

ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

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

PRELUDE 10:30am

ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS

ARR. MARK HAYES

GATHERING SONG 10:30am

BLESS THE LORD MY SOUL

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



1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro-claim!
2. O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3. He clothes us with his love; Up - holds us with his truth;
4. Then bless his ho - ly name, Whose grace hath made us whole,



1. And all that is with - in me join To bless his ho - ly name!
2. For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3. He heals all our in - fir - mi - ties And ran - soms us from death.
4. Whose lov - ing kind - ness crowns our days! O bless the Lord, my soul!

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.**

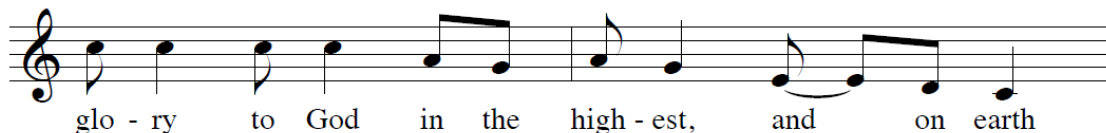
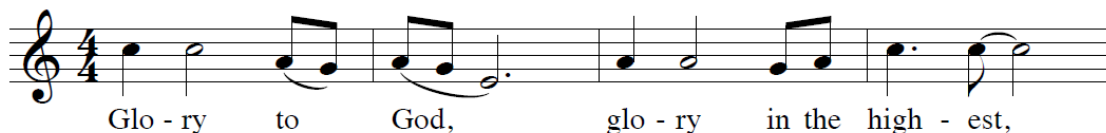
GLORIA 8:00am

Read together.

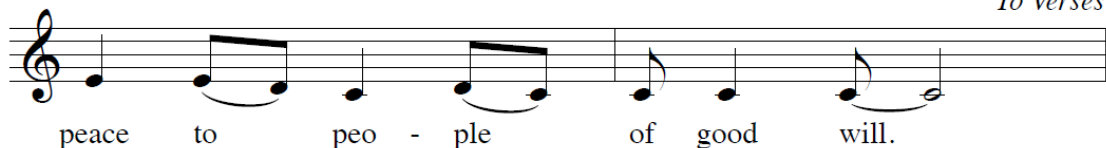
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Creator, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Child of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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 the Father. Amen.

GLORIA 10:30am

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

42:1-6, 10-17

Job answered the Lord:

"I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
'Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.'
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes."

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house;

they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

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 psalm together.

**I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

**I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

**Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.**

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

**Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.**

**I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

**The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.**

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

At 10:30, the congregation sings the entire psalm.

REFRAIN Fine

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Bless-ed be the Lord.____

VERSES *Slightly faster*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,____ with praise
 2. Let the low - ly hear and be glad:____ the Lord
 3. Ev - 'ry spir - it crushed God will save;____ will be
 4. We pro - claim your great - ness, O God,____ your praise

1. ev - er in my mouth.____ Let my soul glo - ry in the
 2. lis - tens to their pleas;____ and to hearts bro - ken God is
 3. ran - som for their lives;____ will be safe shel - ter for their
 4. ev - er in our mouth;____ ev - 'ry face bright-ened in your

to Refrain

1. Lord,____ who will hear
 2. near,____ who will hear the cry of the poor.____
 3. fears,____ and will hear
 4. light,____ for you hear

THE SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITINGS

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOSPEL *Stand. 10:30am.*

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.

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.

10:46-52

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

At the end of the Gospel the Deacon says

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN *At 10:30am, verse 2 on the previous page is sung one time through.*

THE SERMON *Sit.*

THE REV. ERIN PICKERSGILL

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.*

The is a gender expansive version of the Nicene Creed adapted by Bishop Deon.

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 other 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 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the



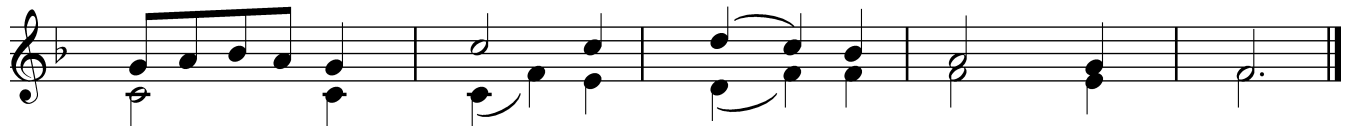
1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

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.



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Verses



1. You who know our fears and sad - ness,
2. In the pain and joy be - hold - ing,
3. Give us strength to love each oth - er,
4. You who know each thought and feel - ing,



Grace us with your peace and glad - ness,
 How your grace is still un - fold - ing,
 Ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er,
 Teach us all your way of heal - ing,



Spir - it of all com - fort: fill our hearts.
 Give us all your vi - sion: God of love.
 Spir - it of all kind - ness: be our guide.
 Spir - it of com - pas - sion: fill each heart.

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, 5. Peace is flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing
 2. Love is flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing
 3. Heal - ing's flow-ing like a riv - er, flow - ing
 4. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -



1, 5. out of you and me. _____ Flow - ing out in - to the
 2. out of you and me. _____ Flow - ing out in - to the
 3. out of you and me. _____ Flow - ing out in - to the
 4. lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



1, 5. des - ert, set - ting all the cap - tives free. _____
 2. des - ert, set - ting all the cap - tives free. _____
 3. des - ert, set - ting all the cap - tives free. _____
 4. lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.