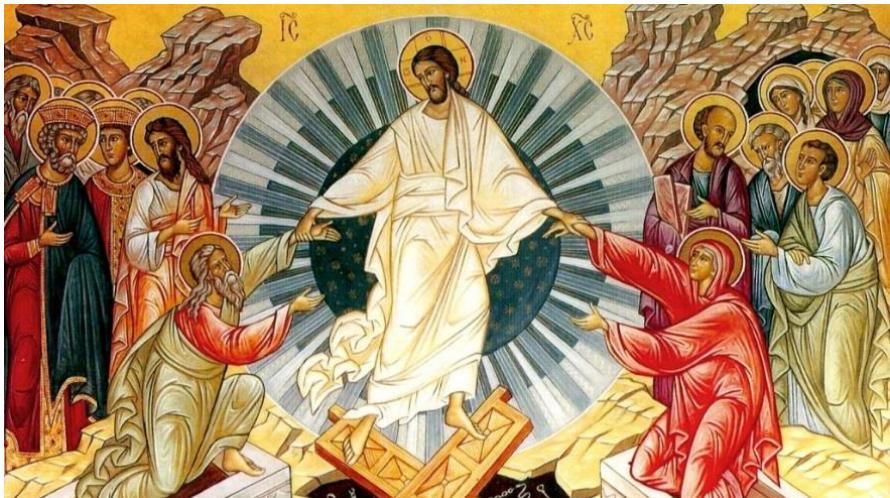




St. Francis
Episcopal Church

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14, 2023

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.

St. Francis Sunday Schedule:

Please check the Church Calendar and Email Express for this Sunday's updated information.

Nursery: Infants to 3 years - 9:45am in the Nursery

Inspired - The Bible as Story: Adults - 9:10am in the Red Room

Children's Chapel: Children - During the 10:00am Service in the Children's Chapel

Episcopal 101: Adults - 11:15am in the Red Room

The 1619 Project: Adults - 4:00pm - 5:15pm in the Red Room

PRELUDE

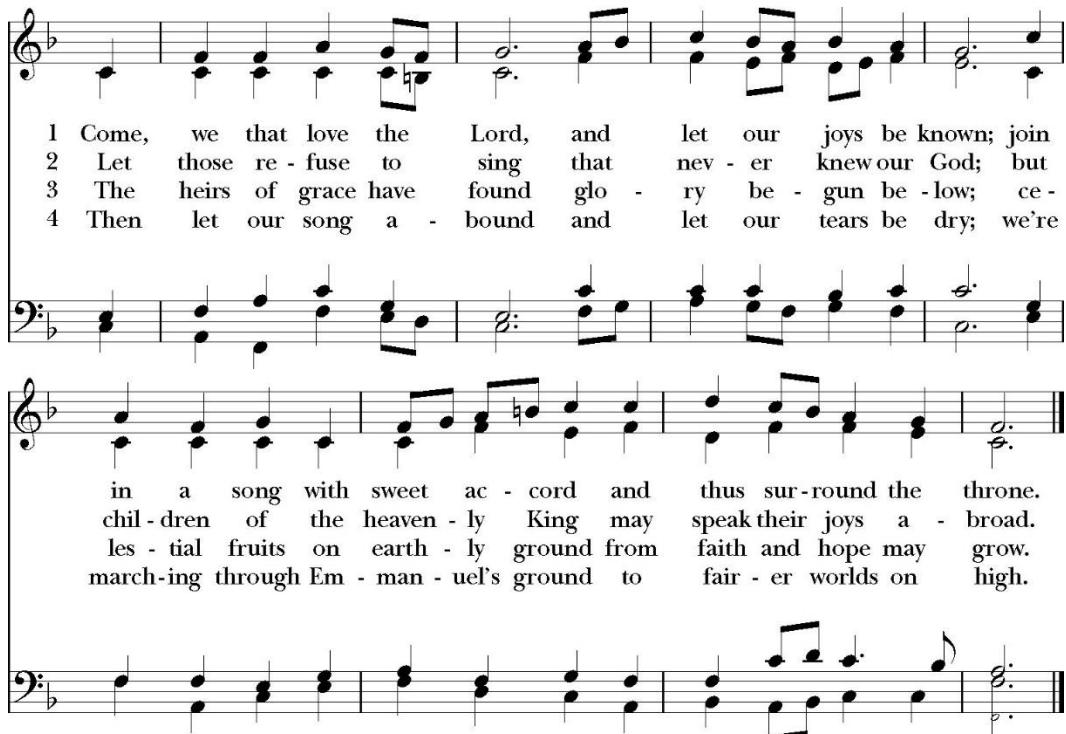
Benita McFarland, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, sung by all.

OPENING HYMN: *Come, we that love the Lord*

Hymnal 392
to the tune of 524



Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817) Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Please remain standing.

THE WORD OF GOD

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

GLORIA

Phillips



Choir: 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.

People: Refrain

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

People: Refrain

Choir: 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.

People: Refrain

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 17:22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sung by all

PSALM 66:7-18

Anglican Chant, Sam Doyle

7 Bless our God, you / peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be / heard;

8 Who holds our souls in / life, *
and will not allow our / feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have / proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is / tried.

10 You brought us into the / snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our / backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and / water; *
but you brought us out into a place of re- / freshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my / vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in / trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of / rams; *
I will give you oxen and / goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear / God, *
and I will tell you what he has / done for me.

15 I called out to him with my / mouth, *
and his praise was on my / tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my / heart, *
the Lord would not have / heard me;

17 But in truth God has / heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my / prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my / prayer, *
nor withheld his love / from me.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from the first Letter of Peter:

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Please stand, sung by all.

GRADUAL HYMN: O all ye works of God, now come

Hymnal 428

1 O all ye works of God, now come to thank him
2 O sun and moon and stars of heaven, your end - less
3 O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and
4 O earth and sea, O all that live in wa - ter
5 O let his peo - ple bless the Lord like right - eous

1 and a - dore; O an - gels, sing and
2 praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
3 thun - der's roar, O fields and for - ests,
4 or on shore, O men and wo - men,
5 souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,

1 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
2 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
3 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
4 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
5 hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more.

6 So let us glorify and bless
the God we bow before,
the Father, Holy Spirit, Son,
and praise him evermore.

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Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon: 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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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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord hear our prayer”
Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; that we all may be
one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve
you; that your Name may be glorified by all people, we pray to you,
O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; that they may be faithful
ministers of your Word and Sacraments, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the
world; that there may be justice and peace on the earth, we pray to
you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; that our
works may find favor in your sight, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; that
they may be delivered from their distress, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest; let light perpetual shine upon them,
we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; may we also
come to share in your heavenly kingdom, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(Silence)

Intercessor: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: The altar flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in honor and loving memory of all the mothers and grandmothers; and in honor of her granddaughter, Isabel Ray, on her college graduation, given by Ella Wertz.

Intercessor: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord hear our prayer.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby
John14: 15-18

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the father,
And He shall give you another comforter that He may abide in you forever.
Even the spirit of truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be
in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Please stand.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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Sung by all.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Phillips

Organ

Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might, _____ heaven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. _____ * Ho - san - na in _____ the
 high - est. _____ Blessed is the One _____ who comes in the
 name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in _____ the high-est. _____

Please remain standing.

EUCARISTIC PRAYER A CONTINUES

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

All: 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.

People: 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Sung by all.

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Phillips

The Choir sings the verse "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" after which all repeat the refrain.

THE PEACE

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

Benita McFarland, organ

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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Please stand, sung by all.

CLOSING HYMN: All creatures of our God and King

Hymnal 400

vs 1, 4-5, 7



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
4 way, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
7 ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Benita McFarland, organ

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