

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!



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 10:00 am

**St. Francis Episcopal Church**  
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Priest-in-Charge

# THE WORD OF GOD

## PRELUDE

*I WILL RISE*

BY CHRIS TOMLIN, JESSE REEVES, LOUIE GIGLIO AND MATT MAHER

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL, REJOICE & SING* HYMNAL 1982 #205

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 IN EXCELSIS

*S 280 (POWELL)*



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  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most  
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**THE LESSONS**

**FIRST READING: ACTS 4:5-12**

*The people sit.*

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 23**

*Please join in reading the Psalm responsively by half verse.*

The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
**I shall not be in want.**  
He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
**and leads me beside still waters.**  
He revives my soul \*  
**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.** Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil\*  
**For you are with me;**

**Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**  
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:16-24**

A Reading from the First letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS   HYMNAL 1982 #644*

**GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock,

one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

## THE SERMON

### 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All remain standing.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

We celebrate those having birthdays this week:

We also celebrate those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*(Silence)*

**Celebrant:** Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*               **And also with you.**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*(Ephesians 5:2)*

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN           TBD**

#### **DOXOLOGY           (Blue Hymnal (1982) 380 v3)**

*Celebrant*       All things come of thee, O Lord;  
*People*           **And of Thine own we have given Thee.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D**

## **SURSUM CORDA**

*The People remain standing.*

*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.**

It is truly right to glorify you, God, 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,

## **SANCTUS**

*S 128*

*The people stand or kneel.*

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.

God, 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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."

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.

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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, St. 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.



And for those who are joining us online, in union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; We proclaim your resurrection; We await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. 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 ever. **AMEN.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

*S 154 (HURD)*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

#### INVITATION

*Celebrant* Behold what you are:

*People* **May we become what we receive.**

#### COMMUNION HYMN

*MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED HYMNAL 1982 #664*

#### THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS (sung)

*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.*

*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.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring  
hope. Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*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.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

**BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**      *I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD*      HYMNAL 1982 #304

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**      *I LOVE THY KINGDOM*      *BY: TIMOTHY DWIGHT*

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### Parish Staff

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### **Church Office Hours:**

Mondays & Thursdays  
10am-2pm

### **Rev. Ayden's In-Office Hours:**

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays  
8:30 am- 1:30 pm

**Work from Home:** Thursdays

**Sabbath:** Fridays

*If you would like a pastoral visit at home, please reach out to Ayden on their cell phone, by email, or call the church office.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **PRAYER & SERVICES:**

#### **CENTERING PRAYER**

Tuesdays, 3 pm, St. Francis' Zoom

#### **COMPLINE PRAYER:**

Wednesdays, 7 pm, St. Francis' Zoom

#### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER:**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:15 pm, St. Francis' Zoom

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### **FELLOWSHIP:**

#### **COFFEE WITH A CLERIC:**

Monday's at 8:30/8:45 am at DaLuca's Coffee Shop, on North Ave., Dunellen

#### **COFFEE HOUR:**

Sunday's after 10 am service in Milbank Hall

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **STEVE MINZER QUARTET**

**TODAY!** April 21, 2024, 2 pm, at St. Francis

Free will offering

#### **BETTER WORLD CHANGERS FOOD DISTRIBUTION @ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DUNELLEN 218 DUNELLEN AVE.**

April 24, 2024 11:00am

#### **ONLINE RETREAT**

Saturday, April 27, 2024 2:00pm – 5:00pm

#### **SPRING CLEAN UP**

Saturday, April 27, 2024

#### **DUNELLEN GARAGE SALE**

Saturday, June 1, 2024 (Rain date June 8, 2024)

#### **PISCATAWAY STREET FAIR**

Saturday, June 8, 2024

#### **MASS ON THE GRASS**

Sunday, June 9, 2024