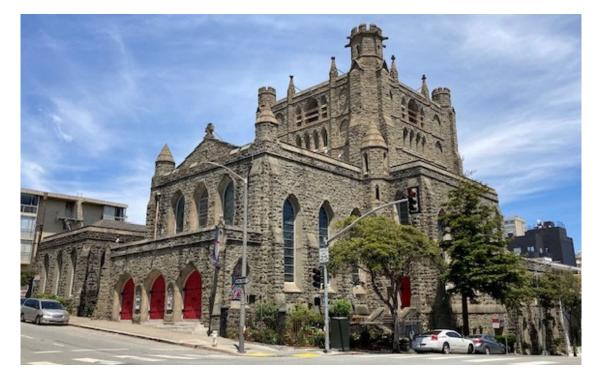
# **Trinity†St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, transferred

October 1, 2023



Prelude: "Hymn to the Moon" from St. Francis Suite

**Richard Purvis** 

## **Holy Eucharist**

## **Entrance Rite**

At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able for the beginning of our worship.



All remaining standing as are able, the Celebrant says,

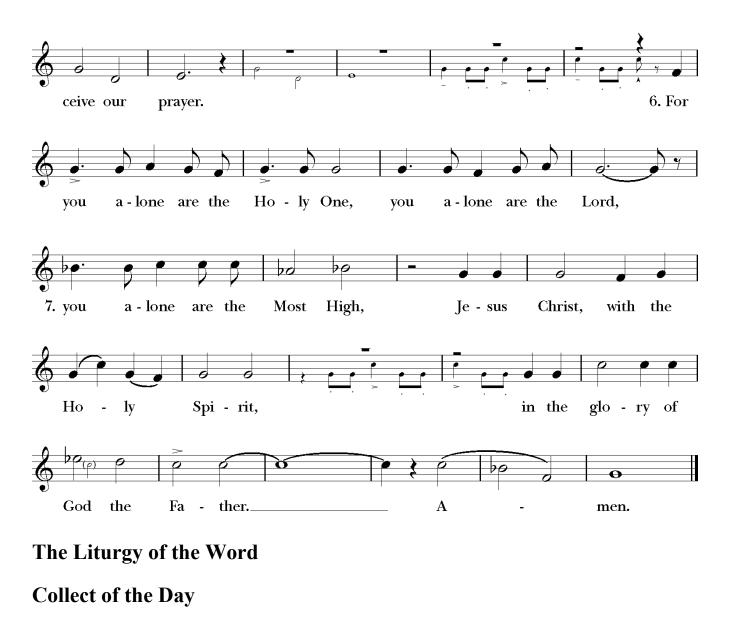
Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

#### Celebrant and People

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*.







The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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.

*Officiant People* A - men.

All sit.

## **First Reading**

Job 39:1-18

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of Job.

"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 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."

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.PeopleThanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*
 from where is my help to come?
 My help comes from the LORD, \*
 the maker of heaven and earth.
 He will not let your foot be moved \*
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;
 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.

## **Second Reading**

Philippians 2: 1-13

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

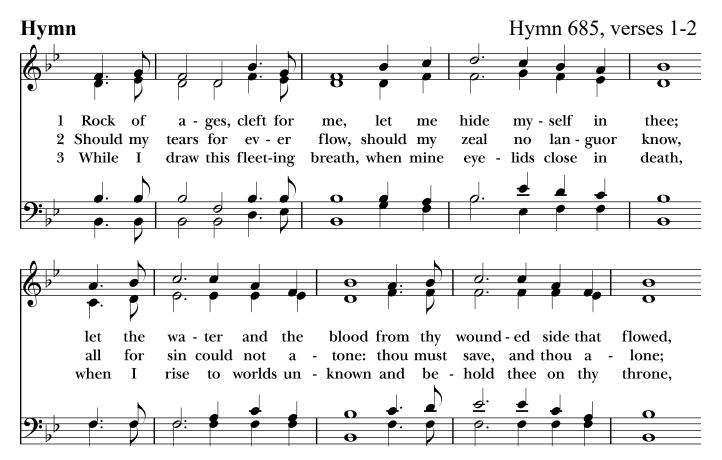
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

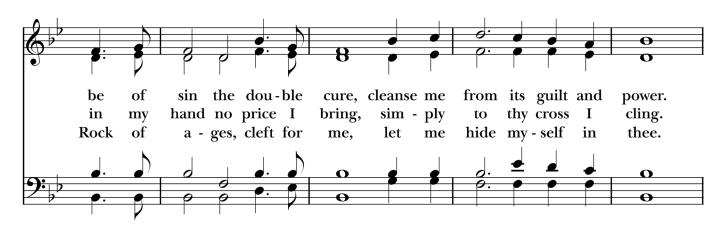
Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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All stand as are able.



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## **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 11:25-30

All remain standing as are able.

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to<br/>Matthew.PeopleGlory 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."

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

Hymn 685, verse 3

## Sermon

Pause — a time for reflection

## The Apostles' Creed

A Form for Experimental Use

All stand as are able.

I believe in God, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only-begotten One, Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary; Who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; Who descended to the dead. On the third day the Christ arose; ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Creator. Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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## The Prayers of the People

All remain standing, as they are able.

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *(silence, then:)* Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(silence, then:)* Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

- *Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(silence, then:)* Lord, in your mercy
- People Hear our prayer.
- *Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(silence, then:)* Lord, in your mercy
- People Hear our prayer.
- *Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(silence, then:)* Lord, in your mercy
- People Hear our prayer.
- *Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(silence, then:)* Lord, in your mercy
- People Hear our prayer.

Leader For any other thanksgivings or petitions, silently or aloud: (*The People may add their own petitions*) (silence, then:) Lord, in your mercy *People Hear our prayer*.

#### Celebrant and People

Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

## **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*The people kneel, or remain standing, as they are able. Silence may be kept.* 

Celebrant and People: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

## Absolution

## Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

## Peace

All stand as are able.

CelebrantThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Then the Minister and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service, during which the people may be seated.

## **The Holy Communion**

## **The Offertory**

Bread and Wine are offered at the Altar, and the table is set for the Eucharist. A collection is taken for the work of the church and then blessed. In this set of actions, the whole assembly brings together our food, our material resources, our spirits, our bodies, our cares, our relationships, and our intentions, in order to present ourselves and our world as completely as possible to God. All of them will be blessed in the Eucharistic action to come, and creation itself will be renewed.

#### **Offertory Sentence**

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Anthem: "The Seal Lullaby"

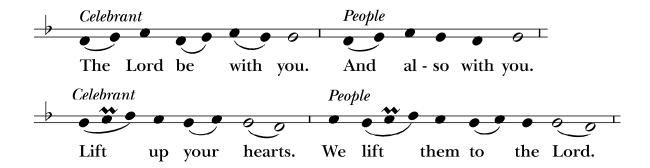
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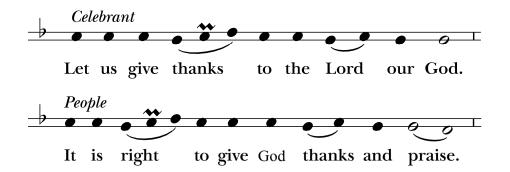
Oh! Hush thee, my baby, the night is behind us, and black are the waters that sparkled so green. The moon o'er the combers, looks downward to find us at rest in the hollows that rustle between. Where billow meets billow, there soft be thy pillow; weary flippering curl at thy ease! The storm shall not wake thee, nor shark o'er take thee, asleep in the arms of the slow-swinging seas.

## The Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer 1** 

All stand as are able.



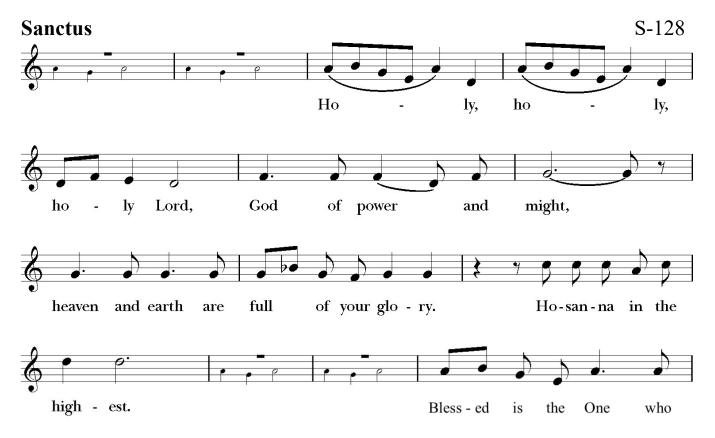


The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:





The people kneel, or remain standing, as they are able.

## Then the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,

Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

## The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Peter, Mary Magdalene, Francis and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



The Celebrant then continues

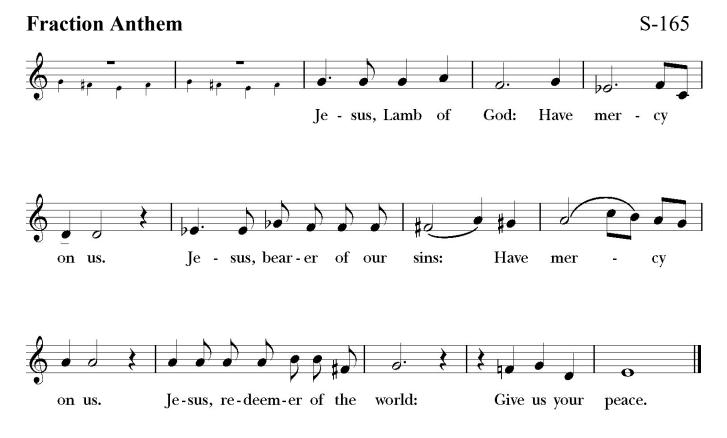
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



#### The Celebrant says,

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People may be seated; the usher will indicate each row for communion. All who feel called are welcome to receive communion; alternatively, you may cross your arms over your chest if you prefer to receive a blessing.

**Communion Anthem**: "The Prayer of St. Francis" Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord. And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People, all standing or kneeling as they are able

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Blessing

Celebrant: Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore.

People: Amen.



#### Dismissal

Celebrant:Let us go forth in the name of Christ.People:Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Fanfare"

Jacques Nicolas Lemmens

We're glad you joined us this Sunday! If you'd like to learn more about T+SP, please feel free to contact us using the information below or visit our website: trinity-stpeters.org

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## First Sundays Organ Recitals this Fall, at 5:00 p.m.

Today:	Robert Gurney
November 5:	David Troiano
December 3:	Evensong, followed by an Organ Recital by William Vaughan