



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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 20

Sunday, September 20, 2026 ~ 11:15 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

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on "Ar hyd y nos"

Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

All stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 414

God, my King, thy might confessing

STUTTGART

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 323

✠ 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.**

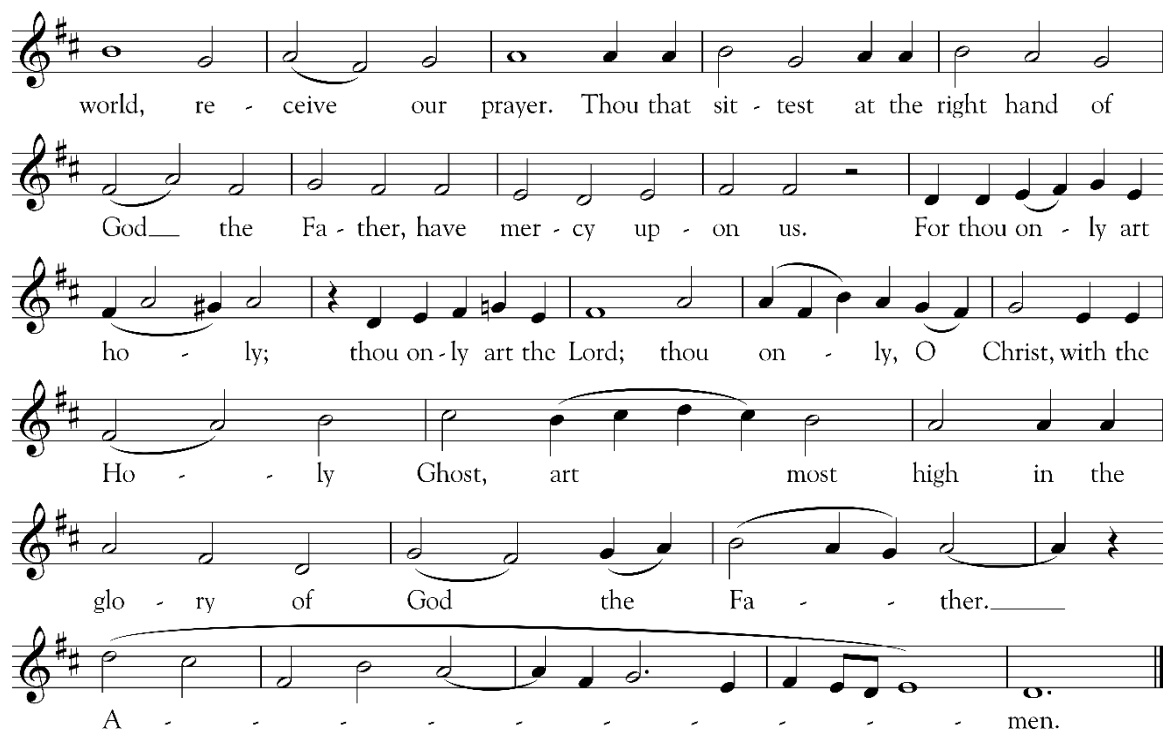
Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the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

GLORIA S-202

setting: Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Priest or Cantor *Choir & Congregation*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee,
we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, heaven-ly King, God
the Fa-ther Al-might-y.
O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy up-on us. Thou that ta-kest a-way the sins of the



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:1-8

Exaltabo te, Deus

James Turle (1802-1882)

I will magnify thee, O God, my King : and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee : and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and marvelous worthy to be praised : there is no end of his greatness.

One generation shall praise thy works unto another : and declare thy power.

As for me, I will be talking of thy worship : thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;

*So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts : and I will also tell of thy greatness.
The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed : and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful : long-suffering and of great goodness.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The children are invited to join the Children's Procession to the Chapel by following the acolyte with the silver cross.

The People stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN

For the fruit of all creation

AR HYD Y NOS



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3. For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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 said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the

day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People sit when directed by the Preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Clint Wilson

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

Maurice Bevan (1921–2006)

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth’s failings
Have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man’s mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

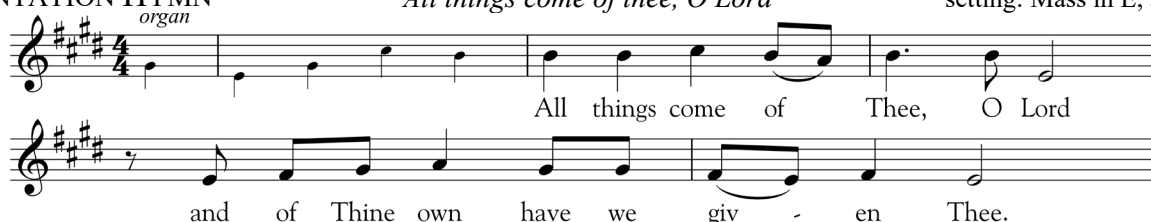
Words: Frederick W. Faber (1814–1863)

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

PRESENTATION HYMN

All things come of thee, O Lord

setting: Mass in E, Jeffrey Smith



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 S-114

setting: Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

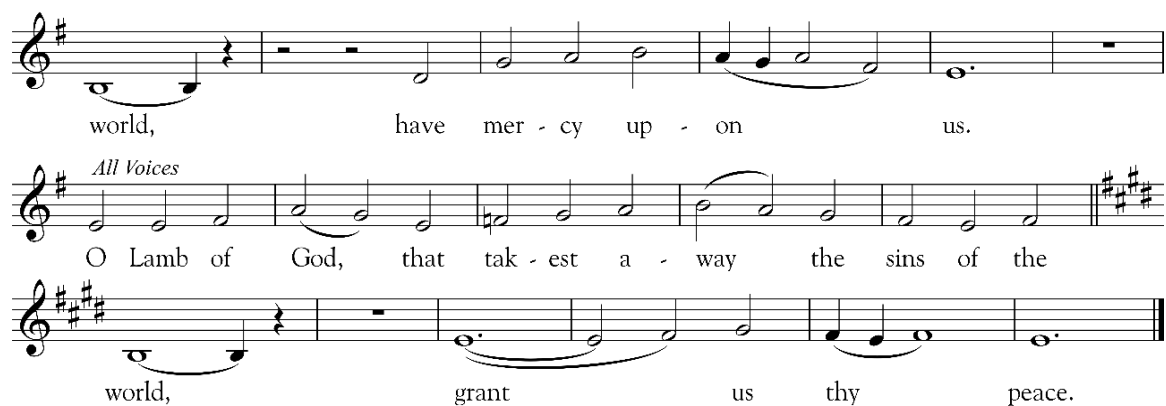
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI S-158

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880–1968)

organ *Lower Voices*
O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
Higher Voices
O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the



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. 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. 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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Steal away”

American Spiritual arr. Nicholas White (b. 1967)

Steal away to Jesus.
Steal away home.
I ain’t got long to stay here.

Green trees are bendin’,
poor sinners stand a-tremblin’;
The trumpet sounds within-a-my soul.
I ain’t got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me,
he calls me by the thunder;
The trumpet sounds within-a-my soul.
I ain’t got long to stay here.

COMMUNION HYMN 660

O Master, let me walk with thee

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

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY



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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/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, Ina Bond, Joe Caruso, George Thacker, Joan Koester, and Gail Hudson.

Pray for those in our parish who serve in the military ... 2LT Baxter Argo, CPT 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., MIDN Emerson Shively, and CDR Lawrence Williams.

Pray for those children and youth celebrating their birthdays this week ... KJ Hoffacker, Price Sublett, Humza Tiwana, Amelia Neff, and Madelyn Neff.

Pray for our Louisville Fellows ... Carleigh Debrick, Ellie Haseloff, Lilian Mudibo, Philip Reasor, and Farid Vega.

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

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 in the church this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Powell Starks in memory of his Mother, Noell Marvin Starks.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

8:00 *Lector and Usher:* Laura Kellow

9:00 *Lectors:* Blair Bell, Meg Roy
 Chalice Bearers: Gary Bockhorst, Aaron Calhoun, Lyndee Kantor, Caroline Eager
 Acolytes: Cooper Price, Griffin Price, Walker Price, Baylor Shearer

11:15 *Lectors:* Hugh Walker, Jessica Watson
 Chalice Bearers: Rip Tilden, Carolyn Fass, Nathan Cedor, Aaron Calhoun
 Acolytes: Whit Rasey, Charlotte Dennis, Caleb Dickie, Carrie Dennis

5:00 *Lector:* Jerry Lyon, Emma Melo

Altar Guild: Lauren Theobald, Mary Ann Schweda, Denise Brown, Robin Cushing, Stephanie Falk, Karen Crain
 Flower Delivery: Mary Jennings, Nancye Callahan

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Book Drive for Veterans Our Military and Veterans Ministry is hosting another book drive on behalf of our veterans! The drive will last the entire month of September. Please drop off any hardback OR paperback books of any topic in the collection basket in the Narthex. Thank you for supporting this offering!

In the Beauty of Holiness: The How and Why of Worship ... Sundays at 10:15 beginning September 20 Have you ever wondered why we do something particular on Sunday mornings? Do you want to learn when to make the sign of the cross, why we kneel, or what the shiny silver bread cup is called? Do you have a prayerbook you don't know how to use? This fall, new and long-time members are invited to learn this and more in "In the Beauty of Holiness: A How and Why of Worship." This class will provide background, answer practical questions, and offer a how-to for those who want to learn more or to get more comfortable in worship. This six-week class begins on September 20, during the Sunday School hour. Register on Realm so we can save you a space! For more information, contact Mthr. Barbara.

Organ Recital and Choral Evensong for the Feast of St. Matthew ... Sunday, September 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Join us as we offer our first event in a new initiative called "Commonwealth, Common Prayer," in which the St. Francis Parish Choir partners with sister churches in our diocese to offer Choral Evensong. The 4:30 p.m. organ recital is played by Mengfei Xu, Assistant Director of Worship and Music at Second Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY. Her program features music of Escaich, S. S. Wesley, J. S. Bach, Karosi, and Farrington. Immediately following the program, the combined choirs of St. Francis and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church offer Choral Evensong. All are encouraged to stay for a simple meal in Graves Hall, where a member of the clergy staff will offer a lecture on the Gospel of St. Matthew. Childcare provided. RSVP and pay for dinner (\$10) on Realm!

Coffee and Conversation with the Louisville Fellows ... Tuesday, September 22, 8:30-10:00 a.m. Come meet some of our Louisville Fellows and learn more about who they are, where they are working and serving, and what they are learning! Program leadership will also be available to talk about where we are as a program and where we are headed. This is a come-and-go event located in the Williamson Room, and coffee and donuts will be provided.

24th Annual Mission Driven Car Show ... Saturday, September 26, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The 24th Annual Mission Driven Car Show is Saturday, September 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year we have an anonymous donor who has pledged to match the proceeds of the show! You can sign up on Realm to be a Victory Lane sponsor or sign up in the Narthex at the car show table. We gladly accept donations of door prizes in the \$10-\$15 range (things any car enthusiast would like) and raffle prizes in the \$20-\$25 range (more specialized items like tools, detailing sets, folding chairs, etc.--Costco and Harbour Freight are great sources for these kinds of things!). Join in with prayers for great weather, with which we have been blessed since the first year! Terrific food, rock and roll music, and a great family atmosphere: come be a part of this special event!

Just Lunch Ladies' Group ... Thursday, October 1, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The ladies of St. Francis are warmly invited to join our Just Lunch group on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Whether you've been at St. Francis for years or are new to the parish, Just Lunch is a relaxed opportunity to enjoy a meal at a local restaurant, share conversation, and build meaningful friendships with women across our church community. No agenda—just good food, good company, and the chance to get to know one another better! Please RSVP to Elizabeth Gillette via phone call or text message at (502) 645-8992 by Monday, September 28.

Dedication of our Habitat for Humanity Build ... Friday, October 2, at 1:00 p.m. Our 2026 build for Habitat for Humanity, undertaken in cooperation with our fellow Episcopal churches, is nearly complete, and will be dedicated on Friday, October 2, at 1:00 p.m. The new homeowner, Marcus Keltee, will be there with his family--and his two sons do not know they are getting a new house! The location is 6510 Lower Hunters Trace. The ceremony will last about 30 minutes and feature a rotation of speakers, including Fr. Clint. All are encouraged to attend and celebrate this monumental achievement, which is helping one of our neighbors reach the major milestone of homeownership and make great gains on the path to financial freedom. Well done to all who worked so hard to support this worthy cause this summer!

Evening Prayer and Blessing of the Animals ... Friday, October 2, at 5:00 p.m. All creatures great and small, and their owners, are invited to a special service of Evening Prayer on Friday, October 2, at 5:00 p.m. We'll be moving our regular Evening Prayer service under the trees in the Back Bowl to pray and bless our animal companions, in observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. All paws, claws, and hooves are welcome to praise God and kick off the celebration of our patronal feast! This service will last about 30 minutes.

Join the St. Francis Singers! ... Sunday, October 4, at 10:00 a.m. Do you love to sing, but don't have the space for weekly choir rehearsal and singing? The St. Francis Singers may be just the opportunity for you. This new choir will come together for three special occasions this fall, offering an anthem at the following services: the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis); the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Day); and the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 6. One rehearsal before each of these services will take place the Sunday prior from 1:45 to 2:45 pm. No previous choral experience is necessary. If you're interested, please email Dr. Rich (kirkr@sfitf.org) to set up a brief vocal interview to determine your range and best placement in the group.

St. Francis Feast Day Potluck ... Sunday, October 4, at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish, bring an appetite, and bring a friend! Following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, October 4, we'll gather in Graves Hall to celebrate our patronal feast. The parish provides the fried chicken and drinks—you bring the rest. To make sure the table is balanced, we're assigning dishes by the first letter of your last name:

A–L: Sides. Think: hot vegetables, potatoes, mac and cheese, baked beans, dressing, greens, rolls, or cornbread.

M–R: Salads. Green salads, pasta or potato salad, slaw, fruit salad.

S–Z: Desserts. Cakes, pies, cookies, brownies—please slice or portion ahead of time if you can.

Please bring enough to serve 10–12, and label your dish (and your serving spoon!) so it finds its way home. Dishes should be dropped off in the kitchen before the 10:00 a.m. service. Sign up here so we can buy chicken accordingly!

Mahjong Monday ... Monday, October 5, at 7:00 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 2026 NMJL card (spare cards will be available). Additionally, please bring a set of tiles if you have them. Sign up on Realm today! Guests welcome.

Young Adult Ministry Pumpkins at Kentucky Kingdom ... Friday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m. St. Francis Young Adult Ministry is headed to Kentucky Kingdom, the new site of Louisville's Jack O'Lantern Spectacular, for a fall night out! Check out over 5,000 hand-carved pumpkins, enjoy some fall treats, and ride a few roller coasters (if that's your thing) all while getting to know other young adults in their 20s and 30s. We'll meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. to carpool. Tickets are on us, but we need to know if you're coming. RSVP to Laura at (404) 731-8345 or LauraK@SFITF.org by Friday, October 2.

Rector's Forum: Ruth ... Sundays at 10:15 a.m. beginning October 11 This fall, join the Rector's Forum to study "Ruth: Loyalty, Redemption, and Providence," a six-week exploration of one of Scripture's most beloved stories, starting October 11. Set in a time of upheaval and loss, the book of Ruth follows an unlikely Moabite widow whose radical faithfulness becomes the thread God uses to weave together an extraordinary story of provision and redemption. Whether you are navigating a season of difficulty or simply longing to see God's hand in the ordinary, this study has something for you. All are welcome—no preparation needed to begin.

October Food for Thought: WaterStep and the Power of One ... Thursday, October 15, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Food for Thought continues on Thursday, October 15, with Mark Hogg, founder and CEO of WaterStep, a Louisville-based non-profit organization dedicated to providing safe water solutions globally. Since its inception in 1995, WaterStep has transformed from a small service organization into a leader in safe water technology and innovation. Mark will discuss how he built this life-saving organization while impacting 18 million+ people, and why the power of one is so important. Cost is \$15, which includes a box lunch from Gracious Plenty. Sign ups are OPEN on Realm, so reserve your spot today!

Daughters of the King Meeting ... Monday, October 19, at 12:00 p.m. The Daughters of the King are meeting on Monday, October 19, in Rooms 201/202. Fellowship will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Please note the noon meeting time this month.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth of St. Francis Weekly Activities Our regular weekly programming includes three Sunday School classes from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Classrooms, located on the lower floor of the main campus building; and Sunday Night Youth Group, where youth share a meal, pray together, and play games from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Vicarage (the stone building near the HWY 42 entrance). On Wednesday nights, following the 5:45 p.m. parish-wide dinner in Graves Hall, there is Youth Bible Study from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., starting in Graves Hall and ending in the Vicarage.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michaelmas ... Sunday, September 27, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Join us for a joyful celebration of Michaelmas, the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels, on Sunday, September 27! Children and families will enjoy dinner and activities and will learn more about the angels of Scripture, meet the dragon from Revelation, and discover why the Church celebrates the victory of God's light over darkness. All ages are welcome. Sign-ups are open on Realm!

Blessing of the Stuffed Animals ... Sunday, October 4, at 10:00 a.m. During Children's Chapel on the Feast Day of St. Francis on Sunday, October 4, we will observe our favorite "Blessing of the Stuffed Animals" tradition. Please have your children bring their favorite stuffed animal to church that morning!

Nights in the Fields: Hearts and Hands ... Sunday, October 11, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Hearts and Hands will be a service night in partnership with our pastoral care ministries. Children will pray for, serve, and encourage members of our parish who are sick, grieving, lonely, or walking through difficult circumstances. These evenings will help children learn that they are not simply preparing to become part of the Church's ministry someday. They are already members of the Body of Christ with gifts to offer. All are welcome to join; we ask that children under 5 be accompanied by a parent/adult. Sign up on Realm by Thursday, October 8!

Nights in the Fields: Candlelight and Compline ... Sunday, October 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Children are invited to come in their pajamas for a peaceful evening of candlelit dinner, Scripture, and Compline. We will learn the Church's nighttime prayers and practice placing our joys, worries, and whole lives into God's care as the day comes to an end. All ages are welcome, but we ask that children under 5 be accompanied by a parent/adult. Register on Realm by Thursday, October 15!

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The Rev. Nathan Dearen, *Director of Youth and Family Ministries*
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