



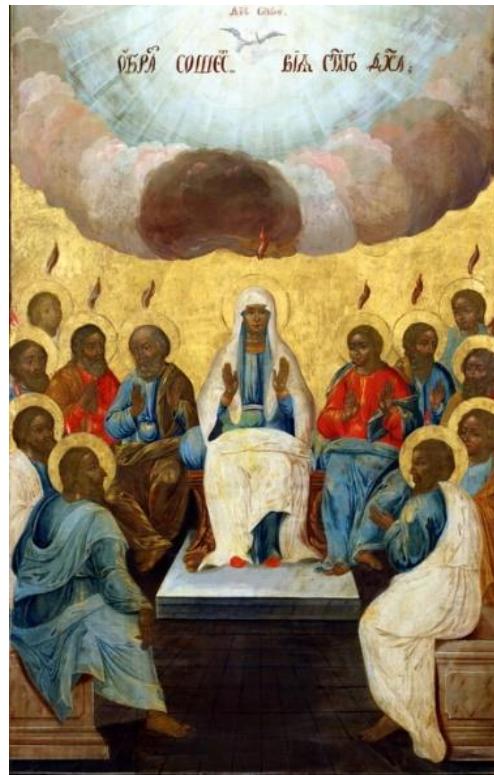
St. Francis  
Episcopal Church

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

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

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## PRELUDE

Benita McFarland, organ

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand, sung by all.***OPENING HYMN: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Hymnal 390

*Descant*

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

*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

## 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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 8:18-9:1

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah:

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people  
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion?  
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,  
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,  
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people  
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of my poor people!

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

*Sung by all*

**PSALM 79:1-9**

Anglican Chant, Sam Doyle

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy / temple; \*  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of / rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food  
for the birds of the / air, \*  
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the / field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Je- / rusalem, \*  
and there was no one to / bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our / neighbors, \*  
an object of scorn and derision to those a- / round us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O / LORD? \*  
will your fury blaze like fire for / ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have no / known you \*  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your / Name.
- 7 For they have devoured / Jacob \*  
and made his dwelling a / ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to / meet us; \*  
for we have been brought very / low.
- †9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your / Name; \*  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your / Name's sake.

## THE SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to Timothy:

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Lector:*            The Word of the Lord.

*People:*          Thanks be to God.

*Please stand, sung by all.*

**GRADUAL HYMN: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**LEVAS 189**



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un - to me!

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

**Deacon:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Addington

*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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Anne 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:** Hear us, Lord; for your mercy is great, 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:* The altar flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of the wedding anniversary of Dennis and Betty Barry, given by Betty Barry.  
*(silence)*

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

## 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

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*A Hymn of Unity*

Howard Helvey

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Trumpet: Benji Springs

Jesus invites his saints to meet around his board;  
Here pardoned sinners sit and hold communion with the Lord.  
Our heavenly father calls with Christ his members one;  
The dear young children of his love, and He the firstborn Son.  
We are but several parts of this same broken bread;  
Our body has its several limbs, but Jesus is the head.

## A Hymn of Unity

*Stanza 4 Congregation Part*

*text by*  
ISAAC WATTS (1674-1748), adapt.

*Based on*  
the newly-composed hymn tune SHEPARD  
HOWARD HELVEY(ASCAP)

*Stanza 4 Congregation*

Let all our powers be joined His  
glo - rious name to raise; \_\_\_\_\_  
— Plea - sure and love fill ev - ery mind, And  
ev ery voice be praise; \_\_\_\_\_

A musical score for two voices. The top line is for a soprano or alto voice, and the bottom line is for a bass or tenor voice. The music consists of two staves of four measures each. The lyrics are: "Plea - sure and love fill ev - ery mind, And ev - ery voice be praise." The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts are separated by a vertical line on the first measure.

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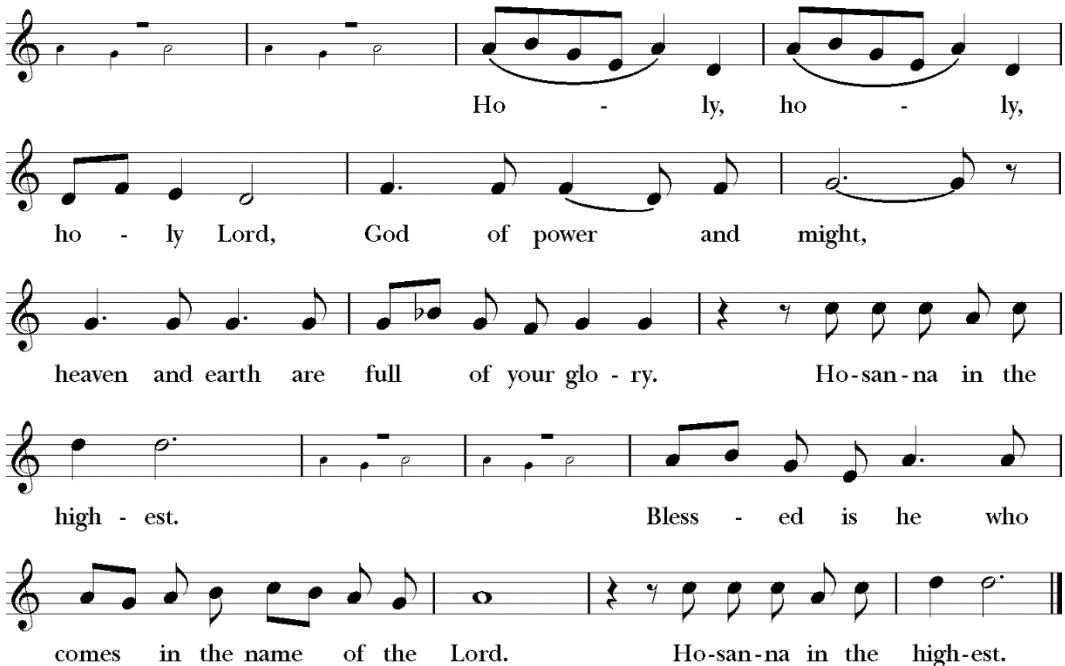
## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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*Sung by all.*

**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.

*Please kneel.*

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B CONTINUES**

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**Celebrant:** ...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All:** We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory...

**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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*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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Sung by all.*

**FRACTION**

Hymnal 325 vs. 1

The musical notation is for a hymn tune in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is in soprano range. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
*Refrain*  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,  
O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

The notation includes a first ending (1) and a second ending (2) for the final line. The first ending ends with a fermata over the final note, while the second ending ends with a dash.

## 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 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**

**Benita McFarland, organ**

*Please stand.*

## **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BCP p366**

**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: God himself is with us**

Hymnal 475

1 God him - self is with us; let us all a - dore him,  
2 Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er,  
3 Thou per - vad - est all things: let thy rad - iant beau - ty  
4 Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,

and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with -  
soul and life and each en - deav - or. Help us to sur -  
light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der  
be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing

in us; souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent -  
ren - der earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of life, and  
flow - ers ea - ger - ly un - fold them, to the sun - light  
Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or

ly draw near him. Now his own who have known  
 sin - ful plea - sures: thou a - lone shalt be known  
 calm - ly hold them, so let me qui - et - ly  
 will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,

God, in wor-ship low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.  
 Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.  
 in thy rays im - bue me; let thy light shine through me.  
 let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Benita McFarland, organ

If you are new to St. Francis, be sure to fill out the E-Visitor Card.



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