

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 31, 2025

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



Welcome to St. Francis Episcopal Church. We are glad to have you with us today as we worship and invite you to participate throughout the service. May God bless you this and every day.

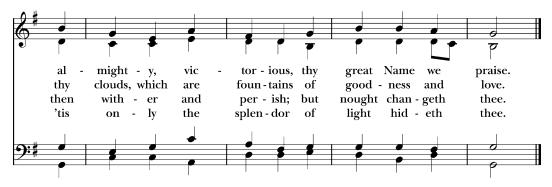
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Largo Cantabile (from Oboe Sonata in C Major) --- Jean-Baptiste Loeillet Jill Hare, Organist Matthew Covington: Oboe

Please stand, sung by all.





Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

Please remain standing.

THE WORD OF GOD

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: 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. Amen.

8:00am only

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All:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son 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 God the Father. Amen.

A SONG OF PRAISE





Music: John Rutter (b. 1945). Copyright © 1985 Oxford University Press, Inc.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever

and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 2:4-13

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah:

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me,

and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt,

who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits,

in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"

Those who handle the law did not know me;

the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate,

says the Lord,

for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me,

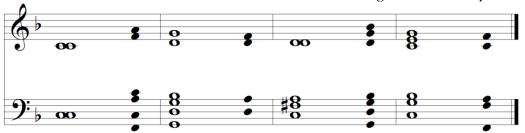
the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves,

cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Sung by all PSALM 112

Anglican Chant by Sam Doyle



- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the /Lord * and have great delight in his com- / mandments!
- Their descendants will be mighty in the / land; * the generation of the upright will be / blessed.
- Wealth and riches will be in their / house, * and their righteousness will last for / ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the / upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of com- / passion.
- It is good for them to be generous in / lending * and to manage their affairs with / justice.
- For they will never be / shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting re- / membrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil / rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the / Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not / shrink, * until they see their desire upon their / enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the / poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with / honor.
- The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine a- / way; * the desires of the wicked will / perish.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: It Is Well with My Soul

LEVAS 188





Words: Horatio Spafford (1828-1888). Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876).

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.
THE SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Joe Dzugan

Please stand.
THE NICENE CREED

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Celebrant and People:

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,

saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of

God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the

Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in

authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For this city and county, for every city and community, and for

those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the

earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom

and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to

the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the

sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the

destitute, for prisoners, refugees, and migrants, and for all who

remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all

the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and

degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us

pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and

without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: We give thanks for the altar flowers in the church given to the glory

of God and in loving memory of William Jordan on the occasion of

his 80th birthday, given by Olive Jordan and family.

Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: In the communion of the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis and

all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all

our life, to Christ our God.

Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in

thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and

walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: 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. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Nella Fantasia

Music by Ennio Morricone Italian Lyrics by Chiara Ferrau Arranged by Audrey Snyder Matthew Covington: Oboe Brittany Jadhav: Soprano

I my fantasy (imagination), I see a world of justice, where people live in peace and honesty.

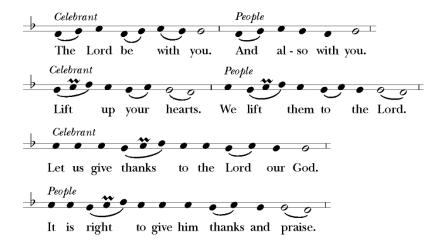
I dream of a world where spirits will always be free; they will be ever free like floating clouds full of humanity within the deepest soul.

In my imagination I see a bright world, Even the night is less dark there. I dream of souls that are always free, Like clouds that fly.

In my imagination there exists a warm wind, That breathes on the cities, like a friend. I dream of souls that are always free, Like clouds that fly, Full of humanity in the depths of the soul.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of

glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar

space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth,

our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and

blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we

turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and

sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your

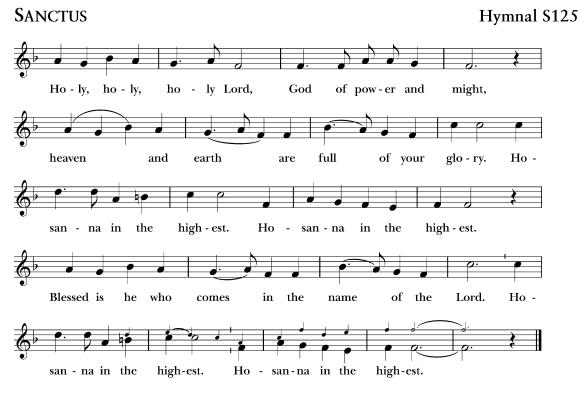
Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant:

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



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Please kneel.

Celebrant:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve

the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your

Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to

generation.

People: AMEN.

Celebrant:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy

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.

8:00am only

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

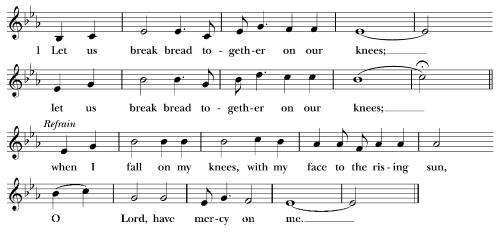
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:00am only

FRACTION: Let us break bread together on our knees

Hymnal 325



Words: African-American spiritual. Music: Let Us Break Bread, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950).

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant: 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.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive bread only, place one palm of the hand in the other and the clergy will offer the Body of Christ to you. If you would like to receive bread and wine keep your hands by your side, and the clergy will intinct the body into the wine and place the body and blood on your tongue. To receive a blessing in lieu of communion, cross your arms over your chest and the clergy will give you a blessing.

Please be seated.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Please stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

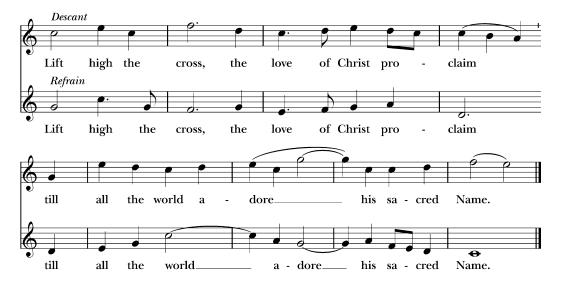
Celebrant:

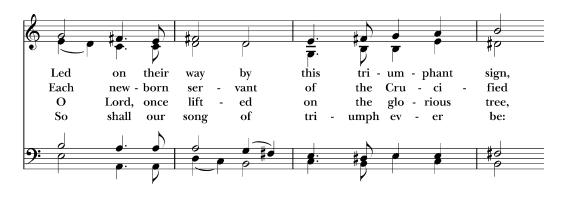
The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

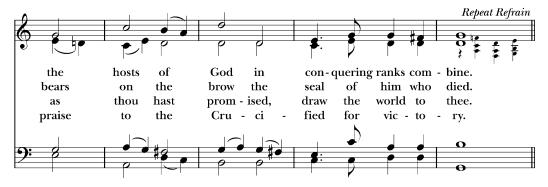
Please stand, sung by all.

CLOSING HYMN: Lift high the cross

Hymn 473







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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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