

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

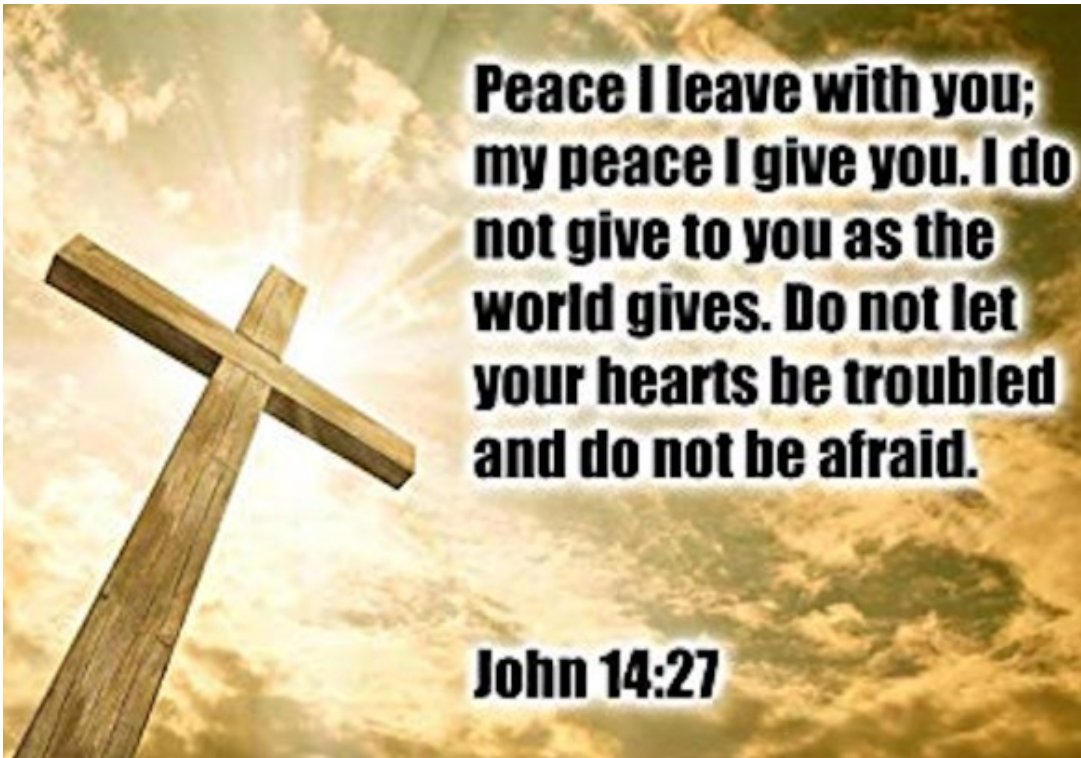
May 25, 2025 ~ 8:30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Celebrant: The Rev. Doug Gaul



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## *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 25th**

##### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

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

#### **Monday, May 26th**

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

#### **Tuesday, May 27th**

2:00 p.m. Small Group

#### **Wednesday, May 28th**

##### **Noon Bulletin Deadline**

Cemetery Workday

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Coffee with Clergy

5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

#### **Thursday, May 29th**

10:00 a.m. GriefShare (Library)

#### **Friday, May 30th**

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

#### **Saturday, May 31st**

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

#### **Sunday, June 1st**

##### **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](http://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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**8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**



**Silent Prayer and Meditation**

**Prelude**

*The Processional Hymn*

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*Hymn 405*

## 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 - might - y 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.

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.***

*The People Sit.*

### The First Lesson - Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*Reader* ***The Word of the Lord.***

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 67, *Deus misereatur***

**BCP 675**

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

**The Second Lesson - Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Reader The Word of the Lord.*

**People Thanks be to God.**

*The People Stand as Able*

**Sequence Hymn**

***Shall We Gather at the River***

***LEVAS 141 (v.1-2)***

**The Gospel - John 14:23-29**

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

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

**The Gospel - John 14:23-29, continued**

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

*Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sequence Hymn**

***Shall We Gather at the River***

***LEVAS 141 (v.3-4)***

*The People Sit*

***The Sermon***

***The Rev. Doug Gaul***

***(Please see Baptism Insert for 10:30 a.m. Service Only)***

*The People Stand As Able.*

**BCP 358**

**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 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 Greeters.

In our Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya.

In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for St. Augustine of Canterbury, Aiken.

In our Community Prayer Cycle: Pray for the people and clergy of Lake Murray Evangelical 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 26 ~ Vera Crenshaw; 29 ~ Tillmon Simmons.** I ask your prayers for those celebrating an anniversary this week: **May 26 ~ Linda & Dick Barksdale; 26 ~ Jean & Jim Coleman; 31 ~ Tricia & Chris Morrison.**

I ask your thanksgiving for the altar flowers today given to the glory of God and **in loving memory of husband John Hogan and mother Mozelle Shipp** by Dottie Hogan and **In recognition of Jim and Jean Coleman's 62nd Anniversary** by Jean Coleman.

*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.***

*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

### **Offertory Anthem**

***The Greatest of These is Love***  
*By: Anna Laura Page*

**Senior Choir**

*The People Stand as Able*



## The Doxology

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**

*Baptized Christians of all traditions and ages are invited to receive the sacrament. 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. Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available. Please make your request known to the Ushers.*

***Grace of God (The One Who Created Me)***  
*By San Woo Shin*

***Seoyeon Carroll, Pianist***

## **Communion Hymns**

***Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise  
O Jesus, Crowned With All Renown***

***Hymn 345  
Hymn 292***

*The people kneel or stand.*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

*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**

***Christ is Made the Sure Foundation***

***Hymn 518***

## **Dismissal**

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

## **Postlude**





	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter June 1</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	8:30 a.m. Dennis Baker 10:30 a.m. Jim Coleman Del Collings	8:30 a.m. Dottie Hogan 10:30 a.m. Susan Little Del Collings
<b>Greeters</b>	10:30 a.m. Jean Coleman	10:30 a.m. Caroline Connelly
<b>Acolytes</b>	Izzy Steude Tessa Kalish Madison Miller Aria Taliaferro	Addisyn Hood Jayden Organski Cameron Hood Brook Hood
<b>Worship Assistants and Lectors</b>	8:30 a.m. Elise Lebel Carol Baker 10:30 a.m. Ann Gorman Jerome Gorman	8:30 a.m. John Grindley Diane Henry 10:30 a.m. Sharon Herring Youth
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Alice Brooker Sally Burnett	Kennon Webb Rainee Lasonde
<b>Prayer Desk</b>	8:30 a.m. Deborah Laren 10:30 a.m. Cheri Beesburg	8:30 a.m. Glinda Van Dyke 10:30 a.m. Terry Burnett
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Nancy DeMuth	Su Hodges
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Need A Volunteer	Need A Volunteer
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Pam Steude	Ann Gorman
<b>Counters</b>	Carol Baker Jerome Gorman	Carol Baker Jerome Gorman

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