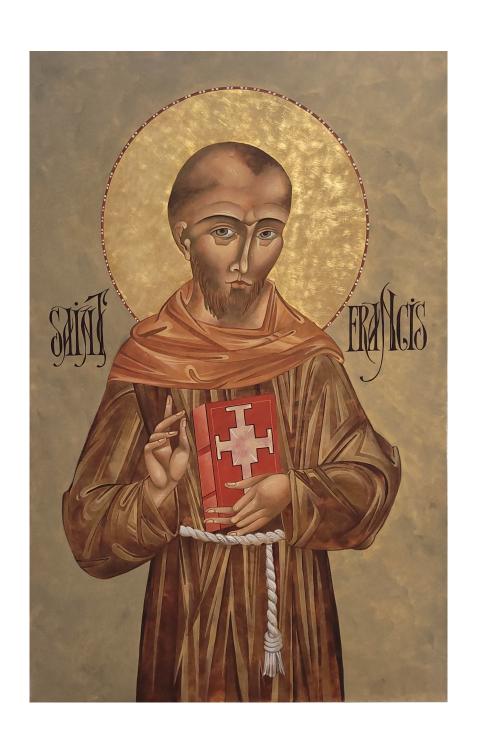
## The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 1, 2023







### **An Invitation to Communion**

We hope that you will accept our invitation to join us at the Table. All are welcome. The usher will signal when it is time for your pew to come forward. You may stand or kneel at the altar. There are several ways that you may participate with us. When the bread is offered, place one hand on top of the other and extend them forward to accept the bread. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice to your mouth with one hand. If you would like to receive the wine without drinking from the cup, hold the bread in the palm of your hand and the chalice bearer will dip the bread in the chalice (called intinction). If you prefer not to receive the wine, consume the bread and then cross your arms over your chest and the wine will pass by you. If you would like to participate, but not receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

# Holy Eucharist Rite II The Word of God

Prelude

All Creatures of our God and King

John Barr

**Processional Hymn** 

I sing the almighty power of God

Hymn 398



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

### **Opening Acclamation**

Priest Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### The celebrant says

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*.

Lord, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy*. Lord, have mercy.

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

### Job 39:1-18

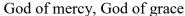
"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. "Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. "Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? "The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

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

### Psalm 121

- 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 asleep.
- 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 evermore.

### **Sequence Hymn**





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### The Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

The Homily The Rev. Liz Schellingerhoudt

A period of silence is kept.

### The Nicene Creed

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 Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (standing and in unison)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I 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.

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Aggie Dockery and Susan Joseph. *Silence* 

I ask your prayers for the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering; give them courage and hope in their troubles now by praying their names responsively: Tricia, Debbie, Catherine, Joanne, Ralph, Deborah, Linda, Bob R., Logan, Ray, Kay, Mary Ann, Ruth, David, Jane, Herb P., Sally, Friederich, Mary, Anne, Joy, McKinley, Katie, Annie, Edwina, Terri, Herb H., Al, Josh, Roz, Bob, Ann, Delores, Mary Lou, Pat, and Joan. Pray for those in any need or trouble. I ask your prayers for those who travel.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for those with birthdays, including Ann Cahill, Patti Albritton, Eden Cox, Amanda Lawrence, Micah Wallace, and Michelle Crawford. I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating anniversaries.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence* 

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

### The Peace

may you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### The Holy Communion

### **Choral Anthem**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Robert Lau



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### **Eucharistic Prayer**

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 God thanks and praise.

### Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you created all that is, and called it good. At your command all things came to be. You brought forth the human race and made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, betrayed your trust, turned against one another and your creation.

Repeatedly you called us to return to your Love. In the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to open to us the way of freedom and peace.

Therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Saint Clare and Saint Francis and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People
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 Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by Jesus, 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.

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Make us faithful stewards of your creation. 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.

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*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *People and Celebrant* 

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 Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation The Gifts of God for the People of God.

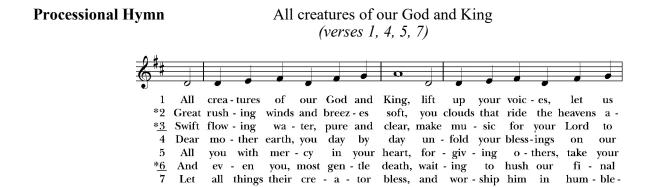


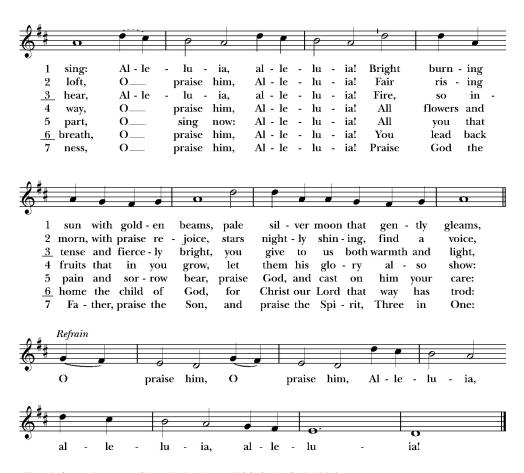
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# After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

### Celebrant and People

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 refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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**Postlude** 

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

#### **Announcements**

Choral Compline is tonight! Join us in person or on Facebook at 7:00 PM for this contemplative service.

**Next Sunday, October 8th,** we will gather at 9:30 AM for Adult Formation. Ken Alexander will lead the conversation - A Christian Response to Climate Change. **We will also welcome Hannah Schultz,** Program Director for Georgia Interfaith Power and Light, as guest preacher at our 10:30 AM service.

**Our Thursday Book Study Group** will meet on October 5th at 4:00 PM on Zoom. We will be discussing The Enneagram: A Christian Perspective by Richard Rohr and Andreas Ebert. Use the link provided in the eClare to join. All are welcome!

Our Parish Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, October 14th. We will start at 8:00 AM and wrap up at 11:30 AM. Most tools and supplies will be available, and we'll have Chic-Fil-A biscuits and coffee to share. For more information, contact Lynnae Boudreau at lboudreau50@gmail.com.

We are collecting candy for the annual Boo Bash! The event will be held on October 31st at Meeks Park from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. You can drop off candy during office hours - Mon-Thurs, 9:00 - 5:00 AM, or at Sunday service. Volunteers are also needed to set up our candy booth. If you are able to help, contact Kitty at admin@stclaresepiscopal.org.



### Those Who Serve

Sunday October 1, 2023
Verger—Eli Smith-Foot
Crucifer—Michael Smith-Foot
Lector 1—Lynnae Boudreau
Eucharistic Minister—Sandy Bell
Ushers—Lynne Joynes & Scotti Kershner
Eucharistic Visitor—Steve Wilson
VPOD—Lisa McElfresh
Altar Guild—Linda Boyett, Lisa McElfresh, Diana Symins
Flower Guild—Darlene Pilcher
Videographer—Lamar Barber

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