

ST. FRANCIS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
& DAY SCHOOL

NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 19, 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: *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

Hymn 535

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,



his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

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.

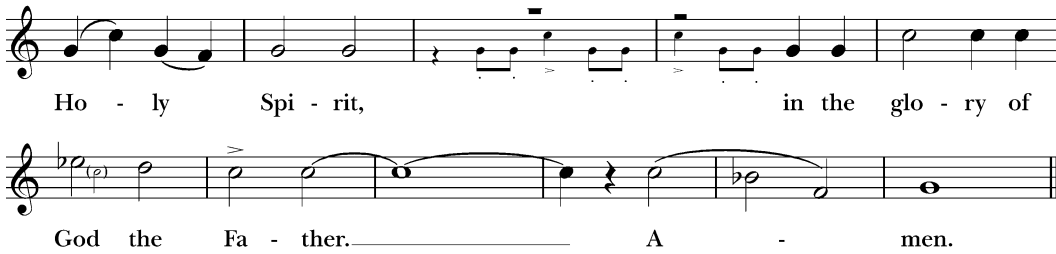
6. For



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



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 31:27-34

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

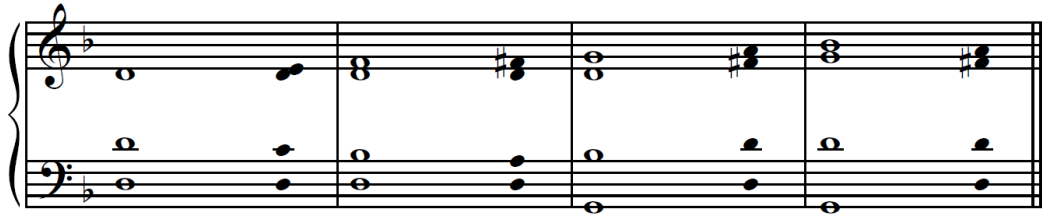
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sung by all
PSALM 121

Anglican Chant by Sam Doyle



- 1 I lift up my eyes to the / hills; *
from where is my help to / come?
- 2 My help comes from the / LORD, *
the maker of heaven and / earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be / moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall a- / sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over / Israel *
shall neither slumber nor / sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches / over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your / right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by / day, *
nor the moon by / night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all / evil; *
it is he who shall keep you / safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming / in, *
from this time forth for ever- / more.

A reading from the second Letter of Paul to Timothy:

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

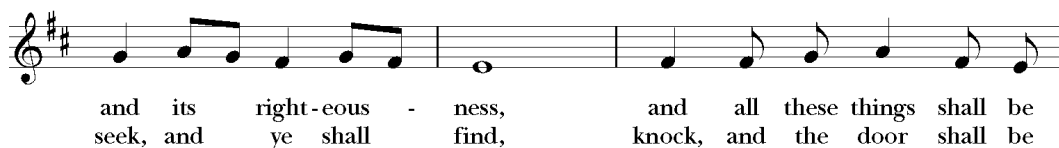
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People: Thanks be to God.

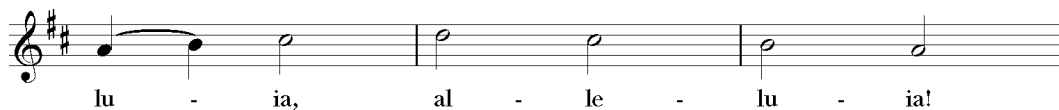
Please stand, sung by all.

GRADUAL HYMN: *Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Hymnal 711



Refrain



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Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Meghan F. Froehlich

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 Jim Wallace's birthday, given by his husband, Matthew "Raul" Terry.

(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

Justorum Animae

C.V. Stanford
Wisdom,iii

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and torment of malice shall not touch them:

In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die, but they are in peace.

Please stand.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP p361

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.

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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


Hymnal S171

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.]

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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: *Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*

Hymn 530

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,
1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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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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