



AN ORDER FOR
THE CELEBRATION OF
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 7, 2024 — AUGUST 11, 2024

ABOUT THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The Season after Pentecost, often called “ordinary time” or the “green season,” follows the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church at Pentecost. During this season the usual liturgical color is green, hence being referred to as the green season. Throughout this season we hear sacred stories that highlight the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church along with themes of God’s creative providence.

The Season after Pentecost is the longest season of the Church year and can include up to 28 Sundays of the year. During this season we learn that Christ is about self-giving love that is only possible through authentic relationship. These are the days where we grow into who we are called to be by imitating the lived reality of Jesus.

THERE ARE NO MISTAKES IN WORSHIP

At St. Francis’, we say, “there are no mistakes in worship.” Of course we make mistakes, but this is our way of saying that our focus is praise, thanks and dwelling with God as a community. If we sing off key, stand or sit at the wrong time, or make some other error, God is still praised. That is our priority! So if you make a mistake while you are with us, welcome to the club and God be praised!

SOCIAL MEDIA

We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do on social media. When attending our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you prefer not to be included in photos or video, please inform a staff member or usher.

*The asterisk symbol is used to indicate when to look at the green bulletin insert for this Sunday’s specific music and scripture.

PRELUDE *10:30 only*

***GATHERING SONG** *We begin by praising God through song and prayer. Stand.*

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 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.

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

*PSALM OF THE DAY

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.

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

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.

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

GOSPEL HYMN *The music above 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.*

The Presider, priest or deacon, leads the assembly in an affirmation of faith. Originally the entire service was viewed as our confession of faith. But, since the Sixth Century, the church has recited either the Nicene Creed or the Apostle's Creed at the Eucharist. The word creed comes from the Latin credo for "I believe" or "I lend my heart to." Creeds tell a deeper "truth" that goes beyond "facts." In this season, we forego the typical Nicene Creed and use the Expression of Faith suggested by our Bishop.

AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH

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.

Presider David, Deacon in the Church of God, what cares and concerns of the world do you bring before us to be help us in prayer?

Deacon People of God, I bid your prayers for:

The concerns of the community and wider world, including those who are sick, in need, or in want are named by the Deacon. Once the cares and concerns have been shared, the Deacon continues.

- Deacon Our God through Jesus Christ seeks us and meets us in the everydayness of our lives. Let us gather our prayers, desires, and thanksgivings and offer them to the Holy One who first loved us.
- Intercessor O God, you nourish and sustain us by Word and Sacrament. Strengthen all the people of our church, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, Laurie and David our clergy, and all those who lead your church here at St. Francis. Grant that, sustained in you, our service and witness in this community may be full of faith and love.
- People **Awaken us O Christ.**
- Intercessor O God of many names, Yaweh, Allah, Oneness, you are revealed in differing faiths but know us each by name. Give us understanding hearts that we may see in the face of those who differ from us none other than the face of Jesus. May your name be always on our lips and in our actions.
- People **Enliven us O Christ.**
- Intercessor God of justice, you revealed your power in the servanthood of Jesus. May those who govern the nations use their authority in wisdom, kindness and peace, Awaken in all who govern a thirst for justice that embodied your care for this earth and the human community.
- People **Seek us O Christ.**
- Intercessor God of liberation, you are the hope of the weak and the needy. Rescue those who suffer poverty, injustice or oppression when they cry out. Open the ears of our hearts to hear and quicken in us the fire to respond in love.
- People **Revive us O Christ.**
- Presider Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; 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.

DOXOLOGY *10:30 only*

O Trin - i - ty! O U - ni - ty! Be pres - ent as we
wor - ship thee; And with the songs that an - gels sing
U - nite the hymns of praise we bring. A - men.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *Stand.*

The Eucharistic Prayer, or Great Thanksgiving, is the prayer of the church to invite Christ to be present in the elements of bread and wine. Now we come to the second act in the drama with the Liturgy of the Table. It is based on Jewish Fellowship meals, particularly the Passover observance. But this second half of the service is not communion in and of itself. It is the whole service, both acts of the drama, that make up the Eucharistic.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say/sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Say at 8am:

People **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

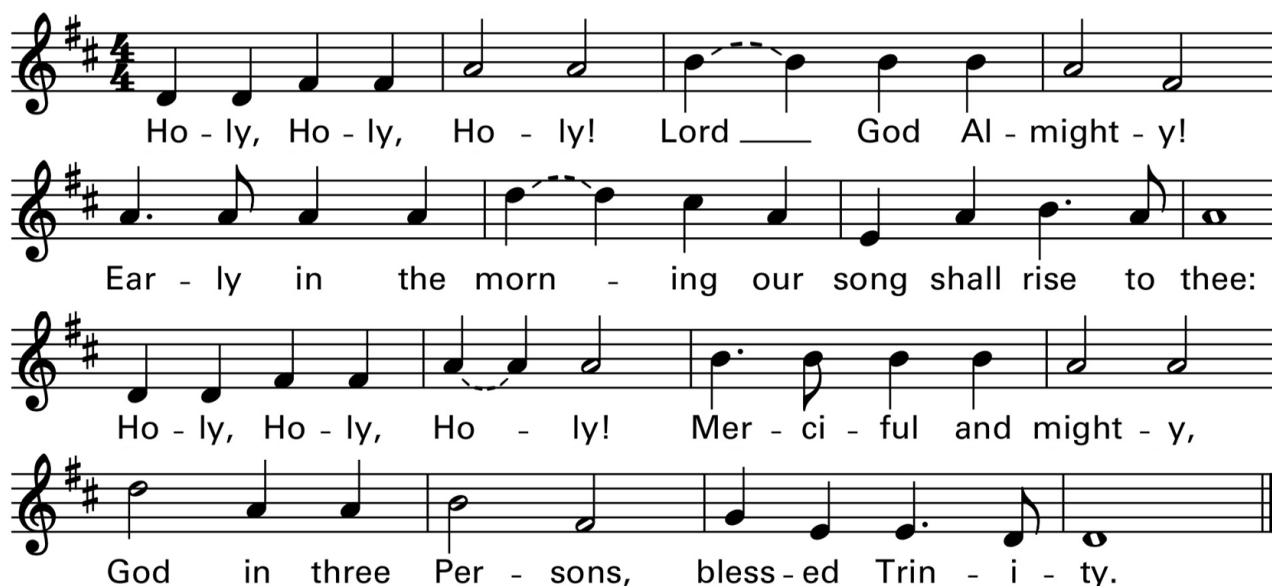
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sing at 10:30am:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

The people stand or kneel.

Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and have it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer follows. The link between our daily bread, and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection. In the Lord's Prayer we ask for daily bread meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the bread also symbolizes God's presence.

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread in view of the assembly.

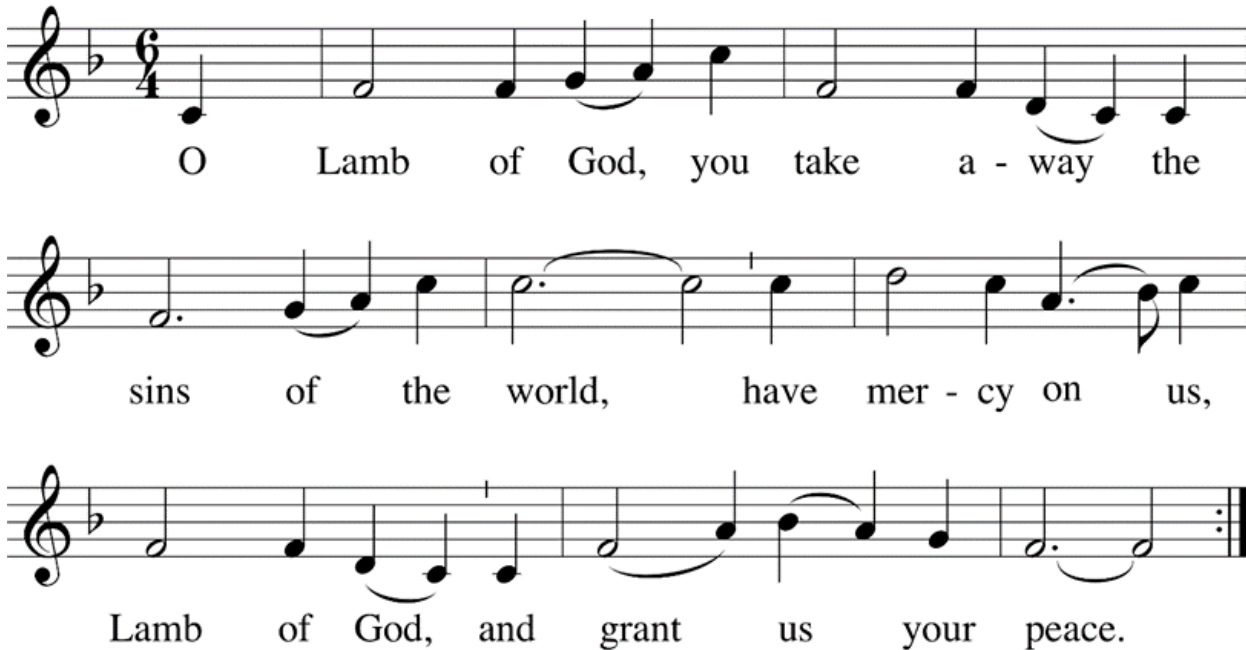
Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM *8am only*

People Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

FRACTION ANTHEM *10:30am only*



O Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider These are God's holy gifts, for you God's holy people. So come to this table you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. You who are full of faith and full of doubt. Come, it is Christ himself who invites you to meet him here.

SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

This is Christ's table and all are welcome and all are fed. Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

*COMMUNION HYMN

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Stand.*

The Presider invites the congregation to stand and pray saying

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together, let us pray.

People **God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life and cup of salvation. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people as a reminder of God's extravagant love and invites us to go into the world to be God's blessing.

***SENDING HYMN** *10:30am only*

We begin and end our time of worship by praising God through song and prayer.

DISMISSAL

As the celebration ends, we are charged to "Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord." The Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world, but a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.

Deacon Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON

AS WE OFFER CHRIST'S UNFENCED LOVE TO THE WORLD.