

# 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

**Changes in COVID Safety Practices** In accordance with updated Diocesan protocols, the Vestry of St. Francis is pleased to announce the relaxation of requirements for on-site worship. Updated guidelines are [here](#). Highlights include:

- Pre-registration is no longer required to attend on-site worship.
- Fully vaccinated worshipers do not need to wear masks or keep distance.
- Unvaccinated worshipers still need to mask and distance.
- Worshipers may sit anywhere in the church, while being respectful of others' wishes.
- Fellowship with refreshments will follow the service in the Narthex.

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

**Fellowship and Food** We've resumed gathering for fellowship and refreshments following Sunday worship. As in summers past, we gather in the narthex (which has AC) and share cold drinks (lemonade, iced tea, water) and cookies and/or simple snacks. If you'd like to host, please sign-up in the Narthex.

**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](mailto:jzamboni@juno.com) and Pam Maiolo [potato4931@yahoo.com](mailto:potato4931@yahoo.com).

**The Altar Flowers** are given this week by Laura Breck in thanksgiving for the birthday of Gerrienne Breck. The **Sanctuary Candle** is given by Gloria Barnes in loving memory of Angie.

**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

**Celebrations this week:** *Birthdays:* Carroll Wilson, Jeffry Donaire - 8/01; Tiffany O'Sullivan, Gerrienne Breck - 8/02; Gregory Myzie, Anna Tirado - 8/03; Arielle Baker - 8/04; Michelle Neal - 8/05; Doug Meyer - 8/06; Brayden Tirado - 8/07; *Confirmation Anniversary:* Rillette Hammond - 8/04 - 7/29, Barbara Dalto - 7/30; *Wedding Anniversaries:* Maruquel & Jeffry Donaire - 08/01; Rajini Benit Kurian - 8/07; Heather Nunes & Fletcher Hueston - 8/07.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021*

PRELUDE

*Pastorale in C*

Improvisation

## THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OPENING HYMN

*MORNING HAS BROKEN*

*Hymnal 1982 8*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Unison or harmony*

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. \_\_\_\_\_  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_  
born of the one light E - den saw play! \_\_\_\_\_

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
God's re - cre - a - tion, of the new day! \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*ALL* **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### 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.*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### THE FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15*

*Reader* *A Reading from the Book of Exodus*

**The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."**

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" "

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

*Silence to hear the Word of God.*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM (78:23-29)**

*Please join in reading the Psalm responsively by half verse.*

- 23 **So God commanded the clouds above \***  
**and opened the doors of heaven.**
- 24 He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  
**and gave them grain from heaven.**
- 25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; \*  
**he provided for them food enough.**
- 26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens \*  
**and led out the south wind by his might.**
- 27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust \*  
**and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.**
- 28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp \*  
**and round about their dwellings.**
- 29 So they ate and were well filled, \*  
**for he gave them what they craved.**

**THE SECOND LESSON**

*Ephesians 4:1-16*

*Reader* *A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.*

**I** therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high  
he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*Silence to hear the Word of God.*

*Reader  
People*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

GOD IS LOVE

*Hymnal 1982 577*

*Refrain*

God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
 2 When we Chris-tians gath er, mem-bers of one Bo - dy,  
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad-ness be his greet - ing.  
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

*Repeat Refrain*

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

**THE GOSPEL**

*John 6:24-35*

*Presider*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

*Presider*  
*People*

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

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

*All are encouraged to offer appropriate prayers aloud in the three silences during the Prayers.*

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

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please kneel. A Period of silence is kept.*

**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 *DECK THYSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS*

*Hymnal 1982 339*

*Please stand as you are able.*

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
3 Je - sus, Bread of life, I pray thee, let me

gloom-y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day-light's  
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won - drous ban - quet found - ed; high o'er all the heavens he  
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from  
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.  
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.  
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

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

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Eucharistic Prayer C BCP page 369*

*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* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,  
 galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Presider* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with  
 memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against  
 you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Presider* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed  
 your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a  
 woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Presider* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,  
 apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to  
 you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Blue Hymnal (1982) S-125

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

*Presider* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**ALL We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
 as we await the day of his coming.**

*Presider* Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Presider* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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**

*Jesus, the Bread of Life*

Grayson Warren Brown; harm. Michael B. Lynch

## 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

### CLOSING HYMN

*O GOD OF BETHEL*

*Hymnal 1982 709*



1 O God of Beth-el, by whose hand thy peo-ple still are fed;  
2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre-sent be-fore thy throne of grace:  
3 Through each per-plex-ing path of life our wan-dering foot-steps guide;  
4 O spread thy shel-ter-ing wings a-round, till all our wan-derings cease,  
5 Such bless-ings from thy gra-cious hand our-hum-ble prayers im-plore;



1 who through this earth-ly pil-grim-age hast all thine Is-rael led:  
2 O God of Is-rael, be the God of this suc-ceed-ing race.  
3 give us each day our dai-ly bread, and rai-ment fit pro-vide.  
4 and at our Fa-ther's loved a-bode our souls ar-rive in peace!  
5 and thou shalt be our cov-enant God and por-tion ev-er-more.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

*Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 552 (abridged)*

J. S. Bach