Eastertide



St. Francis Episcopal Church

11:00 am

Welcome to St. Francis Episcopal Church

We hope your time with us will be fulfilling in many ways.

Ritual is part of our Christian and Anglican heritage. Please do share in our worship of God.

Liturgy by its basic definition is "The Work of the People." Please participate in the liturgy by responding, at the appropriate times, with the sentences that are **bolded and italicized**.

Our Liturgy, centered on the Holy Trinity. with many of its preserved remnants from the ancient church, is not for entertainment or in which to be a spectator. Our liturgy is an invitation to actively worship and participate through the sacraments and prayer in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, a reality that is both visible and hidden.

Communion is open.

All who seek Christ or a deeper knowledge of Christ are welcome at God's table.

The host, after intinction by the priest, will be placed into the upright palms of your hands or placed on your tongue as you so indicate by out-stretched crossed palms or open lips with tongue slightly showing.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words, "The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life" or if receiving the host only (signified by raising only the index finger), "The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven."

After you have received the Blessed Sacrament, the appropriate response is "Amen".

If you do not desire to receive the blessed sacrament but do want a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest area, as you are able, and a blessing will be given you.

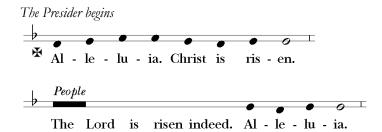
★Denotes when it is appropriate to make the sign of the cross (signum cruces) over oneself.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

All standing

Entrance Hymn



The Presider says 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.*

Presider and People Gloria S– 278



The Collect

The Presider says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider says the collect of the day.

Please be seated for the appointed lessons

The First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm

The Second Reading

Celtic Alleluia



Text: Celtic Alleluia, Christopher Walker; Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

The Gospel

All standing, the Deacon or Presider reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed (Said Together)

The Lambeth Conference called on the churches of the Anglican Communion to shed the filioque ("and the son"). The Episcopal Church, will remove the filioque from the creed in any future revisions of the Book of Common prayer, and in

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 **Tesurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Deacon or other minister begin

Confession of sin

The Deacon or other minister says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

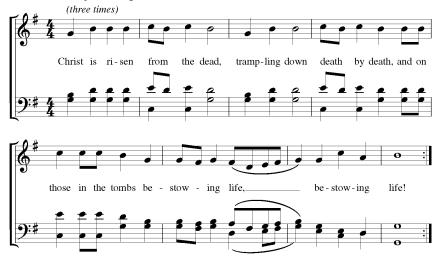
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son 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 Priest stands and says

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.*

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The Presider moves through the People who are stomping their feet, sprinkling them with blessed water as a reminder of their baptism.

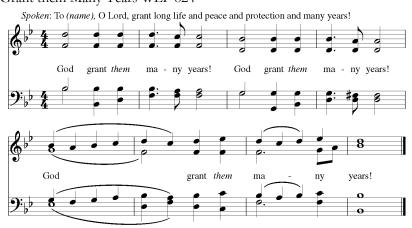


Please be seated

Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries

All who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary are invited to come forward for a blessing.

God Grant them Many Years WLP 824



The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

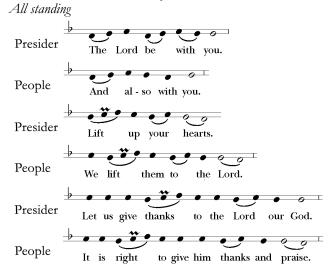
Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Anthem

The Presentation Hymn



The Liturgy of the Table The Holy Eucharist/Eucharistic Prayer D



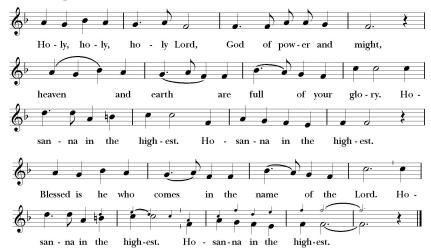
The Presider continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Presider and People



The people continue to stand. The Presider continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People



The Presider continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may Adescend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Francis and Clare and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.

Presider and People



The Lord's Prayer

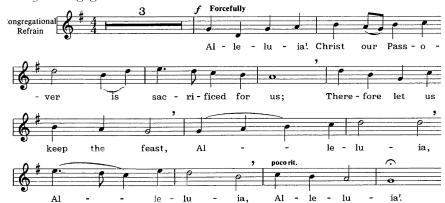
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.



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The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept. Then the Pascha Nostrum is sung by the congregation. The cantor sings a sentence and then the Pascha Nostrum is repeated by the congregation.



The Presider says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Behold what you are. Become what you receive. Amen.

Communion Hymn

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After Communion, the Presider says Let us pray.

Presider and People

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 Presider says

I invite those watching this service at home to say this prayer. I invite those here to pray that it be so.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787.)

The Easter Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

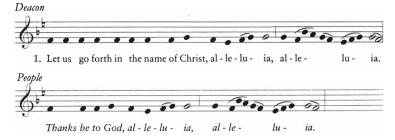
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, *the mothering Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is upon you and will remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Closing Hymn

The Dismissal



Postlude

