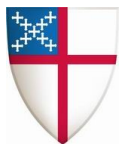


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

May 18, 2025 ~ 8:30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Celebrant: The Rev. Doug Gaul



Our mission at St. Francis of Assisi is to love, grow and serve.



Graduation

SUNDAY

We are so proud of you!





St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church *Welcoming All God's Children!*

Guests and Newcomers

We are delighted you are worshiping with us today! We encourage you to complete a *Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi Pew Card*. There is contact information for the Church with a tear-off portion so we can learn more about how we may serve you. Please place the completed tear-off portion of the card in the alms basin.

CLERGY AND STAFF:

The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards, Bishop

The Rev. Doug Graul, Rector

The Rev. Deacon Ann F. Pilat, Deacon for Hispanic Ministries

Mrs. Rebecca Christmas, Church Administrator

Mr. Joseph Schroer, Director of Music

Mrs. Bertina Floyd, Pianist for 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

Mr. David Schroer, Organist for 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Mrs. Karen Wade, Thrift Shop Manager

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 18th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Graduation Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Adults & Children)

11:45 a.m. Outreach Meeting

Monday, May 19th

1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop Management Board

Tuesday, May 20th

3:00 p.m. Play It Forward Recital & Reception

Wednesday, May 21st

Noon Bulletin Deadline

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Coffee with Clergy

5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 22nd

10:00 a.m. GriefShare (Library)

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Friday, May 23rd

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Thrift Shop Open

Saturday, May 24th

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop Open

Sunday, May 25th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Adults & Children)

ON-LINE GIVING

For those of you interested in on-line giving, check the church website (stfrancischapin.org) and select "Giving" on the homepage banner. You will find options at the bottom of this page to give via PayPal.

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Silent Prayer and Meditation

Prelude

The Processional Hymn

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

Hymn 304

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

BCP 355

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.*

Gloria (*Sung at 10:30 a.m.*)

S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The People Sit.

The First Lesson - Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

The First Lesson - Acts 11:1-18, continued

He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148, Laudate Dominum

BCP 805

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| 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights. | 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars; |
| 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host. | 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds; |
| 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars. | 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world; |
| 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens. | 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together. |
| 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created. | 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven. |
| 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away. | 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah! |
| 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps; | |
| 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will; | |

The Second Lesson - Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People Stand as Able

Sequence Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West

Hymn 529 (v.1-2)

The Gospel - John 13:31-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West

Hymn 529 (v.3)

The People Sit

The Sermon

The Rev. Doug Gaul

The People Stand As Able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 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 People Kneel.

The Prayers of the People Form II

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Sean (Rowe); for our Bishop, Daniel (Richards); for our Rector, Doug (Graul); for our Deacon, Ann (Pilat); for the Bishop in the Lutheran church, Elizabeth (Eaton); for the Bishop of SC Synod, Virginia "Ginny" (Aebischer); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those in positions of public trust especially Donald (Trump), the President of the United States, for Henry (McMaster), the Governor of this State, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those:

In our Parish Prayer Cycle: Pray for the Fellowship Committee.

In our Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for the Ministry of the Commission for Congregations.

In our Community Prayer Cycle: Pray for the people and clergy of Chapin Presbyterian Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who serve in the Armed Forces, especially those listed in the bulletin today:

Ryan Aycock, Tyler Aycock, Jackson Brownfield, Matthew Delk, Ryan Dickson, Jase Geiger, Kemp Gregg, Pierson Haines, Dylan Meetze, Luke Meetze, Jenn Pilat, Matthew Pilat, Greg Smith, Sarah Smith.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who have commended themselves to our prayers; especially those listed in the insert today, and especially _____. *You may add your own petitions either silently or aloud.*

Silence

I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays this week: **May 19 ~ Ryan Quenneville; 20 ~ John Carpenter; 24 ~ Tessa Kalish, Phil Purser & Jim Swan.**

I ask your prayers for those celebrating an anniversary this week.

I ask your thanksgiving for the altar flowers today given to the glory of God.

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

Let us pray together *The Prayer of St. Francis*,

BCP 833

***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 celebrant concludes with a collect

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.***

Absolution

Celebrant 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.***

Graduate Recognition

The People Stand as Able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

The People Sit for Announcements.

Announcements

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

BCP 376

The People Stand as Able

Offertory Anthem

Hymn 43

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 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 him 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath 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:

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

The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant 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.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

***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 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The People Sit.

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive bread and wine, the true Body and Blood of Christ. Those who have not yet received baptism are welcome to come to the rail for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing from the priest by crossing your arms over your chest. Those who do not wish to receive the wine can indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing their arms over their chest.

Communion Hymns	<i>Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service Blessed City, Heavenly Salem</i>	<i>Hymn 610 Hymn 520</i>
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The people kneel or stand.

Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
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Celebrant Let us Pray.
Celebrant 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 Blessing

Sending Hymn	<i>When Christ Was Lifted From the Earth</i>	<i>Hymn 603</i>
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Dismissal

<i>Deacon</i>	Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.</i>

Postlude





	Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18	Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25
Ushers	8:30 a.m. Kennon Webb 10:30 a.m. Mike Eckhart John Kupfer	8:30 a.m. Dennis Baker 10:30 a.m. Jim Coleman Del Collings
Greeters	10:30 a.m. Sue Copeland	10:30 a.m. Jean Coleman
Worship Assistants and Lectors	8:30 a.m. Lynn Edgerton Teresa Stallings 10:30 a.m. Cindy Epps Pam Lichty	8:30 a.m. Elise Lebel Carol Baker 10:30 a.m. Ann Gorman Jerome Gorman
Altar Guild	Alice Brooker Sally Burnett	Alice Brooker Sally Burnett
Prayer Desk	8:30 a.m. Glinda Van Dyke 10:30 a.m. Meredith Boyd	8:30 a.m. Deborah Laren 10:30 a.m. Cheri Beesburg
Flower Guild	Peggy Williams	Nancy DeMuth
Coffee Hour	Graduation Sunday	
Bread Baker	Pam Steude	Pam Steude
Counters	Diane Henry Jayne Bradley	Carol Baker Jerome Gorman

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