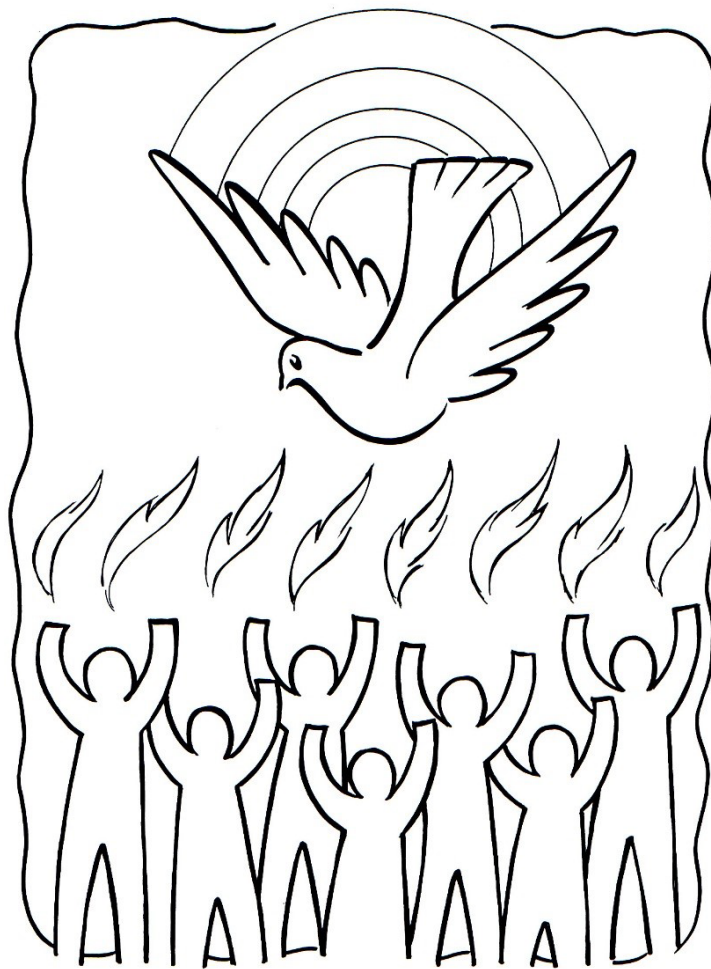


ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Francis Episcopal Church is a diverse community accepting all. We gather to worship God, grow in faith, and share in fellowship. We go out to serve Christ by serving others.

Everyone is Welcome Here!



Pentecost Sunday

Saint Francis Church Office Hours: (732) 968-6781
Wednesdays: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Deacon Gerry
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 Office Assistant, Trina Rios

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome to **The Rev. Frank Hubbard** our celebrant today.

Fellowship Hour Hosts are needed for upcoming Sundays. Please sign up in the Narthex. If you've never hosted coffee hour and want guidance, please contact Cynthia Pelliccia, pelliccia71@gmail.com.

Fellowship after worship will be hosted by Pam & Vin Maiolo, Please join us in Millbank Hall.

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary candle donations in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for God's Blessing are welcome. Requested donations for flowers is \$40 and \$15 for the candle. If you would like to reserve a date, please sign up in the Narthex.

Altar Flowers given in loving memory of our church family by Pam & Vin Maiolo Celebrations this week:

Baptism Anniversaries; Jack Zamboni 05/30, Natalie Toke 06/01, Matthew Toke 06/01

Birthdays; Lauren Staats 05/30

Confirmations; Jason Pfeiffer 05/31, Cecil Baker Jr 06/03, Neil Donnelly 06/01,

Vito Pelliccia Jr 06/01, Ashley Beam 06/03

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Saint Paul's Food Pantry will continue to accept donations of non-perishable food items to assist helping the food insecure in our neighboring town. For the month of May, donations of your choice are being requested. Monetary donations can be sent directly to the Saint Paul's Food Pantry, 445 Old Post Road, Edison, NJ 08817. See Kathy Balenson for further information.

Women's sanitary items continue to be collected for the **Fresh Start Program** coordinated by Summit Health. Adult, baby, and toddler diapers are also needed.

Plainfield Area Humane Society is the new recipient of our pet food donations.

SAVE THE DATE - JUNE - HELP NEEDED

The June 3rd Strawberry Festival advertised in the May Communique has been canceled. Stayed tuned for other events coming soon!

St. Francis will take part in the 30th **Annual Piscataway Street Fair** on Saturday, June 10th. The fair will be located along Stockton Street, behind the YMCA at the Piscataway Community Center starting at 10am-4pm. Please sign up to cover our booth! Sign-up sheet & flyer are online and in the Narthex. For further info: Heather Nunes at hnunes505@gmail.com

June 11th Mass on the Grass; we will have the Holy Eucharist with joyful music by the choir, and a delicious picnic BBQ with desert after the service. Please sign up in the narthex for the side you would like to provide. See Grace McDougall.

Need for Blood Donations:

St. Francis Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, June 15th from 3-5 p.m. Due to a critical blood shortage, we need your help. If you are able to donate at RWJUH Blood Donor Room, 110 Rehill Ave, Somerville. Please make an appointment by calling (908)-685-2926 or online at www.rwjuhdonorclub.org

The Day of Pentecost

May 28th, 2023

PRELUDE

Aurora's Sunrise

David Lanz

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OPENING HYMN

O Day of Radiant gladness

Blue Hymnal (1982) 48

Presider Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Presider There is one body and one spirit

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Blue Hymnal (1982) S-280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Silence for the People's prayers.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Numbers 11:24-30

Reader

A reading from The Book of Numbers.

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Silence to hear the Word of God.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

104:25-35, 37b

Please join in reading the Psalm responsively by half verse.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *

**in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *

creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *

which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you *

to give them their food in due season.

- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
**you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Silence to hear the Word of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Holy Spirit, Font of light* **Hymnal (1982) 228**

THE GOSPEL *John 20:19-23*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Frank Hubbard

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Presider Dear People of God: through our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been reborn with him to newness of life. I call upon you on this Feast of Pentecost to renew the solemn promises and vows of our Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in the holy Catholic Church.

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer For the Calling of a Priest-In-Charge

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on St Francis and St. Barnabas Churches and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest-in-charge for our parishes that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries: You know the spiritual leader best suited for our congregations. Grant us the wisdom to recognize the one you send. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

People **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Send Down the Fire

Marty Haugen

Please stand as you are able.

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord;

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP Page 372*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider 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 (say),

SANCTUS

A Mass for Soulful People

LEVAS 255

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,

Presider 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.

**ALL We praise you, we bless you,
 we give thanks to you,
 and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Presider Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend 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 patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Francis, 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. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

A PRAYER FOR SHARED COMMUNION

ALL **Lord Jesus Christ, our constant companion,
you promised to be with us to the end of the age,
and you make us one with each other
in your Body, the Church.
We thank you for giving us yourself in this Holy Sacrament,
the seal of your love that is stronger than death.
Grant, then, O Lord, that we all may receive you,
whether met at this table or dispersed in our homes;
and so strengthen the bonds of our common life
that with all your people in every place,
we may praise and serve you
until we come to the joys of your heavenly banquet.
We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

Presider Behold what you are.
People **May we become what we receive.**

COMMUNION HYMN *SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT* LEVAS II, 120

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

ALL Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

I'M GOIN'-A SING THE SPIRIT SAYS SING

LEVAS 117

Please stand as you are able.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NOBLE MARCH

MARK HAYES