

ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Lord, make us instruments of your peace.”



Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 13

August 2, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Live on Facebook and YouTube

Welcome to St. Francis-in-the-Fields!

Whether you're a guest or a member, rich or poor, young or old; whatever your political alignment, racial background, gender, ethnicity, or country of origin; no matter if you're a cradle Episcopalian, from another faith expression, or claim no faith at all – we're glad you've joined us for worship today. Weather permitting, we worship outdoors on the first Sunday of each month from May to October.

At different times during worship, the congregation may stand or sit according to custom. Those who suffer physical discomfort are invited remain seated or stand, as they are able. During Communion, please notify an Usher if you are unable to come forward and we will bring Communion to you. Gluten-free communion wafers are available.

Restrooms may be found by entering the Main Entrance, going up the steps, and entering the Church Office hallway on the left. There are two restrooms in the hallway, and a baby changing table in the Children's Room.

Please stay with us for refreshments outside following the dismissal.

*(Congregational words and responses are in **bold** text.)*

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in celebration for our granddaughter Madison's birthday given by Everett & Shirley Warren.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: *Prelude, from Partita No. 1*

J. S. Bach

THE GREAT SILENCE

After the bell rings once, please observe a time of silence.

When the bell rings three times, please stand as able for the opening and procession.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: When morning gilds the skies Hymnal 427 (v. 1, 4, 5)

- 1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call, may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 4 Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,
sing, Jesus Christ be praised! God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

HYMN OF PRAISE: All creatures of our God and King Hymnal 400 (v. 1, 2)

- 1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining, find a voice, *Refrain*

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

Thanks be to God

PSALM 17:1-7,16

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
**O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.**

But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
**when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 9:1-5

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I am speaking the truth in Christ~ I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit~ I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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SEQUENCE HYMN: My God, thy table now is spread

Hymnal 321 (v. 1, 3)

- 1 My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies know.
- 3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord, in countless number let them come
and gather from their Father's board the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Diane Faison

A brief time of silent meditation follows the sermon

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM VI

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop, Kevin our Priest, Diane our Deacon,
Joe our Music Director, and for all Bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the Merion Deanery & especially St. Asaph, Bala Cynwyd; for the Brandywine
Deanery, and St. John's, Gap; and for our community of St. Francis-in-the-Fields.
For those we work with in the life of our Diocese.

For our ministries of evangelism, hospitality, and engagement, that their work may draw
others to Christ, and to our community of faith.
For those we share with in the ministry of our church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, and especially for those celebrating
birthdays this week: especially Dan, Laura, and Sarah.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer 1

EOW

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS (*Yellow Card in Pew*)

Hymnal S127

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the blessed St. Francis and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father in heaven, holy is your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Lamb of God (*Yellow Card in Pew*)

Hymnal S374

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (x2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, all who feel called to a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those unable to come forward may signal an Usher to receive communion in their seat.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Sarabande, from Partita No. 1

J. S. Bach

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW 69

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds

Hymnal 644 (v. 1-4)

1 How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.
- 3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace!
- 4 O Jesus! Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, O Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

DISMISSAL

The house microphones are still on! Please take any post-service conversations into the Narthex so those who wish, including our streaming audience, can enjoy the organ postlude.

POSTLUDE: *Allemande, from Partita No. 1*

J. S. Bach

Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

This Sunday, because we are (hopefully) outside, I have to pick special music that is just for the keyboard and not the full organ. We will be hearing selections from Bach's first Partita for keyboard. Bach wrote "keyboard" music throughout his life. He used the title keyboard (Klavier) instead of a specific instrument because he wanted to leave options for the performer. Perhaps they wanted to play it on a harpsichord; maybe a clavichord; or even a lautenwerk (Bach's personal favorite). Now, we think the piano is the only option, when in reality there are many great choices.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 2, 2026

TODAY: Summer Rector's Study – Colossians: Join Fr. Kevin in the Library for background and discussion of this short New Testament epistle. Sundays @ 11:20am, through August 9.

Saturday, August 8, 9am–10:15am - Hands-Only CPR + AED Training

During a cardiac emergency, every second counts, yet most Americans feel unprepared. Would you, a family member, or a friend respond appropriately if someone collapsed? Join us for a practical session on Hands-Only CPR, a simple, effective technique that doesn't require mouth-to-mouth. You'll learn quick, lifesaving actions to reduce fear in emergencies. This training also includes: A demonstration of how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Education on the early signs and symptoms of a heart attack. Guidance that empowers you to respond calmly and effectively when it matters most. **A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. The class is limited to 20. Please attend—your preparedness could save a life. Thank you!**

Friday, August 14 at 9:30am: Join us for a peaceful hour of reflection in the Meadow at St Francis. Please consider bringing a folding chair, water bottle and hat. (extra folding chairs will be available). We will gather beside the Meadow on Friday, August 14 at 9:30am. Contact Phil Taylor-pc.taylor@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Saturday, August 22, 9am – 12pm – Introduction to Systemic Racism (via Zoom)

Session 1 of 5. DIOPA's Anti-Racism Commission training series is designed to help participants understand the historic creation, preservation, and personal and institutional effects of a society built upon ideas of racial difference, which in turn support an unjust, racially based hierarchy. For more information, please contact Fr. Kevin.

Sunday, August 23: West Chester Food Cupboard Quarterly Drive: 50,000 people are currently experiencing food insecurity in Chester County. We can help. Our next quarterly drive is Sunday, August 23rd. Our focus is School Lunch Foods. Unexpired, non-perishable food items including peanut butter, jelly, healthy snacks, fruit cups, applesauce, etc. would be welcome! Thank you for caring!

August 23: Back to School "Family Fun Day" at St. Francis! Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 23rd! Our "abbreviated" service of Holy Eucharist that morning will be

followed by games and lunch in the courtyard. Try our "velcro" soccer goal! Throw a glider! Play some cornhole! We'll have a host of games and other fun things on the back lawn, under the trees, with food and drink to celebrate.

Ministry in Need: Circle of Friends is a vital ministry of St. Francis, whereby members of St. Francis write birthday cards, pastoral care cards, and other notes of encouragement to members and friends of our parish. This ministry needs a new leader to help organize and manage the other volunteer ministers. If this type of ministry sounds appealing to you, please reach out to Fr. Kevin to discuss.

Collection for ECS: We are collecting School Supplies for Episcopal Community Services. A list of supplies is on the bulletin board. You can also donate through Amazon. A bin is in the Narthex for your donations. The deadline in August 2.

Collection for Trinity Church, Coatesville: We are collecting for "Paper Pantry A Go!" for Trinity Church, Coatesville for college students in need and will be an ongoing collection. Collection of shampoo and single-serve meals. **Single-serve meals must be shelf stable and not frozen!** Samples of the single-serve meals will be in the Narthex. A bin is in the Narthex for your donations.

Weekly Lectionary Bible Study: This weekly Bible Study meets at 10 am, in-person and on Zoom to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Holy Eucharist follows at 11:15. A weekly email link is sent out for those who desire to attend virtually. **LBS will begin August 19!**

Contemplative Prayer: The group meets in the library on Sunday evenings beginning at 6:00pm. The service includes simple prayers and singing, with 20 minutes of Centering Prayer. Everyone is welcome.

Save the Date! St. Francis Fair - Saturday, September 26, Noon to 4:00 pm: In the spirit of the Season of Creation, our community will once again sponsor a fair in celebration of community and social and environmental awareness. The fair features social service, health care and environmental agencies along with artisan and food vendors and family fun activities. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to this celebration of community well-being! Contact John Groch for more information or to get involved (grochjohn@hotmail.com, 610-547-3583). See you at the fair!

Friday, October 23: Save the Date . . . for a CRIME at St. Francis! Mark your calendars for the evening of **Friday, October 23rd**, as our parish hosts ***The Murder Mystery Company*** of Philadelphia for an evening of dinner theater fundraising fun! Tickets will go on sale in September. Invite friends, family, associates . . . or anyone else who looks "suspicious". Proceeds will benefit the Outreach ministries of St. Francis and the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Did you know? Since May 2026, St. Francis has been holding a brief worship service at Bellingham assisted living community at 2:00pm on the 2nd Sunday of every month.

This week we also pray for: Alice, Debbie Bachman, Bob Bark, Patricia Bird, Randy Bisesi, Carrie Hall Borgert, Carol Cashon, Carol Estornell, Leslie Fant, Victoria Ford, the Rev. Phil Geleibter, Tom Grady, Gretchen Hall, Sharyn Huffman, Karen, George & Jackie Kennedy, Dorothy Langton, Diane Lemon, Maria, Ruthe Meyer, Alejandro Morales, Matt, Ruth, Ryan & the Newman family, Barbara McCoy, Linda Parker, Barbara Pearse, Shirley Powell, Ryan, Larry Schroeffer, John Smith, Jock Sommese, Julie Sommese, Bill Spane, Georgeanne Speaker, Rowland Watson.

Birthdays: Dan Goff, Laura Vankoski, and Sarah McGovern.

Our Ministries: In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our ministries of evangelism, hospitality, and engagement, that their work may draw others to Christ, and to our community of faith.

Our Diocese: The Merion Deanery, especially St. Asaph, Bala Cynwyd; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) & St. John's, Gap. In our Deanery, please pray for Holy Trinity, West Chester, as they proceed in their search process for new Rectors.

Our Vestry:

Roberta Torian, *Rector's Warden*; Lisa Buono, *Accounting Warden*; Tom Neely, *Secretary*; Ed Damerau, John Groch, Carol Forte, Laura O'Brien, John McGovern, Susan Nangle

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The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez, *Bishop*; The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria, *Rector*;

The Rev. Diane Faison, *Deacon & Parish Administrator*; Joe Perry, *Music Director*

Ministers of Worship & Service

	August 2	August 9
Acolytes	Skye Dellaria, Josiah Dellaria	Lisa Buono Kimberly Osterman
Altar Guild	Sherri Lewis, Ellen Simek	Susan Thomas Meridith Ridington
Flower Guild	Laura Petersen	Janet Galib
Flower Delivery	Judy Culver	Lynd Meyer
Intercessor	Sherri Lewis	Ed Damerau
Readers	Regis Turocy, Skye Dellaria	John Gallagher, Lisa Buono
Summer Fellowship	Ana Morales	Judy Culver
Greeter/Usher	John McGovern, Mike Quinn	Jamie Watson, Dana Pizarro
Audio/Visual	Greg Kopia	Mike Quinn
Front Sign	Liz Darnel	John Gallagher
Counters	Jane Brooks	Karen Richards
Linen Schedule	Shirley Warren	Shirley Warren
Sacred Bread	Janet Galib	Janet Galib
Vestry Member of the Month	Carol Forte	Carol Forte

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