



ST. FRANCIS
IN THE FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We invite you to join us as an active participant in the same worship that Anglicans have been celebrating for centuries. Our service is from The Book of Common Prayer. Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services today.

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HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 3, 2026 ~ 5:00 p.m.

The people's responses are in bold.

✠ Indicates a place where the people make the sign of the Cross.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.**

PHOS HILARON

BCP p. 118

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises, O God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.

The People stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

The People turn to face the Gospel Book during the Proclamation.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit when directed by the Preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Chuck Ellestad

The People stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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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 IV, BCP p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The People kneel.

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.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The bidding and response are repeated after each petition.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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.**

All stand.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The People sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The people stand as representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the altar.

AT THE PRESENTATION

All things come of thee, O Lord,
And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...
...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the prayer.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption... 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.**

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

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Our ushers will direct you to the altar rail at the appropriate time. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing; you may indicate you are not receiving communion by crossing your arms across your chest. For those who wish to have a gluten free wafer, please close your hands, and alert the priest when you are at the altar. Those who would like to receive healing prayer are invited to the Chapel after receiving communion. You may enter the Chapel (through the door to the left as you face the altar), and a trained healing prayer minister will pray for you.

The People kneel.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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

All stand.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God.



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CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AND NURSERY CARE

Children's Chapel is offered during the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services and is an opportunity for children ages 3 through fifth grade to come and worship together in the beautiful Davenport Chapel and listen to an age-appropriate lesson. We learn about the liturgy, prayer, and hymns. The children return to the service during the passing of the peace. Infants to children four years old are welcome in the nursery, located on the lower level.

WAYS TO GIVE

- **GIVE in Person:** Place your gift in the offering plate
- **GIVE on our Website:** Online at onrealm.org/stfrancisinthe fields/give/now
- **GIVE on our Mobile Church App:** Install the Realm Connect app on your smartphone, log in, and select "Give"

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for those in our parish with needs ... Geoff Brandreth, Don Lurding, Blair Louis, Jim Morgan, Julian Van Winkle, Catharine Birch, David Birch, Allan Birch, Don Graeter, Tom Kelley, Ina Bond, Joe Caruso, Doug Keeney, Charlotte Donan, and Julie Schildt.

Pray for those in our parish who serve in the military ... 2LT Baxter Argo, 1LT Brian Bongiovi, CPT Drew Borinstein, STEC4 Danilo Caldeira, MMN2 Charles Floyd, MIDN John Floyd, ENS Sam Floyd, SP5 Calvin Gall, MAJ Hardy Hendren, 1LT Cason Nelson, MIDN Christopher Paris, LTJG Will Paris, FN Joe Parsons, CPT Chris Russo, LCDR Kristen Blair Samardzic, LCDR Serge Samardzic, CPT Luke Schmidt, Jr., and CDR Lawrence Williams.

Pray for our Louisville Fellows ... Jordan Carter, Coltrane Cheatham, Mercy Enemu, Faith Galgalo, and Zach Kawa.

Pray for those children and youth celebrating their birthdays this week ... Walker Ferris and Lucy Bone.

Pray for ... our brothers and sisters who suffer for the sake of Christ, especially the Church in Burma.

Pray for ... our enemies and those who wish us harm.

If you have a family member or friend who you would like added to the Parish Prayers, please notify the parish office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Bond, Jr., in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Lee, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Bond, Sr.; Mrs. Becky Gordon; Miss Carolyn Bond; Mr. James E. Bond; Mr. Stanley A. "Bo" Lee, Jr.; and their son, J. Clay Bond.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

8:00 *Lector and Usher:* Robert Cregor

9:00 *Lectors:* Kim Rice, Denise Brown
Chalice Bearers: Rip Tilden, Caroline Eager, Doreen Bond, Ron Argo
Acolytes: Janie Jennings, Cooper Brown, Andrew Cedor, Molly Evans

11:15 *Lectors:* Scott Calvert, Anita Streeter
Chalice Bearers: Jessica Watson, Nathan Cedor, Foster Beeuwkes, Mary Davis
Acolytes: Baylor Shearer, Dagny Morgan, Eloise Shearer, Andrew Cedor

5:00 *Lector:* Carolyn Fass

Altar Guild: Simmons Falk, Hamilton Kemper, Aaron Calhoun, Richmond Simpson, Andrew Booker, Kevin Picklesimer, Will Decker

Flower Delivery: Joyce Schipke, Hamilton Kemper

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's Forum: Highlights of Canterbury ... Sunday, May 3, at 10:15 a.m. Come hear Fr. Clint speak on his recent experience of attending the installation of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullaly. He will also speak about the historic nature of the Archbishop's role and how it relates to glob Anglicanism and our parish mission and vision.

Mahjong Monday ... Monday, May 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please come join us for Mahjong and fellowship! Men, women, beginners, and experienced players are all welcome. We will have multiple tables set up for open play and a teacher on

hand to help those still getting familiar with the game. Please bring your (new!) 2026 NMJL card (spare cards will be available). Additionally, please bring a set of tiles if you have them. Sign up today on Realm! Guests welcome.

Organ Recital with James O'Donnell ... Friday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a recital featuring internationally acclaimed organist James O'Donnell. Following a distinguished twenty-three year tenure as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey, Mr. O'Donnell now holds the post of Professor in the Practice of Organ at Yale School of Music and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. His recital features a wide variety of composers designed to showcase our magnificent Shoenstein organ. A reception will follow in the Narthex.

Choral Evensong for the Sixth Sunday of Easter with James O'Donnell ... Sunday, May 10, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Please join us for our final service of Choral Evensong this spring. The Parish Choir sings under the direction of guest conductor James O'Donnell, Professor in the Practice at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, formerly Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey. The choir sings music of Lassus, Rooney, Howells, and Stanford. Please note there will be no organ recital before the service.

The Ordination of the Rev. Nathan Dearen to the Priesthood ... Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. All friends are parishioners are invited to the ordination of Dcn. Nathan Dearen to the sacred order of priests on Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m., here at St. Francis in the Fields. The Rt. Rev. Terry White (Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky), on behalf of the Rt. Rev. Justin Holcomb (Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida), will officiate and ordain. This service will also be livestreamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages. There will be a reception of heavy hors d'oeuvres following the service in Graves Hall.

Young Adult Ministry Service Opportunity ... Saturday, May 16, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Help us love and serve our community by distributing food to families in need at the Dare to Care Drive-Through Food Pantry at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Every third Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. No experience needed. Dress for the weather—we'll be outside! Can't serve for the whole time? That's okay! Come and go as your schedule allows. Please contact Laura Kellow with any questions at (404) 731-8345.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Murder Mystery ... Sunday, May 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Bring the whole family for this fun end-of-the-year celebration! We will have dinner, honor our outgoing seniors, give out prizes like Acolyte of the Year, and play a lively game of Murder Mystery!

Middle School Summer Camp at Camp Loucon ... June 14-19 This summer, send your middle schooler to a one-of-a-kind camp experience at Camp Loucon! Loucon Training and Retreat Center is located in Leitchfield, Kentucky, and is committed to providing deep experiences of God's love in Christian community. Dcn. Nathan will be coordinating travel and will assist in leading Voyager Summit (7th-8th Grade) June 14-19. Sign up on Realm to let Dcn. Nathan know you are attending and complete registration and payment on Loucon's website at camloucon.org/summer-camp.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Wednesday Night Grill and Chill ... Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., beginning May 27 Join us for Wednesday nights at the playground this summer! Beginning May 27, families will gather at the playground for informal fellowship and bring-your-own dinner. We'll have a grill, grill tools, and condiments available. Questions? Contact Mthr. Barbara for more information.

Vacation Bible School Registration Now Open! ... June 15-19 Join us for "Journey with Jesus," our 2026 Vacation Bible School! This week we'll embark on an epic adventure of faith, with Jesus and his Church as our guide. VBS is for ages Pre-K to 5th Grade. Pack your bag, get out your map, and prepare for the adventure of a lifetime! There is a suggested donation of \$25 per child, \$75 max per family. All are welcome at VBS--if cost is prohibitive, please check the "fee waiver" box when you register. Those who volunteer at VBS are welcome to bring their children for free!

Volunteers Needed for VBS! This summer our children are embarking on an epic "Journey With Jesus," and we need your help to make it happen! Vacation Bible School runs June 15-19 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and we're looking for volunteers for all sorts of roles, from group guides to keep the kids together as they explore different stops on their VBS journey, to creative leaders for snack, story, and craft stations. Not sure you can commit to a full week or can lead a station? We also need assistants to help with registration, set up, and clean up, and a prep team to help set up the week before. Whatever your gifts, there's a place for you. Find job descriptions and express interest on Realm.

St. Francis in the Fields Leadership and Support Staff

CLERGY

The Rev. Clint Wilson, *Rector*
The Rev. Barbara White, *Senior Associate Rector*
The Rev. Nathan Dearen, *Director of Youth and Family Ministries*
The Rev. Chuck Ellestad, *Priest Associate for Senior Ministry*
The Rev. Jennifer Grady, *Priest Associate*

MINISTRIES AND MUSIC

Alison Kemper, *Children's Ministry Assistant*
Dr. Kirk M. Rich, *Director of Music*
Dr. Jeffrey Smith, *Artist-in-Residence*
Jessica Vanover, *Cherub Choir Director*
Theresa Wilson, *Director of the Louisville Bridge Fellows Program*

ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

Caroline Eager, *Director of Administration and Finance*
Julie Chapman, *Finance Manager*
Karen Enderle, *Communications Manager*
Elizabeth Girardy, *Office Manager*
Danny Morrison, *Head Sexton*
Scott Calvert, *Sexton*

VESTRY

Term Ending 2027

Joe Cross, David Laird, Matt Price, *Senior Warden*, Tarah Rasey, Mitzi Root

Term Ending 2028

Sam Ellington, Mark Eriks, *Junior Warden*, Caroline Lussky, Tanya Marquardt, Lauren Theobald

Term Ending 2029

Justin Leighty, Claire Mulloy, *Clerk*, Richmond Simpson, Amy Spears, Maida Wood

Appointees

John Jennings, *Treasurer*; Dean Wilkinson, *Buildings and Grounds Committee*,
Katie Booker, *Parish Life Committee*



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