

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!



THE  
FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
OF  
EASTER

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 8:00 am & 10:00 am

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# The Word of God

**PRELUDE**

*Primavera*

**BY LUDOVICO**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Alleluia, alleluia*

**Hymnal (1982) #191**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*The Celebrant may say*

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 - 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  
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, 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 Lessons

### FIRST READING:

**Acts 10:44-48**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 98**

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

- <sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
**for he has done marvelous things.**
- <sup>2</sup>With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
**has he won for himself the victory.**
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**
- <sup>4</sup>He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
**and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- <sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- <sup>6</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
**with the harp and the voice of song.**
- <sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
**shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**
- <sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
**the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- <sup>9</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.**
- <sup>10</sup>In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
**and the peoples with equity.**

**SECOND READING:**

**1 John 5:1-6**

A Reading from the First letter of John.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*In Christ there is no East or West*

**HYMNAL 1982 #529**

## **GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

*All stand.*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON**

### **THE NICENE CREED**

*All stand.*

**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

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

*Psalm 50:14*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

### 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

### 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 God thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has 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:

## SANCTUS

*S 129 (Powell)*

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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The People stand or kneel.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## EPICLESIS

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.

And for those of who are joining online we pray; in union O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your church where the holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer You praise always be united to you. And since we cannot not receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to some spiritually into our hearts.

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

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

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father 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 forever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM

*S 154(Hurd)*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*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

*One Bread, One Body*

**LEVAS #151**

**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.*

*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.*

**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*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*O Jesus, crowned with all renown*

**Hymnal (1982) #292**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS*

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### Parish Staff

The Reverend Ayden J. Petrone, LCSW  
*Priest-in-Charge*

Rachel Gasataya,  
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### Vestry

Pam Maiolo (Senior Warden)  
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Marie Petit-Homme  
Elaine Patania

Cynthia Pelliccia  
Gerrienne Breck  
Grace McDougall  
Michelle Klastava  
Paul Sinckler  
Oliva DiAgostino

### **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:**

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

May 22, 2024 11:00am

#### **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