

ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Francis Episcopal Church is a diverse community accepting all.

We gather to worship God, grow in faith, and share in fellowship.

We go out to serve Christ by serving others.

Safety Expectations for On-site Worship

Mask Requirements for Worship at St. Francis:

All attending worship must wear masks. Singing while masked is still permitted. No physical distancing requirement is in place, but all are asked to respect the distancing requests of other worshippers. Post-worship fellowship will take place outside, weather permitting.

Streaming of worship on Zoom and Facebook will continue -- but if you haven't worshiped on-site recently (or at all in the last year+) we encourage you to check it out!

Other Announcements

Special Parish Meeting, Sunday September 26th Bishop Stokes has announced his intention to retire as the 12th Bishop of New Jersey in June of 2023. That sets in motion the process for the election of the 13th Bishop as laid out in our canons. Details of Bishop Stokes' announcement and on the election process are [here](#) on the Diocesan website.

The first step in that process is a Special Parish Meeting to be held on Sunday, September 26th in all congregations of the Diocese. Each parish will elect 6 delegates to a Special Meeting of their Convocation to be held on October 24th. The Convocation will elect one Clergy and one Lay member of the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee. St. Francis will hold our Parish Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, the 26th, on-site and on-line together (we can do this!). If you're interested in serving as one of our parish representatives to the Special Meeting of Watchung Convocation on October 24th (time, on Zoom, TBD), please let Fr. Jack know. jzamboni@juno.com

Fresh Start: A new outreach opportunity at St. Francis. The cost of personal hygiene products is a hidden consequence of poverty. Donations of new/unopened packages of diapers (adult & children), tampons & pads may be deposited in either of the bins outside the front door. There will also be a collection container in the narthex for those attending service onsite. Monetary donations may be made at sh-cares.org. Designate "Fresh Start" in the comments section. Summit Health oversees this program & will send all donations to local communities in need. (St. Paul's, Edison does not distribute these items)

Take a role in a Chancel Drama! As part of our New Consecration Sunday Stewardship program, Fr. Frank Hubbard has written and will direct a short, easy chancel drama on Sunday, October 24th, based on the Gospel story for the day. He plans for 6 speaking roles (with possible expansion depending on interest) which will be done "on book" -- i. e. no memorizing needed. People of all ages (not least younger ages) are welcome to join the cast. If you'd like to learn more, contact Fr. Frank at at 848-248-1267 or therevfah50@hotmail.com.

Vaccinations. Bishop Stokes, Diocesan leaders, and Fr. Jack continue to encourage all of those who are medically able to get vaccinated for COVID-19 if you have not already done so. Numerous free opportunities to do so are available in our local communities. The science has consistently shown that the vaccines are safe and effective at preventing most infections and almost all serious disease. The overwhelming number of people hospitalized with the Delta variant are unvaccinated. Vaccination also reduces the risk of wider spread in our communities.

New Jersey now offers the Docket App on both Apple and Android as a secure way to carry proof of vaccination status on your phone. It is very easy to use (ask Fr. Jack). More info is available at <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaxrecords>

With flu season approaching, getting a flu shot is another important way to keep yourself, family, and community safer. If you are medically able, please get a flu shot from your doctor or other provider.

Food Collection for the Food Pantry at St. Paul's, Edison, continues, Please drop off non-perishable food in the container outside the church doors. To contribute financially, send a check with Food Pantry in memo line & on envelope to:

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church
445 Old Post Road
Edison, NJ 08817

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary donations in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for God's blessing are welcome. Request donation for flowers is \$40 and \$15 for the candle. If you'd like to reserve a date, please sign up in the Narthex or email Fr. Jack jzamboni@juno.com and Pam Maiolo potato4931@yahoo.com.

Celebrations this week: *Birthdays:* Anthony and Matthew Klastava, 9/20, Tiffany McConney - 09/21, Grace McDougall - 09/22, Paul Sinckler - 09/25; *Baptism Anniversary:* Everette Pfeiffer - 09/21, Susan Angelicola - 09/23, Jonathan Parmelee - 09/23, Jayden Phua - 09/24, Monique Phua - 09/25

Musical Note Our Mass Music this fall is from the *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* by Healey Willan. Some will remember this setting from the *Hymnal 1940*. It is also in the *Hymnal 1982* for use with Rite I (traditional language) texts). It was adapted for Rite II by Sister Mary Phillipa, O. S. A. and Sally Slade Warner, who was Fr. Jack's choir director in Boston before he went to seminary.

The Holy Eucharist

PRELUDE

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist

Georg Böhm

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

GOD THE OMNIPOTENT

Hymnal 1982 569

1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! King, who or - dain - est
2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth hath for - sak - en
3 God, the All - right - eous One! earth hath de - fied thee;
4 God the All - prov - i - dent! earth by thy chas - tening

thun - der thy clar - ion, the light - ning thy sword;
thy ways all ho - ly, and slight - ed thy word;
yet to e - ter - ni - ty stand - eth thy word,
yet shall to free - dom and truth be re - stored;

show forth thy pi - ty on high where thou reign - est:
bid not thy wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:
false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side thee:
through the thick dark - ness thy king - dom is haste - ning:

give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

Presider
People

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Healey Willan

Intonation: *or:*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, Glo-ry to God in the high - est,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King,
 al - might - y God and Fa - - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right
 hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 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

Presider

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray.

Silence for the People's prayers.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Reader

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Silence to hear the Word of God.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (64)

Please join in reading the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Reader *A Reading from the Letter of James.*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Silence to hear the Word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

O LOVE OF GOD

Hymnal 1982 455



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-31

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jack Zamboni

THE NICENE CREED

***ALL* 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

Please offer your own thanksgivings and petitions in the silences during the Prayers.

People **Holy God, hear our prayer.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

HOPE OF THE WORLD

Hymnal 1982 472

Please stand as you are able.



1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion,
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est hea - ven,
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



1 speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
2 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,
3 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light,
4 from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,
5 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,



1 Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
2 still let thy Spi - rit un - to us be giv - en
3 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
4 we rend - er back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
5 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



1 who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
2 to heal earth's wounds and end her bit - ter strife.
3 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.
4 take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.
5 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for ev - er reign!

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord;
People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(The Presider continues with a Preface for the Season or Day)* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full _____ of ___ your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 - na in the high - est, 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.

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider 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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

A PRAYER FOR SHARED COMMUNION

ALL Lord Jesus Christ, our constant companion,
you promised to be with us to the end of the age,
and you make us one with each other
in your Body, the Church.
We thank you for giving us yourself
in this Holy Sacrament,
the seal of your love that is stronger than death.
Grant, then, O Lord, that we all may receive you,
whether met at this table or dispersed in our homes;
and so strengthen the bonds of our common life
that with all your people in every place,
we may praise and serve you
until we come to the joys of your heavenly banquet.
We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Presider Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM *Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake* Farrant & Hilton

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Please stand as you are able.*

Presider Let us pray.

ALL Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

ALL PRAISE TO THEE

Hymnal 1982 477



1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou can'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord



1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;



1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

Georg Böhm

