



**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 I

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 10

Sunday, July 12, 2026 ~ 8:00 a.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

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✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE GLORIA

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Glory be to God on high, **and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65:1-14

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.

Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

The People stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit when directed by the Preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nathan Dearen

The People stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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I believe in one God, **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I

believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The People kneel.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants ✠ departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, ✠ have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

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The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption...

...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

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. Please come forward 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. Those desiring baptism are encouraged to speak to one of our priests. During the administration of communion, the people may be seated. 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 most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the ✠ blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AND NURSERY CARE

Children's Chapel is offered during the 10:00 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/stfrancisinthefields/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, Catharine Birch, David Birch, Allan Birch, Don Graeter, Tom Kelley, Ina Bond, Joe Caruso, Derek Churchill, George Thacker, Delia Walker, and Joan Koester.

Pray for those in our parish who serve in the military ... 2LT Baxter Argo, 1LT Brian Bongiovi, CPT Drew Borinstein, SPEC4 Danilo Caldeira, MMN2 Charles Floyd, MIDN John Floyd, LTJG 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, CDR Serge Samardzic, CPT Luke Schmidt, Jr., and CDR Lawrence Williams.

Pray for those children and youth celebrating their birthdays this week ... Charlie Price and Aurora Koch.

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

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 Dan and Bunny Abbott in loving memory of Douglas Abbott.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

8:00	<i>Lector and Usher:</i>	Kennedy Simpson
10:00	<i>Lectors:</i>	Jackson Andrews, Rob King
	<i>Chalice Bearers:</i>	Nathan Cedor, Laura Kellow, Mary Davis, Doreen Bond
	<i>Acolytes:</i>	Alejandro Brown, Maximo Brown, Mia Brown, Sarah Leonhardt
5:00	<i>Lector:</i>	Steve Brown
	<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Andrea Vice, Lauren Theobald, Amy Lavin, Nathan Cedor, Mandy Decker, Margaret Barlow, Nancy Laird
	<i>Flower Delivery:</i>	Sallie Clark, Laura Kellow

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donate Furniture for Youth! Do you have any couches, large area rugs, coffee tables, chairs, or bean bags sitting around in storage or going unused? Looking for an excuse to upgrade your current couch? We would love to use it! The youth will be using some new spaces on campus this program year. Most of these rooms are currently unused or will be repurposed, so we need your help to furnish them! Please contact Fr. Nathan for more information!

Retro Bowling Night ... Saturday, July 25, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Parishioners and families of all ages are invited to join us for a fun night of bowling, pizza, and fellowship at the Louisville Turners Club! We'll have all our lanes at their vintage, 1960s inspired alley to ourselves for an evening of fellowship and friendly competition. Registration includes shoe and ball rental, pizza, and soft drinks: \$5 per person, or \$15 for the family. Space is limited, so register on Realm today! Questions? Contact Mthr. Barbara or Fr. Nathan.

Rector's Forum: Songs of Faith ... August 2 and 9 at 9:00 a.m. What do ancient hymns from the Jerusalem Temple have to do with us today? Join us for a summer forum in August to find out! Dr. Duane Garrett, professor of Old

Testament and author of a new commentary on the Psalms will lead a two-part forum this August exploring the Psalms and their enduring relevance for our lives of faith today.

Rector's Forum: Ephesians ... Sundays at 10:15 a.m. beginning August 16 Join us this fall in Rector's Forum for our seven-week Bible study, "Ephesians: Identity, Unity, and Spiritual Warfare." Beginning with the soaring doxology of Chapter 1 and moving through Paul's vision of a united, gift-driven church to the practical demands of marriage, work, and spiritual warfare, this study will ground you in who you are in Christ and what that means for every relationship you have. No prior Bible study experience is required—just a willingness to dig in.

Fall Tuesday Bible Study: Heavenly Temple ... Tuesdays beginning August 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m. For generations, Christians have been fascinated by the glittering picture of Christ's redemption of the cosmos laid out by the unknown author of the Letter to the Hebrews. Drawing extensively on the Old Testament, this early Christian address is liturgical, theological, cosmic, and practical all at once. This fall, our Tuesday Bible Study, "Heavenly Temple: The Letter to the Hebrews," will discover afresh the challenge and richness of this letter and its enduring significance for disciples of Jesus Christ today. Join us beginning August 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Graves Hall. The class includes a one-hour lecture followed by optional small group discussion. Registration is open now! There is no charge to attend, but we gladly accept a \$10 donation to cover the cost of printing materials for this study.

GriefShare ... Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning August 19 GriefShare is a 13-week support group for those dealing with the difficulties of grief, and it will begin this fall on August 19, meeting in the Miller Room on Wednesday nights. GriefShare at St. Francis in the Fields is a safe place for those grieving the loss of someone to come and find support and encouragement to move forward in your grief journey with hope and without forgetting. Sign up today by visiting the link on our website and in Realm.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ice Cream Thursdays ... July 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m. This summer, the Youth of St. Francis will be hanging out at Graeter's Ice Cream in Springhurst! Join us for a time of fellowship as we stay connected and pray with one another throughout the summer. Please bring money for ice cream!

Acolyte Training and Luncheon ... Sunday, August 8, at 11:15 a.m. Calling all active acolytes and anyone desiring to become an acolyte! We are having our annual training, and we want you to be there. Whether you are a seasoned veteran, or have never held a torch before, this training is for you. Training begins in the Nave immediately following the 10 a.m. service. There will be lunch to follow with information and time for families to ask questions about Ministry Scheduler.

Youth Confirmation ... Sundays at 10:15 a.m. beginning August 16 We invite all baptized youth that are at least entering the 8th grade to seek confirmation! This will involve 9 months of Sunday school classes and spiritual formation through prayer and service. To register, please sign up on Realm today!

Back to School Bash ... Sunday, August 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Help us kick off the new program year at the Youth of St. Francis! We are inviting parents to come hang out with us and see what happens at Sunday Night Youth Group. We will have dinner, pray together, and play get-to-know-you games from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.!

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

Laura Kellow, *Lay Minister for Pastoral Care*
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VESTRY

Term Ending 2027

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

Term Ending 2028

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

Term Ending 2029

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