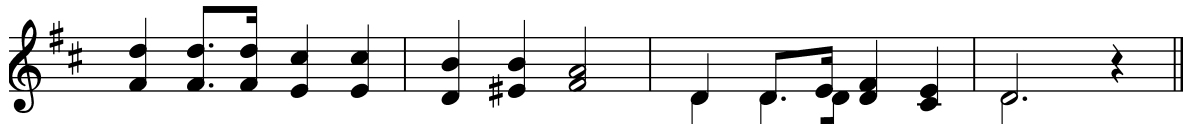
1. King of my life I crown thee now, Thine shall the glo - ry be;
2. Show me the tomb where thou wast laid, Ten - der - ly mourned and wept;
3. Let me, like Ma - ry, through the gloom, Come with a gift to thee;
4. May I be will - ing, Lord, to bear Dai - ly my cross for thee;



1. Lest I for - get thy thorn-crowned brow, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.
2. An - gels in robes of light ar - rayed Guard - ed thee whilst Thou slept.
3. Show to me now the emp - ty tomb, - Lead me to Cal - va - ry.
4. E - ven thy cup of grief to share - Thou hast borne all for me.



Lest I for - get Geth - sem - a - ne, Lest I for - get thine ag - o - ny,



Lest I for - get thy love for me, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.

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

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME?

At 8am, since verse 1.



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be
Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be



the same? Will you let my love be shown,
the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare
the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,
the same? Will you use the faith you've found
the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go



will you let my name be known, will you let my
should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to
to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and
where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown in you and you in me?
an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
what I mean in you and you in me?
touch and sound in you and you in me?
live and grow in you and you in me.

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.