



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

**October 10, 2021 • 10:30 AM**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.*

**The Processional Hymn**

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*  
Hymnal 488

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

*The People say together*

**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 Gloria**

Hymnal S 280

*Children ages 4-8 are invited to gather at the rear of the church to attend Children's Chapel, return during the Peace.*

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

*All may be seated.*

## The First Lesson: Job 39:1-18

"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 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."

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Psalm: 121

*The psalm is sung by the choir.*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 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.

## **The Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

## **The Sequence Hymn**

*Take my life, and let it be*  
Hymnal 707

## **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30**

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*            ***Glory 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.***

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover

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 — Form VI

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Intercessor* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

*Intercessor* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

*Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

*Intercessor* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Robert, Don, and Paul, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*People* ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those on our prayer list, especially David, Bill, Joan, Tom, Ernie, Heather, Anne, Don, Frank, Carol, Michelle, Scott.

*The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor* Hear us, Lord;

*People* ***For your mercy is great.***

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Michael, Jennifer, Michelle, Ellis, Brian, Jim, Jamie.

*Intercessor* We give you thanks for the birth of Sean Oliver Mackey, son of Mary Rose and Rev. Kyle Mackey.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

*Intercessor* We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*People* ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died, especially Joan Kelley, and Henry Furniss, brother of Pete Furniss, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*People* ***Who put their trust in you.***

*Intercessor* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and 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.**

*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 Peace**

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

### **Blessings and Thanksgivings**

### **The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory Anthem**

*Teach me, O Lord*  
Thomas Attwood

**The Presentation Hymn**

*O God, our help in ages past*  
Hymnal 680



## *The Breaking of the Bread*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S 154

**Communion Anthem**

*Prayer for humility*  
Mark Patterson

**The Communion Hymn**

*O for a closer walk with God*  
Hymnal 684

*Celebrant:* 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.***

**The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn**

*O praise ye the Lord*  
Hymnal 432

**The Dismissal**

**A prayer for Guidance and Protection: (From the Daughters of the King)**

*O Lord, our redeemer, be our protection. Direct our minds by your gracious presence. Watch over our paths and guide us with your love through the hidden snares of life. Fix our hearts on you as we go forward, and following in faith arrive at your goal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

## *Remember in your Prayers*

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Jeff Lawhead, Billy Newman, Carol Paschal, Donald Simpson, John Cummins.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Brink Howard, Danielle Doughtie, Rena McMichael, Michael Coxand, Dustin Brown, Ernie Williams, Mandy Screven, Steven Stellen, Marcia Mack, Vashti Ravenell, Gavin Stuart and family, Heather & Martha Pennell-Glover, Anne Murphy, Heather, Quinn Harrison, Jason Allen, Ethan Page, Luke Bourneuf, Ruthie Stewart, Don Jones, Dorothy Schultze & family, Ivy Roman, Michelle and Scott Cummins.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Mark, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Virginia, Jennifer; the Clergy and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Charmaine, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Kimberly, Cole.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Michael Colpoys, Jennifer Candler, Michelle Cummins, Ellis Coggin, Brian Morley, Jim Vermilyea, Jamie Dieboll.

We give thanks for the birth of Sean Oliver Mackey, son of Mary Rose and Rev. Kyle Mackey.

We pray for those who have died, especially Joan Kelley and Henry Furniss.

We pray for those who are sick and those who love them, and for those who have died because of the coronavirus; for those who are oppressed by fear. Let us also pray for those in the medical, scientific, research and pharmaceutical communities devoting their time and talent to the cause of global health.

***Parish Notices***

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God, in thanksgiving for the life of **Joan Kelley**.

**ADULT FORMATION** - Adult Formation will not meet on Sunday, October 10th. Please enjoy good food and fellowship with your church friends at Second Sunday breakfast. We will resume on October 17th.

**BIBLE STUDY: "Prayers in Scripture: A six-week Bible Study"** continues on October 13, to November 10. We meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2 off the Parish Hall.

**EPISCOPAL 101 class on Sundays at 9:30 continues this Sunday, October 10, 2021** with Rev. Hazel. We are discussing how our faith as Episcopalians is understood and lived out in our lives.

**2nd SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** From 9am - 10am **today, October 10th**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - St. Francis Day:** At Greenville Street Park **today, October 10, at 2-4 p.m.**

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Please join us in the mission of saving lives on **Monday, Oct. 25th from 1:30-6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Please email Virginia Williams or Wendy Llosa to make an appointment.

**SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS**

<b>VPOW [Vestry Person of the Week] - Geoff Mattera</b>				
<b>Verger</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Readers</b>
David	Brother Massenburg	Dwight Ellison, Josh Lowe, John Crow, Tom Matthews, Bill Tudor, Ron Wilson	- 1st	
Dwight			- 2nd	
			Mary Scott Fabrizi - Banner	
			Jayden R - Torch 1	
			Zach R - Torch 2	