



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMMUNION

The Feast of St. Francis
September 30, 2018



10:30 AM Service Bulletin

Our Mission Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, a welcoming and diverse community seeking to walk in the way of Jesus and to reveal Christ's reconciling love in our city, nation, and world.

Can I receive Communion? Yes. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy.

Are children welcome? Yes. Children are invited to participate actively in the service. Coloring pages, crayons, and books are at the entrances to the church. Nursery care is available 9:00am - 12:00pm for children ages 0-4; the Nursery is located through the lounge. Changing tables are located in the downstairs bathrooms and the Nursery. Our chapel is a sound-proof place to bring a crying infant, or a boisterous toddler, with windows into the church and speakers broadcasting the sound from the service.

How do I find my way around? There is a map by the Welcome Table in the main entryway (on the East side of the church). Also, feel free to ask anyone around you for directions, or help navigating the service.

Where are the restrooms? There are single-user, all-gender restrooms in the Lounge, through the main (East) door, and through the next glass door. There are gendered, larger restrooms downstairs (take the elevator or stairs at the end of the long hallway in front of that entrance). Changing tables are available in the downstairs restrooms or in the nursery.

Is there wheelchair accessibility? Yes. Our entrances have auto-open buttons, and our elevator is ADA compliant. Both the downstairs restrooms and one of the upstairs restrooms are accessible. Everyone is invited to remain seated during the service as they need.

What about hearing assistance? We can help there, too. Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. Just ask.

How do I get involved? If you begin by filling out a "Connect Card" in your pew, or at the Welcome Table, we'd be glad to keep you up to date with all that goes on here. You can also use the Connect Cards to update your information, request prayers, or to ask a question.

Become a member. All are welcome to be here and to explore. If you would like to learn more and meet interesting people, consider joining in Pilgrimage, the Rector's classes for newcomers and explorers. Read more on the website or email the rector with questions or to sign up (mangell@holycommunion.net).

Prelude

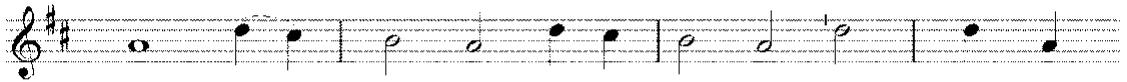
Diferencias sobre "El Canto del Caballero"

Antonio de Cabezón

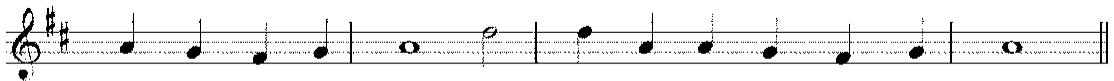
Opening Hymn: *please stand* *All Creatures of our God and King* Hymnal 400, v. 1, 4, 5, 7



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 #2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 #3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 #6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O___ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

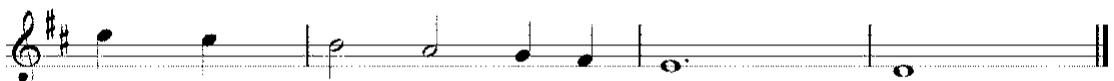


1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

Amen.

Gospel Procession

The congregation is invited to sing Alleluia to the tune of Heleluyan as the Gospel reader and the acolytes process to the middle of the assembly.



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: He - le, He - le - lu - yan.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le, al - le - lu - ia.



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; He - le, He - le - lu - yan.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, — al - le, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel *Please stand*

Matthew 11:25-30

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

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 our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The congregation is invited to sing Alleluia following the Gospel reading.

The Homily *Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.*

The Rev. Mike Angell

The Prayers of the People *please stand or kneel*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us 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 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.

Loving God, you created all things. We thank you for the gift of cats and dogs, birds and reptiles, rabbits and fish, and all the animals who share our homes. **Amen.**

We grieve the loss of the love and companionship our pets have given us. Comfort us as we remember them. Help their memory to stir us to deeper love and care for your creation. **Amen.**

We pray also for your created world in which we live, for its fragile resources, and for a will to conserve our earth. We pray for all who lead in the governments of the world. We pray for the Church in Missouri, for our companions in faith in El Salvador, and throughout our world. We pray for those who are sick, those who are suffering, and those who face violence. We pray for those who rejoice, and for those who mourn. **Amen**

Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant us peace and unity in accordance with your will. Amen.

The Peace *please stand*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements *seated*

Offertory Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

LEVAS 221

Please stand and sing as the ushers bring forward our financial offering.

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the final line with a double bar line at the end.

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine. This lit-tle light of mine,
I'm gon-na let it shine. This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it
shine. Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!

Presentation of the Offering *Please stand*

All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

**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.

Please remain standing.

On the night Jesus 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, Jesus took the cup; gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, gracious God, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful God, gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

The presider concludes with prayer for the coming of God's reign.

We worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer *pray in the language you prefer*

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Administration of the Sacrament

All are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Gluten-free wafers are available, on request, from the minister. On the left (West) side of the altar rail, the chalice is filled with white grape juice, as a sign of welcome for those who choose not to consume wine. On the right (East) side of the altar rail, the chalice is traditional red wine. Please feel free to cross the aisle for your preferred chalice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

After receiving Communion, please process out to the front lawn (weather permitting).

People with dogs, please gather on the left (east) side of the lawn;

People with cats and all other animals, please gather on the right (west) side.

PLEASE JOIN THE REFRAIN

All God's crea-tures got a place in the choir. Some sing low and
some sing high-cr; some sing out loud on a tel-e-phone wire; some just clap their
hands, or paws, or an - y - thing they've got now.

VERSES (sung by choir)

1. Listen to the top, where the little bird sings, and the melodies and the high notes ringin', and the hoot owl cries over everything, and the blackbird disagrees.

Singin' in the night time, singin' in the day, when the little duck quacks and he's on his way, and the otter hasn't got much to say, and the porcupine talks to himself.

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2. Dogs and the cats, they take up the middle where the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles. The donkey brays and the pony neighs. The old gray badgers sighs.

Listen to the bass; it's the one on the bottom, where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus moans and groans with a big to-do, and the old cow just goes, "moo."

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3. It's a simple song, a little song everywhere, by the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear, the dopey alligator and the hawk above, the sly old weasel and the turtledove.

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Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

**God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

La Bendición de Dios sea contigo,
la paz de Cristo sea contigo,
la efusión del Espíritu Santo sea contigo,
ahora y por siempre.
Amen.

*God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
The Spirit's outpouring be with you,
Now and always. Amen.*

Postlude

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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The Dismissal:

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

The clergy will bless the animals after the Dismissal. Help yourselves to some food!

Worship Leaders

Celebrant	The Rev. Mike Angell
Preacher	The Rev. Marc Smith
Deacon	The Rev. Chester Hines
Crucifer	Christian Davis
Chalice	Elizabeth Hines
Intercessor	Josephine Ezenwa
Acolytes	Chloe Olliff, Scott Lunte
Ushers	Burt Mayfield, Colleen Haggerty
Altar Guild	Jean Parker
Guest Organist	Karen Bretz

Save The Date: El Salvador Weekend

Sunday October 7 Cristosal Visit: The executive director of Cristosal, Noah Bullock, will join us for an Adult Forum on Human Rights and Organizing. He will also preach at both services.

El Salvador Conference: Monday October 8 at 6:00p at Washington University with Noah Bullock, Executive Director of Cristosal and David Morales, Strategic Litigation Director, discuss the systems of economics, migration, and violence connected between Central America and the U.S., and what people of faith can do in response? Register online or by calling the Danforth Center at WashU: (314) 935-9345.

Announcements

Godly Play: In Godly Play, children explore and develop their relationship with God using religious forms of expression, including parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action as tools for them to articulate and wonder about their relationship with God. Registration is not required. For info, email Heidi Olliff, Sunday Children's Formation Coordinator: hmolliff@holycommunion.net

Theology on Tap: Faith and Immigrant Human Rights October 3 at 6:30p. Join us for a roundtable conversation on the state of immigration, child detention, and refugees. How can we make a difference? Theology on Tap meets upstairs at Dressel's Pub at 6:30pm on the First Wednesday of each month.

Intergenerational Game Night & FaithQuest: Join us from 5-7:30pm on October 7 for Game Night. Bring your favorite game and a dessert or side dish to share. We will provide the pizza and drinks. We'll begin with a simple service of evening prayer at 5:00, followed by grace, food, and games for all ages.

Parents' Day Out: Sunday October 14 from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Enjoy your free time while your children are cared for at Holy Communion. All we ask is that you **sign up online or at the welcome table in advance** so that we will have an adequate number of attendants.

Pilgrimage Class – Oct. 14 (12:15pm) Are you new to Holy Communion? Just looking to know more about the tradition? Pilgrimage, our course exploring themes in Christian thought and practice through the Episcopal tradition, is especially suited for newcomers but open to all who are exploring. Pilgrimage will take place across four monthly sessions on Sunday afternoons, beginning with lunch at 12:15 and finishing by 2:45. Register at holycommunion.net

Acolyte Training: Have you ever wondered what it's like to be an acolyte? Here's your chance! We are holding an acolyte training for anyone 9 years old and up on October 14th at 9:15. Meet us in the sanctuary for a great training and donuts!

Laundry Love – Tuesday, October 16: (6:30pm) Our volunteers take over Classic Coin Laundry (7200 Balson Ave., U City) If you'd like to volunteer, please come at 6:00pm for volunteer orientation. Read more and sign up at www.holycommunion.net.

Breakfast Cooks: Sign up to serve as a Sunday morning breakfast cook on the bulletin board or online. Cooks are needed for Sundays through the end of the year. See Bob Niedringhaus, Ron Bullock, or David Motherwell for more information.

ABOUT ST. FRANCIS



Francis, the son of a prosperous merchant of Assisi, was born in 1182. His early youth was spent in revelry and fruitless attempts to win military glory.

With the young man's conscience stung by encounters with beggars and lepers, he decided to embrace a life devoted to Lady Poverty. Despite his father's intense opposition, Francis totally renounced all material values and devoted himself to serve the poor. In 1210 Pope Innocent the Third confirmed the simple Rule for the Order of Friars Minor, a name Francis chose to emphasize his desire to be numbered among the "least" of God's servants.

The order grew rapidly all over Europe. Yet by 1221 Francis had lost control of it since his ideal of strict and absolute poverty—both for the individual friars and for the order as a whole—was found to be too difficult to maintain. His last years were spent in much suffering of body and spirit, but his unconquerable joy never failed.

During a retreat on Mount La Verna not long before his death, Francis received on Holy Cross Day (September 14) the marks of the Lord's wounds—the stigmata—in his own hands and feet and side. Pope Gregory the Ninth, a former patron of the Franciscans, canonized Francis in 1228 and began the erection of the great basilica in Assisi where Francis is buried.

Of all the saints, Francis is the most popular and admired but probably the least imitated; few have attained to his total identification with the poverty and suffering of Christ. Francis left few writings, but of these, his spirit of joyous faith comes through most truly in the "Canticle of the Sun" which he composed at Clare's convent of St. Damian's. The Hymnal version begins:

*Most High, omnipotent, good Lord,
To thee be ceaseless praise outpoured,
And blessing without measure.
Let creatures all give thanks to thee
And serve in great humility.*

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