

ST. FRANCIS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
& DAY SCHOOL

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 16, 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.*

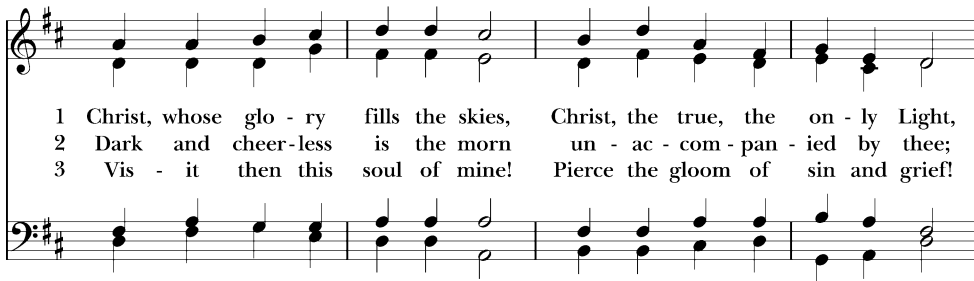
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please stand, sung by all.

OPENING HYMN: *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

Hymn 7



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Hymnal S278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah:

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sung by all

CANTICLE 9

Hymnal S 213

Antiphon

Sing the prais - es of the Lord, for he has done great things.

1. Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not

be a-fraid. 2. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de - fense,

and he will be my Sa - vior. 3. Therefore you shall draw water

with re - joic - ing from the springs of sal - va - tion.

4. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call

up - on his Name; 5. Make his deeds known a - mong the peo - ples;

See that they remember that his Name is ex - alt - ed.

6. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world. 7. Cry aloud, inhabitants of
Zi - on, ring out your joy, for the great one in the
midst of you is the Holy One of Is - ra - el. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

Glory to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi-rit:

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A-men. [Ant.]

Music: Plainsong, Tone 3; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947); acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956). Melody Copyright © 1985 Bruce E. Ford.

THE SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

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

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, sung by all.

GRADUAL HYMN: O very God of very God

Hymnal 672

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and includes a piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, with the first line of each system corresponding to the first line of the lyrics. The lyrics are: 1 O ve - ry God of ve - ry God, and 2 Our hopes are weak, our fears are strong, thick 3 And e - ven now, though dull and gray, the 4 O guide us till our path is done, and 5 We wait in faith, and turn our face to

1 ve - ry Light of Light, whose feet this earth's dark
2 dark - ness blinds our eyes; cold is the night; thy
3 east is bright - ening fast, and kin - dling to the
4 we have reached the shore where thou, our ev - er -
5 where the day - light springs, till thou shalt come our

1 val - ley trod that so it might be bright:
2 peo - ple long that thou, their Sun, wouldst rise.
3 per - fect day that nev - er shall be past.
4 last - ing Sun, art shin - ing ev - er - more!
5 gloom to chase, with heal - ing in thy wings.

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866). Music: *Bangor*, from *A Compleat Melody or Harmony of Zion*, 1734.

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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 loving memory of Dennis Barry, given by Betty Barry and family.

The flowers are also given in loving memory of LS Bowden, Sr., and in honor of LS Bowden, Jr.'s 100th birthday, given by Page Bowden.

(silence)

Intercessor: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

How Excellent Thy Name

Handel (1685-1759)

How excellent Thy Name, O Lord, in all the world is known!

Above all heavens, O King, adored, how hast Thou set Thy Glorious throne!

Hallelujah!

Please stand.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Hymnal S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

Please kneel.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

BCP p364

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.

10:00am only

FRACTION

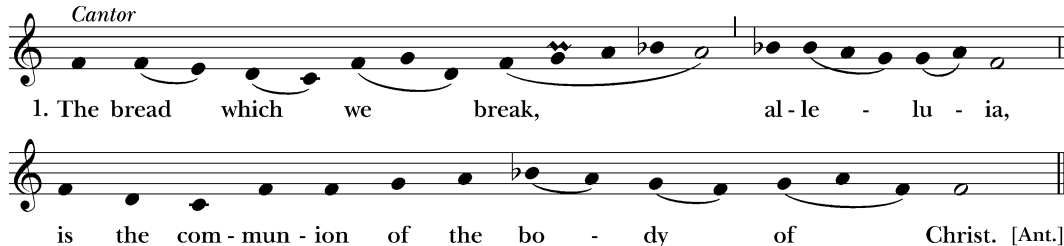
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Antiphon: Cantor; then All



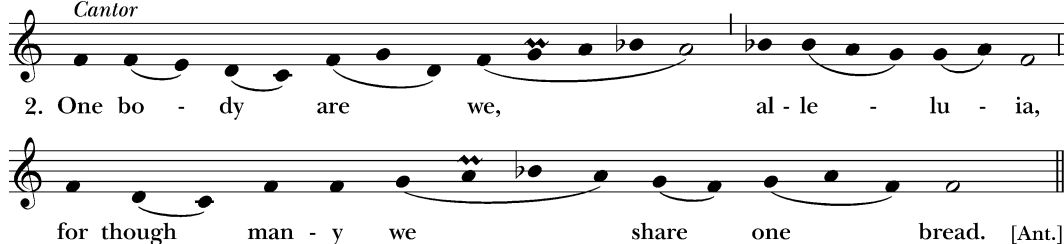
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,
is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Music: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

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: “Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee

Hymn 615

1 “Thy king - dom come!” on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king-dom’s day.
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

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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