



# *St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church*

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE TWO

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*We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is The Holy Eucharist Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in italics. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to The Book of Common Prayer for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.*

## **Organ Prelude**

*Serenade*

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Franz Schubert  
*Lasst uns Erfreuen*



## **The Word of God**

### **Processional Hymn**

Hymn 400: All creatures of our God and King

*Lasst uns Erfreuen*

### **The Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

**BCP p. 355**

### **The Collect for Purity**

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.*

**BCP p. 355**

### **The Gloria**

**S-280**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**BCP p. 225**

### **The Lessons**

#### **Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as

unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 66:7-18**

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
    make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
    and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
    you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
    you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
    we went through fire and water; \*  
    but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
    and will pay you my vows, \*  
    which I promised with my lips  
    and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
    with the smoke of rams; \*  
    I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
    and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
    and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
    the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
    he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
    nor withheld his love from me.

### **1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an

accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Sequence Hymn**

Hymn 398: I sing the almighty power of God

*Forest Green*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

### **John 14:15-21**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Timothy Backus

### **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 358**

*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**

**Form VI, BCP p. 392**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry; our Bishop, Russell Kendrick; and our Rector, Tim Backus; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For our President, Donald Trump, for all leaders of our nation and those in authority; that they may be guided by your wisdom and grace to exercise their duties for the common good. And for those in authority of all nations, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*A few moments of silence.*

*(Today's Intercessor will now read congregational prayers for healing, protection and thanksgiving.)*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence.*

Lord let your loving kindness be upon them.  
*Who put their trust in you.*

Celebrant: Prayer for Rogation Sunday.

*(During the Season of Easter, it is appropriate to omit the Confession of Sin.)*

## **The Peace**

(Please greet one another and welcome a guest.)

## **Welcome**

### **The Offertory**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

E. Englert

### **Hymn at the Presentation** *(Choir & Congregation)*

Hymn 380, Vs. 3: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP p. 361**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **The Sanctus**

**S-129**

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*(The congregation may stand, kneel or sit.)*

The Celebrant continues:

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:

*Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP p. 364**

*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**

**BCP p. 337**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

### **Fraction Anthem**

**S-164**

### **The Communion**

*(All baptized Christians of any denomination are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table.)*

### **Hymns at the Administration**

Hymn 513: Like the murmur of the dove's song  
Hymn 383: Fairest Lord Jesus  
Hymn 516: Come down, O Love divine

*Bridegroom  
St. Elizabeth  
Down Ampney*

### **The Post-Communion Prayer** *(in unison)*

**BCP p. 366**

*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.*

## A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis (in unison)

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

## The Blessing

## Recessional Hymn

Hymn 405: All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

## The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Postlude

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Ellacombe



The Prayer Ministry Team is available during and following Communion in the Prayer Chapel to pray with you for any need or concern you may have.

“Pray for each other so that you may be healed.” (James 5:16b)

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### MINISTERS FOR THIS SERVICE

Greeters	Adam & Stephanie Clause
Ushers	Mike & Alice Lane
Acolytes	Herb Woll Sarah McCarren Averette Culver
Eucharistic Ministers	Nancy Storey David Stratford
Lectors	Bob Brownlie Ann Woll
Intercessor	Jane Ellis
Oblationers	Keith & Mary Jo Mann
Prayer Team	Bob Weatherly McGee Lorren
Nursery Assistants	Jay Smith
Organist/Choirmaster	Cathy Griffing
Ministers of Music	St. Francis Adult Choir
Celebrant	The Rev. Tim Backus

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<b>SUN. MAY 21:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
<b>TUES., MAY 23:</b>	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>WED. MAY 24:</b>	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two
	6:00 p.m.	Parish Supper & Forum
<b>THURS. MAY 25:</b>	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
<b>FRI. MAY 26:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Senior Moment Café
<b>SUN. MAY 28:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

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The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, Bishop  
The Reverend Timothy W. Backus, Rector*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME VISITORS.** We are happy to have you with us today to share in worship and fellowship. Please fill out a pew card, put it in the offering plate and sign the guest book in the Atrium. After the service, join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and conversation.

**THE MAY PARISH SUPPER & FORUM IS AT 6 P.M.** on Wednesday, May 24, 2017. Introduction of New Church Members is at 6:30 p.m. and the Forum begins at 6:45 p.m. This month's topic is Practical Heimlich Maneuver & Emergency First Aid. The Heimlich maneuver (HM) saves lives when used properly. Unfortunately, many people freeze in emergencies. Our instructors will make sure you are ready when needed. They will demonstrate the HM and then allow you to practice under their supervision. Next, our instructors will teach you the latest first aid techniques to stop bleeding; preserve the airway; and, how and when to use CPR. This may be the most important hour you ever invested in your family's safety.

**SERVICE OF THE ASCENSION: THURSDAY, MAY 25 AT 6 P.M.** On this special occasion, we commemorate Jesus' Ascent into Heaven following his forty days on earth. Ascension Day marks the close of the Post-Resurrection (Acts 1:1-9). We will celebrate with a special service of the Holy Eucharist at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 25. This feast day is celebrated on Thursday of the sixth week following Easter which is forty days after Jesus' resurrection from the dead. All are invited and encouraged to attend this special service.

**ST. FRANCIS CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN IN JUNE.** Father Tim and John Griffing will be leading confirmation classes beginning in June and continuing through mid-July. The classes are for adults and youth (in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or above and at least 13 years old) that have been baptized on or before the date of confirmation. Aspirants who complete the classes will be confirmed or received by Bishop Kendrick during his visit in August. Classes will be held following Coffee Hour in the library on Sundays and will last approximately one hour. If you would like to be confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church and want to attend these classes, please contact Chris in the Parish Office or call Father Tim or John Griffing, 850 450 5126.

**2017 ST. FRANCIS SCHOLARSHIPS.** St. Francis has scholarship funds available for undergraduate and graduate students who are members of St. Francis. The amount of the scholarship is usually \$800 and will be awarded in July. Applications must be submitted by June 15<sup>th</sup> and can be found on the table outside the Parish Office.

**INTERESTED IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES?** Mission & Outreach; Pastoral Care; Parish Life; Children, Youth and Family Ministries; Liturgy and Worship; Christian Education and Formation? If you have a desire to serve on a team with other parishioners and staff to collaborate and strengthen one (or more) of the ministries mentioned, please contact the parish office for further information. These collaborative teams are not to replace what is currently being provided through the various St. Francis ministries, but to enhance, strengthen, and further develop these ministries in a more organized and collaborative fashion.



## **PRAYER LIST**

**Pray for Healing:** Martha Antoun, Bill Baker, Marcia Brownlie, Don Bush, Penny Carter, Alice Caruso, Armand Caruso, Lessie Cauthen, Claire & Baby Pringle, Anna Clausen, Jean Crowe, Doris DeBruyn, Fred Drinkwater, Mary Grace Garner, Gordon Gibson, Scott Green, Josephina Jimenez, Lillian Grace Johnson, Matthew Kenworthy & the Kenworthy family, Patrick LaPort, Liza McKee, Fred Miller, Betty Neville, Barbara Ogden, Anna Mae Penot, Mary Poss, Amelia Spencer, Sandi Starr, Bob Stine, Bob Stine, Jr., Ruth Tait, Lori Lee Thompson, Nadyne Thomson, Opal Wallin

**Pray for Active Duty Military:** T.J. Teicher, Matthew King, Doug Kroh, Anthony Olson, Jason Pritchett, Kevin Walsh, Nicolas Zbikowski, Shane Murtha, Dylan Price, Daniel Lane, Corrie Howe, Ryan Schuler, Bryan Lucas, Martin Bunt, Karri Styron