



St. Francis Episcopal Church

The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost
November 10, 2019

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

8:00AM

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

10:30 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Please stand, sung by all.

OPENING HYMN: The God of Abraham Praise

Hymnal 401

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.**

Sung by all.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Hymnal S-278

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S PROCESSION

Children Pre-K-5 are invited to process to Sunday School.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Haggai:

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now?

Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

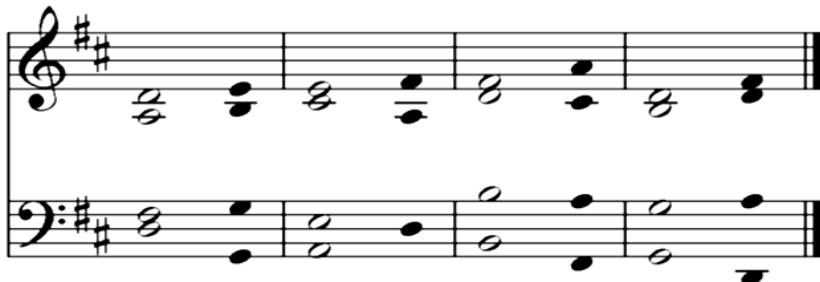
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sung by all.

PSALM 17:1-9

Anglican Chant, Jerome Meacham



- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my / cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying / lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your / presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on / justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by / night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity / in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as / others do; *
I have heeded the words of your / lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your / law; *
in your paths my feet shall not / stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will / answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my / words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-/kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up a-/against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your / eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your / wings,
- †9 From the wicked who as-/sault me, *
from my deadly enemies who sur- / round me.

THE SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, sung by all.

GRADUAL HYMN: New songs of celebration render

Hymnal 413

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Milton C. Williams, Jr.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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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.

Please kneel and respond to the bidding "Lord, in your mercy" with "Hear our prayer."

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

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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.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Cry Out and Shout*

Knut Nystedt

Cry out and shout, ye people of God! The Lord is strength and song!

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation.

Cry out and shout, ye people of God!

Please stand.

OFFERTORY

Hymnal 380, v. 3

Please remain standing.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Sung by all.

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-128

Please kneel.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A CONTINUES

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Celebrant: ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: ...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

Sung by all.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-169

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive a blessing in lieu of communion, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing. If you are physically unable to approach the altar rail and desire communion, please let an usher know and s/he will tell the priest.

Please be seated.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Lord of all hopefulness

Hymnal 482

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Hymnal 574

God, my King, thy might confessing

Hymnal 414

Please stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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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

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Please stand, sung by all.

CLOSING HYMN: *We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord*

Hymnal 404

THE DISMISSAL

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Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers in the church are given to the glory of God; in loving memory of Rebecca DeCoste, by Richard DeCoste and the rest of her family; and in loving memory of Marie Skinner, by Charlie Skinner and the rest of her family.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

MINISTERING TO THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED is an important part of the ministry of St. Francis Church. If you know of a parishioner who is sick or in need, please notify the church office. St. Francis has an intercessory prayer group, which prays for those who wish not to have a name printed on the list below. A purple prayer card, found in the pew, may be filled out to make a private or public request.

OUR PRAYERS are requested for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

Those In Need Of Prayers:

Ellie, Keith, Kristen, Laura, Lois, Matthew, Merritt and her family, Michael and family, Ruby, Scott, Shannon, family and friends of Mary Allen, Natalie Allen, Jim and Peggy Clark, Flo Crutchlow, Maria Griffin, friends and family of Sen. Kay Hagan, Danny Hall, Randy Huff, Jim and Beverly Isaacs, Molly O'Tuel Johnson, Catherine Kresken, Brad Mack, Ryan Marion, Heather and Eric Meyler, Tim Murowski, Julienne Murray, Mariana Newton, Michael John O'Neal, Margie Noel, Brian Orzechowski, Deb Parker, family and friends of Royce Riddick, Jo Roberson, Holly Roberts, Pamela Muñoz Roberts, Martin Robertson, The Rev. Mike Schnatterly, Laura Shinn, Cathy Sternbergh, Patrick Suits, Lorraine Taylor, Pedro Vazquez, Fred Warnecke, Philip Weathersbee, Dorinda Whitty; Helene and Kirk Williams, and Katherine Woody.

Those Serving in the Armed Forces and First Responders:

Will, Lt. Rick Battle, Sgt. Thomas Earls, Justin Gray, Steve Lynch, Ana and Devin McMahan, Michael McNeil, Edward Savich, Dep. Allen Upson, Sgt. David Upson, Maj. Ben Watson, and their families.

Please help us keep these lists updated by contacting the clergy at St. Francis via email as soon as you can with corrections, additions, and updates on status.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent

with The Rev. Dr. Paul L. Crowell

Join with others seeking to learn more or renew their experience of the Advent and



LIGHT of the WORLD

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE to ADVENT



Christmas Seasons. We will explore the biblical texts both Old and New surrounding the Gospel stories of Jesus' birth.

Our author is Amy-Jill Levine, a professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. Her Jewish cultural background offers a rich and deep understanding of the context of Jesus and his family as well as the political context at the time of his birth. She provides good measures of insight, wit, and gentle prodding to go deeper into the birth narratives that shape much of our culture and celebrations at this time of the year.

Books and a discussion guide will be available for purchase in late November for meetings to be held **Dec. 8, 15, and 22**, the second, third and fourth Sundays in Advent.

FALL-WINTER-SPRING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

From the Sunday after Labor Day through the Sunday before Memorial Day Weekend (September 8-May 17), Holy Eucharist is celebrated at **8:00am and 10:30am**. The nursery is available from **9:00am-12:00pm**.

On the first Sunday of each month, the church offers a Contemporary Service held in the Parish Hall from **9:15-10:15am**.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Please call the church office to schedule meetings on campus at (336) 288-4721.

Sunday, November 10th

8:00am Holy Eucharist, Sermon by The
Very Rev. Milton C. Williams, Jr.
9:15am Adult Formation (Parish Hall)
10:00am Senior Choir Warm-up (Choir Loft)
10:30am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist, Sermon by The
Very Rev. Milton C. Williams, Jr.
4:30pm Junior Choir Practice
5:30 pm Youth Group (St. Mike's)

Monday, November 11th

2:30pm Handbells (Choir Room)

Tuesday, November 12th

7:00pm Explorations: Raphael Tapestries
(Parish Hall)
7:15pm Stephen Ministry (Cornerstone and
Gold rooms)

Wednesday, November 13th

9:00am Roustabouts
Book Sorting (Book Depository)
1:00pm Piecemakers (St. Mike's)
6:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Gold Room)
7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, November 14th

12:00pm Lectionary at Lunch (Gold Room)

Friday, November 15th

7:00am Men's Bible Study (A Special Blend)

Saturday, November 16th

9:00am Book Sorting (Book Depository)

Sunday, November 17th

8:00am Holy Eucharist, Sermon by The
Rev. Dr. Andrew Harmon
9:00am Senior Choir Warm-up (Choir Loft)
9:30am Sunday School
9:30am Holy Eucharist, Sermon by The
Rev. Dr. Andrew Harmon
* Parish Meeting immediately follows 9:30am
service in the Sanctuary
4:30pm Junior Choir Practice
5:30 pm Youth Group (St. Mike's)



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