

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 12, 2025

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



Welcome to St. Francis Episcopal Church. You are invited to participate throughout the service. May God bless you this and every day.

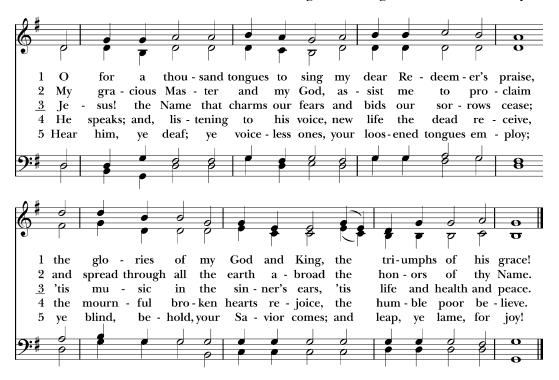
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please stand, sung by all.

OPENING HYMN: O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymn 493



 6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Please remain standing.

THE WORD OF GOD

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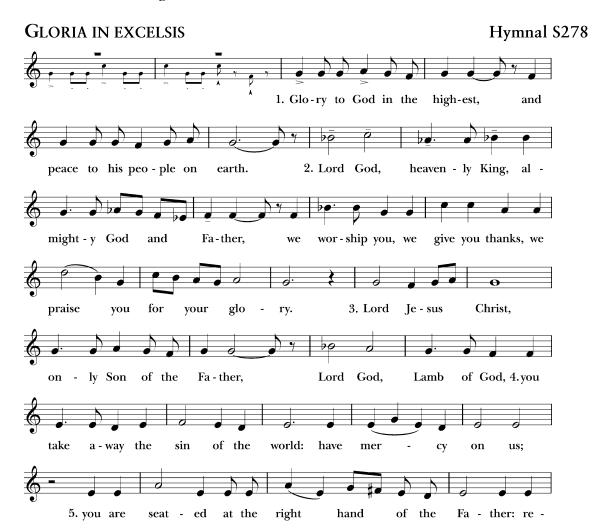
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

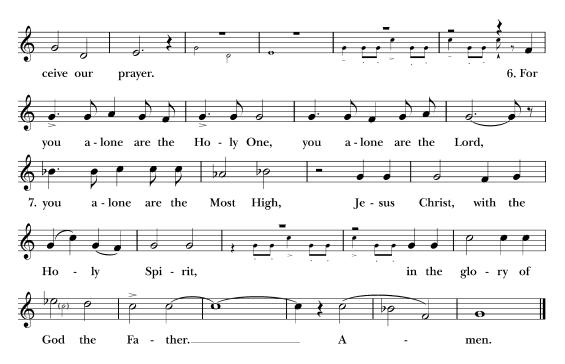
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah:

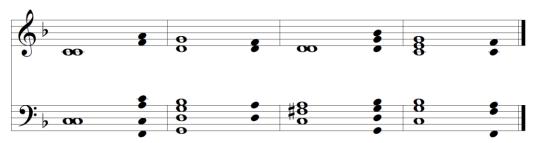
These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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

Sung by all PSALM 111

Anglican Chant by Sam Doyle



- Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole / heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congre / gation.
- Great are the deeds of the / LORD! * they are studied by all who delight / in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and / splendor, * and his righteousness endures for / ever.
- He makes his marvelous works to be re- / membered; * the LORD is gracious and full of com- / passion.
- 5 He gives food to those who / fear him; * he is ever mindful of his / covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his / works * in giving them the lands of the / nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and / justice; * all his commandments are / sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and / ever, * because they are done in truth and / equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for / ever; * holy and awesome is his / Name.
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of / wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for / ever.

A reading from the second Letter of Paul to Timothy:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful-for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

GRADUAL HYMN: God of mercy, God of grace



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Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God saying, "Lord, hear our prayer"

For all people in their daily life and work; for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For this community, the nation, and the world; for all who work for

justice, freedom, and peace, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation; for the victims of

hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; for those

who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy, we pray to

you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God; for all who proclaim

the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our own

Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; for all who serve

God in his Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(silence)

Intercessor: We pray to you, O Lord. People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(silence)

Intercessor: We pray to you, O Lord. People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

and ever, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your

eternal kingdom.

(silence)

Intercessor: We pray to you, O Lord. People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; who put their trust in

you, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

of God and in celebration of the October birthdays of the Big 3 - Susan Thompson, Chris Thompson, and Laura Kilmartin, given by

Susan Thompson.

The flowers are also given in loving memory of T.K., Pearl Hartman

Bowden, Ralph H. Bowden Sr., given by Page Bowden.

(silence)

Intercessor: We pray to you, O Lord. People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré 1845-1924

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, Eternal light of the earth and the sky, We kneel in adoration, O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye!

Send down on us the fire of thy grace all consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell, and rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all illumining,

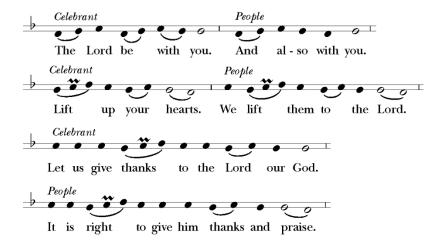
That they may waken Thy mercy to tell!

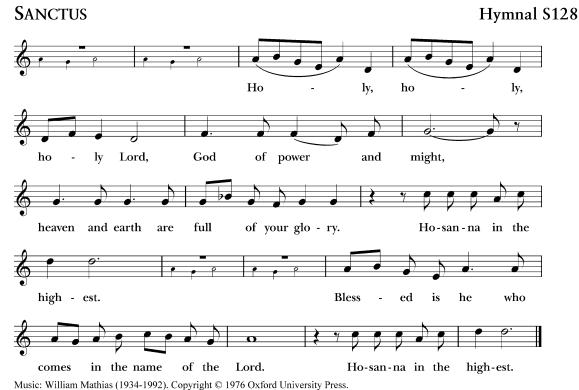
O Christ, bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee, Accept the hymns we chant to thine eternal glory and these Thy gifts we return unto Thee

Please stand.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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Please kneel.

EUCHARISTIC 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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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

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

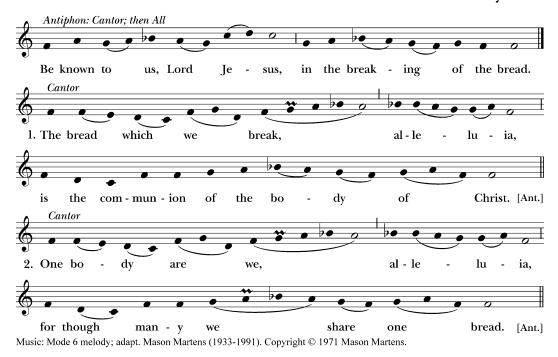
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Hymnal S171

FRACTION



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.

CLOSING HYMN: Now thank we all our God

Hymn 397





Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947).

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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