

ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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

PRELUDE

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

PIANO DUET—LYNNE GLICKERT AND STEPHANE ALLEE

GATHERING SONG

GATHER US IN

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



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
We are the old— who yearn for your face,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

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 a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

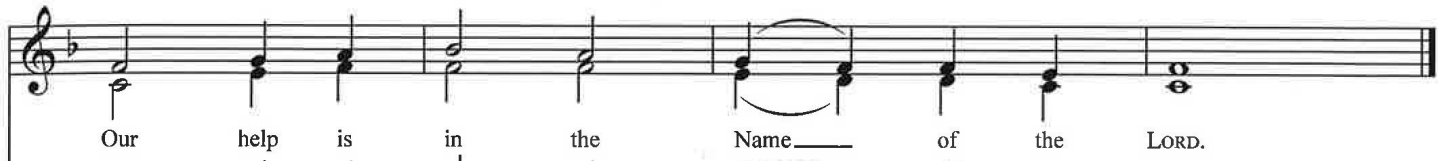
People **Amen.**

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 If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us; **ANTIPHON**
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us. **ANTIPHON**
- 6 Blessed be the Lord!
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

Reader

A reading from the letter from James.

5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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.*

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

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 8:00am

**IT IS WELL
SOUNDS LIKE REIGN**

OFFERTORY HYMN 10:30am

**BE STILL MY SOUL
PIANO/ORGAN DUET**

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 8:00am

**WE REMEMBER
OCP CHOIR**

REFRAIN

We re-mem-ber how you loved us to your death, and still we
 cel-e-brate, for you are with us here; And we be-lieve that we will
 see you when you come, in your glo-ry, Lord, we re-mem-ber,

Fine VERSES

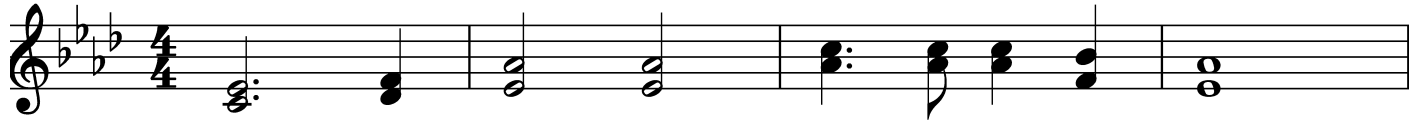
we cel-e-brate, we be-lieve.

1. Here, a mil-lion wound-ed
2. Now we re-cre-ate your
3. Christ, the Fa-ther's great "A-
4. See the Face of Christ re-

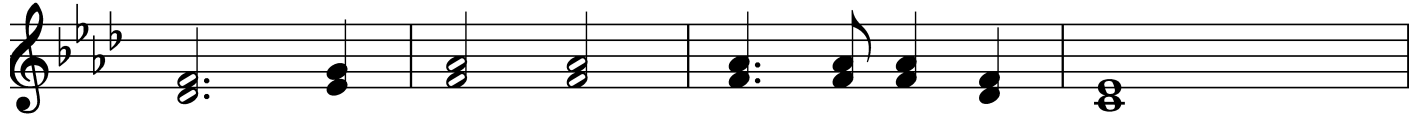
1. souls are yearn-ing just to touch you and be healed;
2. love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal;
3. men" to all the hopes and dreams of ev-'ry heart;
4. vealed in ev-'ry per-son stand-ing by your side;

1. Gath-er all your peo-ple, and hold them to your heart;
2. Sign of grace and mer-cy, the Pres-ence of the Lord;
3. Peace be-yond all tell-ing, and free-dom from all fear;
4. Gift to one an-oth-er, and tem-ples of your love;

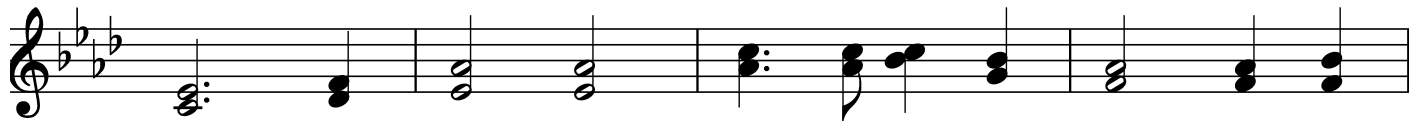
From here, continue to the yellow bulletin labelled "An Order for The Celebration of The Holy Eucharist," page 10, for the Post-Communion Prayer.



1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.



Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I



don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____

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.