

ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

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

**PRELUDE**

**JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE    ARR. ABIGAIL JOHNSON**

**GATHERING SONG**

**O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST**

**H 680**

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



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

**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.

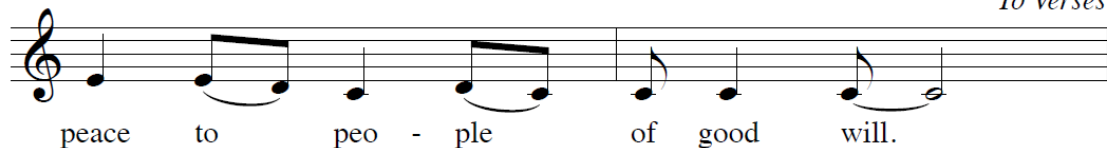
People             **Amen.**

**GLORIA** At 8am, only refrain sung twice. At 10:30, all sung.

Refrain:



*To Verses*



1. We praise you,  
we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory, for your great glory  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us. **Refrain**

3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **To Amen below**



## 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.*

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 Job. 23:1-9, 16-17

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;  
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

Oh, that I knew where I might find him,  
that I might come even to his dwelling!

I would lay my case before him,  
and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,  
and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?  
No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him,  
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

"If I go forward, he is not there;  
or backward, I cannot perceive him;

on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;

I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

God has made my heart faint;

the Almighty has terrified me;

If only I could vanish in darkness,

and thick darkness would cover my face!"

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.*

Antiphon:

My God, my God, O why have you a -  
ban - doned me?

All who see me laugh at me, they mock me and they shake their heads:

"He relied on the Lord, let the Lord be his refuge." **ANTIPHON**

As dogs around me, they circle me about.

Wounded me and pierced me, I can number all my bones. **ANTIPHON**

My clothing they divided, for my garments casting lots.

O Lord, do not desert me, but hasten to my aid. **ANTIPHON**

I will praise you to my people, and proclaim you in their midst.

O fear the Lord, my people, give glory to God's name. **ANTIPHON**

## THE SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

Reader

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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. We sing verse 1 before the Gospel is read.*

8AM

### CELTIC ALLELUIA

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with various rests and slurs. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, featuring a change in time signature to 9/8 and then back to 6/8. It ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia! \_\_\_\_' are written below the notes.

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10:30AM

1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,  
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,  
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O  
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the  
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you. *Fine*  
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.  
God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -  
jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,  
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,  
Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are  
To - rah o - ra, *Da Capo*  
words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

### 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.

10:17-31

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

*At the end of the Gospel the Deacon says*

Deacon            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**GOSPEL HYMN** *Verse 2 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 NICENE CREED** *Stand.*

Deacon            We affirm our faith in the One, Holy and Living God.

People            **We believe in one God, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the only One of God, eternally begotten of the Creator, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator. Through Christ all things were made. For us and for our salvation, Christ came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake, Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered death, and was buried. On the third day, Christ rose again in accordance with the Scriptures, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God. Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and the kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Creator, who with the Creator and the Christ is worshipped and glorified, and who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy, universal, 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:            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.

## **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.**

### **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.*

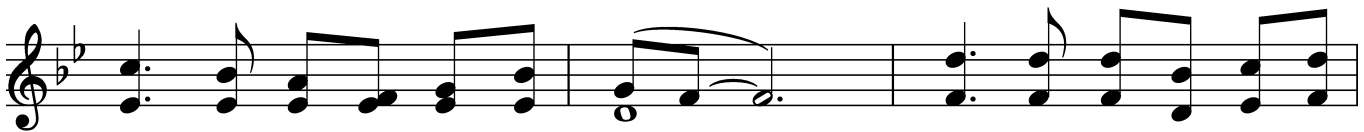
#### **\*THE OFFERTORY** *10:30 only*

*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.*



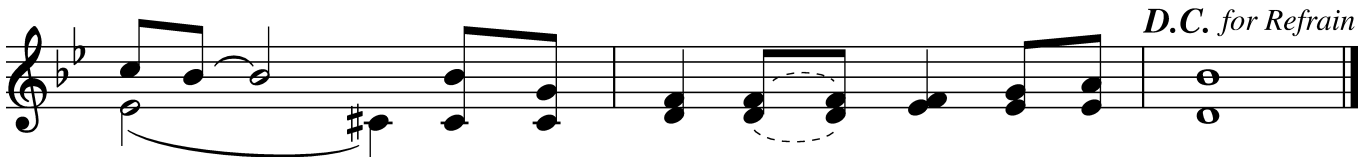
1. I am weak but thou art strong; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Through this world of toil and snares, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain:* Just a clos - er walk with thee, \_\_\_\_\_



1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; \_\_\_\_\_ I'll be sat - is - fied as  
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? \_\_\_\_\_ Who with me my bur - den  
 3. Time for me will be no more; \_\_\_\_\_ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

*Refrain:* Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, \_\_\_\_\_ Dai - ly walk - ing close to



1. long \_\_\_\_\_ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 2. shares? \_\_\_\_\_ None but thee, dear \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, none but thee.  
 3. o'er \_\_\_\_\_ To Thy king - dom \_\_\_\_\_ shore, to thy shore.

*Refrain:* thee, \_\_\_\_\_ Let it be, dear \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, let it be.

*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.*



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - cra - ted,  
 2 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 3 Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 4 Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its



Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move  
 ful for thee; take my voice and let me sing  
 ges from thee; take my sil - ver and my gold,  
 treas - ure store; take my - self and I will be



at the im - pulse of thy love, at the im - pulse of thy love.  
 al - ways, on - ly for my King, al - ways, on - ly for my King.  
 not a mite would I with - hold, not a mite would I with - hold.  
 ev - er, on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

*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 8:00am

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

SENDING HYMN 10:30am

SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

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1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy  
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful  
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

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.