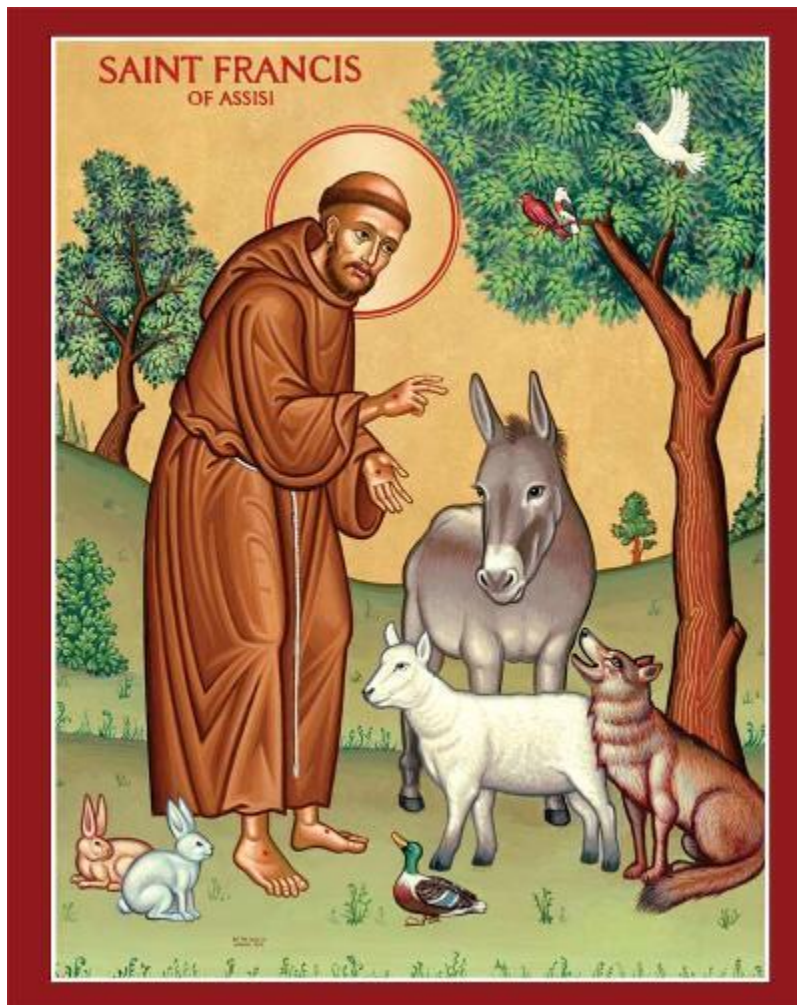




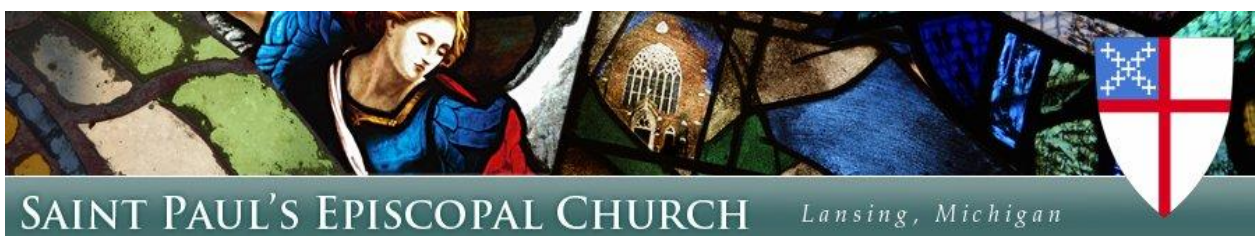
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In the light of God's unconditional love, we respect the dignity of every human being by welcoming and supporting all persons whatever their race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, health status, marital status or stage of spiritual journeying. We invite you to explore, investigate, and grow in your faith and become a part of our shared journey with God.

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 4, 2026 Holy Eucharist

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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- HOLY EUCHARIST
OCTOBER 4, 2026 - PROPER 22

PRELUDE

Canon in C

Robert Schumann

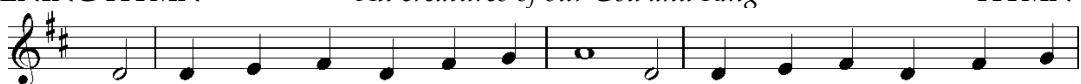
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Creator, you made all people of every land. Today, we honor the ancestral and traditional Lands of the Anishinaabeg, the Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi people, whose home this land was for hundreds of years, and who are still here today. As we make this land acknowledgement, we confess to our part in the sin of traumatic, systemic racism and oppression in the history of this nation and in the Church- a history we are only beginning to understand. With humility, we commit ourselves to acknowledging the wrongs of the past and to building relationships with the Anishinaabeg. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

All creatures of our God and King

HYMN 400



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The people standing, the Officiant says

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

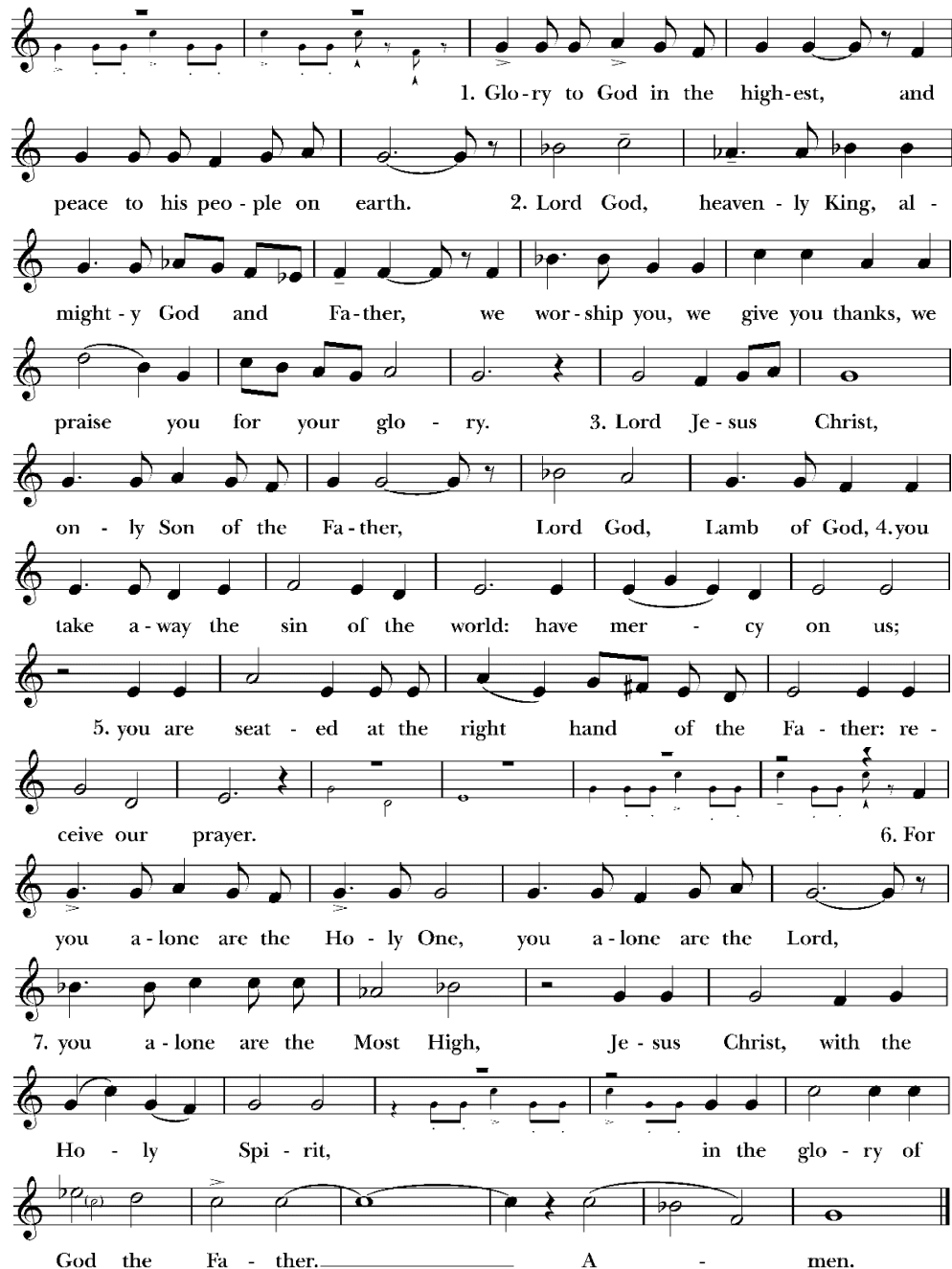
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The people sing together

GLORIA

S278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 the 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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 12:7-10

Reader A reading from the book of Job

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of God has done this?
In God's hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

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

PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;*
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved*
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel*
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you;*
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day,*
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;*
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,*
from this time forth for evermore.

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Lord, make us servants of your peace

HYMN 593

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:15-30

Then, all standing, the clergy person reads the Gospel, first saying

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time 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; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ 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.'

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St. Francis of Assisi lived in Italy in the 12th century. Having grown up in a wealthy family, he renounced his wealth and worldly possessions and lived very simply. When Francis spoke, everyone listened, including the animals. He told the animals that Jesus loved them too. There is a story of a wolf who lived in the town of Gubbio. The wolf came into the town each evening, frightening the inhabitants or eating them. Francis went to speak to "Brother Wolf" and found out that the wolf was hungry. Francis explained that that was not reason enough to eat people and their pets or to frighten them. The wolf became very gentle, the people fed him and he gave the children in the town rides on his back.

Francis also brought us the Christmas crèche. In the town of Gubbio, he built a small outdoor stable and put people in the stable to portray Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the angels. Then he added the animals – cows, donkeys, sheep, etc. When asked, Francis said, "Surely the animals praised the new Messiah just as the shepherds and angels did."

In honor and thanksgiving for all of God's creation, we gather with our animals and all God's creatures and give thanks for what they do for us and for what they mean to us.

THE NICENE CREED

**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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Immense and loving God, creator of all creatures;
All **Enlarge our hearts and minds to reverence all living things.**

Leader We give you thanks, Lord God, for our pets and other animal friends who give us joy, especially those we now name _____. *(add the name of your animal friend(s), either silently or aloud)*

We give thanks for our animal companions who are no longer living, remembering fondly the bonds that we shared with them, especially those we now name _____. *(add the name of your animal friend(s), either silently or aloud)*

Lord our God, you command us to have no other gods before you: give Sean our presiding bishop, Bonnie our bishop, and your Church, such focus that we might not be distracted by the rubbish of our lives, but may strive to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, you command us to not bear false witness against others: Help us to live in peace with one another. In a world of harmful rhetoric, may we use words to encourage and love – especially those whom we consider different. Let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, you command us to covet nothing that belongs to our neighbor: give us kind and generous hearts for those with whom we share our neighborhoods. May a loving spirit rule this region. Let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, you desire that your people be not afraid: pour on the sick, suffering, and struggling the abundance of your mercy, especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud _____. Bless them with goodness and healing through Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, you have made us your own: may we and those who have run the race of faith before us, attain the resurrection from the dead through the abundant mercy of your Son. Let us pray to the Lord; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends, the animals, especially for those who are suffering; for animals that are overworked, underfed and cruelly treated; for all the wistful creatures in captivity, that beat their wings against bars; for any that are hunted or lost or deserted, or frightened or hungry; for all that must be put to death. We ask for them your mercy, and for those who deal with them, we ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kind words. Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals and so to share the blessings of the Merciful. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – SP26LIFT

Almighty God, source of all good gifts, we are grateful for our many blessings that have been bestowed upon us, and desire to be faithful stewards of your bounty. Help us to step forward in faith and guide our hearts into generous giving so that St. Paul's Episcopal Church may remain a house of peace, safety, renewal, and outreach to the glory of your name. Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Officiant stands and says

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

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Hymn to St. Francis

Gerald Near

OFFERTORY HYMN

In the cross of Christ I glory

HYMN 441

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first five lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next five lines. The third system contains the final five lines, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 on the left. The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
*5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of
2 ccive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
3 love up - on my way, from the cross the
4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872). Music: *Rathbun*, Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people standing, the Officiant says

People The Lord be with you
Celebrant **And also with you.**
People Lift up your hearts.
Celebrant **We lift them up to the Lord.**
People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Celebrant **It is right to give our 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. 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 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:

Officiant and People sing together

SANCTUS

S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Officiant and people say together

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Officiant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

S155

The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread



INVITATION

Officiant The gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All God's people are cordially invited to God's table, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative. We will be offering wine from the common cup to those who wish to receive in this manner. The chalice bearer will thoroughly wipe the space from which you drank prior to offering the cup to the next communicant.

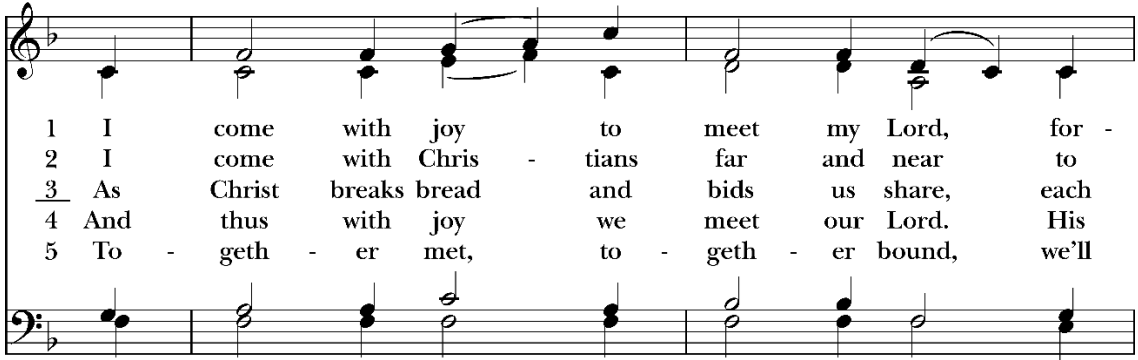
Another alternative to receiving the wine from the common cup is through intinction. The priest will place the wafer in your hand; the chalice bearer will pick up the wafer, dip it into the wine, and replace it on your palm. No one is allowed to intinct with their own hand/fingers. This safe guards all who use the common cup. If you wish to receive communion in only one kind (bread), know that you have received full communion.

Those who are not baptized or those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you. If you are unable to come forward and wish to receive communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Taste and See

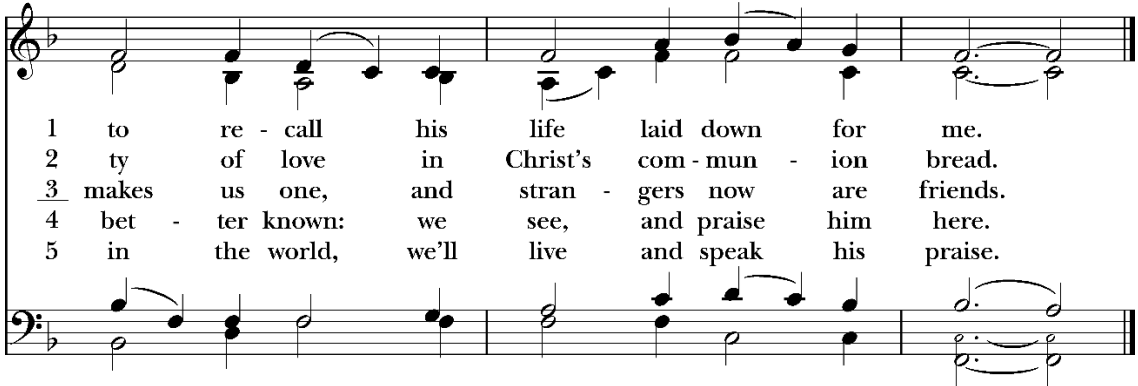
Timothy Flynn



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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The Officiant and People say together:

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Leader Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
All Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
 Leader Where there is injury, pardon;
All Where there is doubt, faith;
 Leader Where there is despair, hope;
All Where there is darkness, light;
 Leader Where there is sadness, joy.

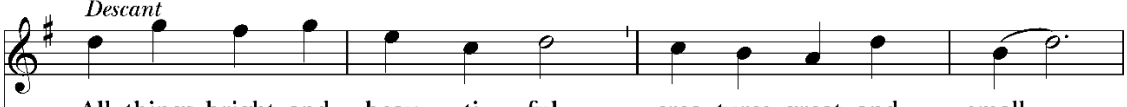
Leader O Divine Master, Grant that we may
All not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
 Leader To be understood as to understand;
All To be loved as to love.
 Leader For it is in giving that we receive;
All It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 Leader And it is in dying that we are born to eternal live. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

All things bright and beautiful

HYMN 405

Descant

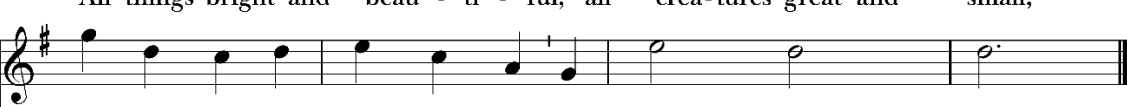


All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

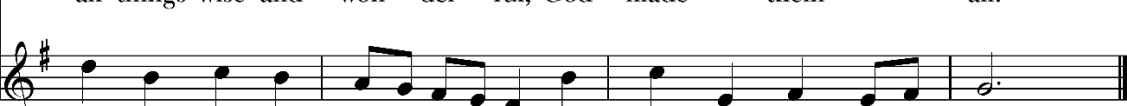
Refrain



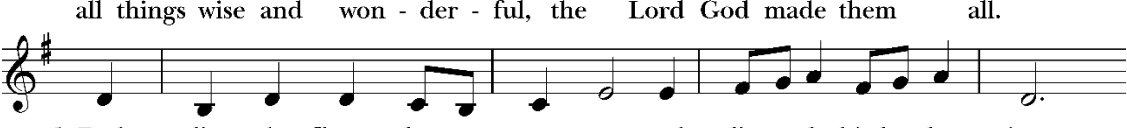
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958), desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc. Descant, Copyright © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

THE BLESSING (FROM ST. CLARE)

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a parent. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!* John Leavitt

Assisting in today's service

Crucifer	Marti Narezo
Subdeacon	Jack Baker
Lector	Liam Parks, Izzy Diaz
Prayers of the People	Henrie Parks
Chalice Bearers	Henrie & Liam Parks
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Marti Narezo (chair), Carrie Freeman, Barb Heany
Ushers	Debbie Parks, Justin Alexander, David Parks, Mike Sanders
Counters	Katie Alexander, Greg Wortley
Coffee Hour	Children & Parents
Greeters	Children & Parents
Blessing Box	Allan Boron
Recycling Team	
Vestry Person of the Day	David Parks

Musical selections licensed through Rite Song.

Assisting Next Sunday, October 11, 2026

Crucifer	Jim Milne
Subdeacon	Jen Humphries
Lector	Libby Richardson
Prayers of the People	Martha McKee
Chalice Bearers	Jen Humphries, Lyn Zynda
Altar Guild Members for the Week	Nancy Merriman (chair), Jane Bryce, Theresa Milne
Ushers	Joe Lehning, Michael Hart, Eric Monaghan, Lily Monaghan, Mark Rudd
Counters	Martha McKee,
Coffee Hour	
Greeters	Ardell Burns
Blessing Box	Deb McMartin-Finkel
Recycling Team	Bob Merriman
Sunday School Mentors	Barb Heany, Ardell Burns
Vestry Person of the Day	Jim Milne

Opportunities For Prayer October 4, 2026

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Melissa, Julie, Everett, Pat, Jim, Mike, Peter, Caroline, Jennifer, Howard, Jon, Carol, Whitt, Laurie, and Leslie.

**Due to privacy concerns, we will now be posting first names only on our prayer list.*

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members: Michael & Ciera Hart & Elise, Ada, & Onora, and John David Hawkins & Christi Thrush-Hawkins.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Origami Brain Injury Rehab Center, 3181 Sandhill Rd, Mason, MI 48854.

We pray for our downtown church community: Cathedral Church of St. Mary; Central United Methodist Church; Christ Community Church; and First Presbyterian Church.

We pray for our worshiping communities: All Saints', East Lansing; Divine Grace, Puerto Plata, DR.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Episcopal Church of Brazil.

We pray for: Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; Dick Hamlin and Gail Shafer, our priest associates; our worship ministers, St. Paul's staff and our diocesan household.

Announcements For The Week October 4, 2026 – October 11, 2026
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“Tabletop Saints”: Our next game night is Friday, October 9th at 6:15pm. A board and card game night of fellowship and fun! Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite games and invite friends. Please sign up in the Merrifield room so we can plan enough food and soft drinks for everyone. Children are welcome when accompanied by a parent or guardian, childcare is not provided. Parking is available in the 4Cs lot in St. Paul’s designated spots, the St. Paul’s lot and on the street. Please see Rachel or Ian Moore if you have any questions.

ERD Book Sale: Please help setup for the book sale today after the service. The sale will be held in the Merrifield room October 11-18. All proceeds will be supporting **Episcopal Relief & Development**. Sign up in the Merrifield Room to help or contact Katie Alexander at johns21k@gmail.com.

St Francis Party today at Coffee Hour: Fun, food and friends will mark the day as we celebrate Saint Francis of Assisi. There will be games and crafts and animal themed treats during our coffee hour following the worship service. The children will perform a short skit of St. Francis and the Wolf and there may even be a visit from Max the Therapy cat. We hope you can join in on the fun.

Themes of Faith in the Music of Mahler: Arguably one of the most revolutionary composers at the beginning of the 20th century, Gustav Mahler is well known for his lengthy and complicated music. As a man born into a Jewish family who converted to Catholicism, Mahler expressed his thoughts regarding God, faith, love, life, death, and the afterlife in many of his pieces. Please join us in this brand-new series at St. Paul’s as we spend 4 weeks with Steven Kadow looking at these themes in Mahler’s first two symphonies. No knowledge of either Mahler or classical music is required to participate in these discussions. Sessions will be Wednesdays on Oct. 21, Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11. Dinner will be provided at 6:15 (\$9 per person) with discussion beginning at 6:30. Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

Pet Supplies Collection for Capital Area Humane Society: St. Paul’s youth will be collecting pet supplies for the Capital Area Humane Society during the month of October. Things like kitty litter, cat and dog food, baby wipes, toys and dog and cat treats are a few of the things needed. You can also go to CAHS website at <https://adoptlansing.org/support/donate-items/> to get more ideas and specific needs. Thank you for your support.

If Music Be the Food – Saturday, November 14th at 7:00pm: Please join us. St. Paul’s will again be hosting the concert series, “If Music Be the Food”. Talented students of the MSU College of Music will be performing a varied selection of music so that we might bring nonperishable food stuffs and monies to support the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Help spread the word and invite everyone you know to be fed with music and spread a table of plenty for our community. This event is sponsored by the Tom & Jean Shawver Fund.

Provide a Meal for Canterbury MSU: The signup genius is open to sign up to provide a meal for Canterbury for the fall. Please bring a complete meal (main dish, side, salad, dessert) for 6 people with a gluten and dairy free option. Please no mushrooms. Deliver to 225 M.A.C. Ave on Thursday by 6:15pm. Contact Chaplain Alex Aivars at chaplain.canterburymsu@gmail.com or 269.806.3489 for any questions. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EAEAD28A5FDCF8-65142631-fall>

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification: Our Red Cross certified instructors will be holding classes October 10th and December 12th in the Choir Room from 10am-2pm. This class is for anyone who wants to be certified/re-certified in adult and/or pediatric First Aid or CPR/AED. You have two weeks to complete an online portion of the class. Payment of \$40 to St. Paul's Episcopal Church due at the class. Free for staff, ushers, and Sunday School mentors. See John David Hawkins or Mark Rudd for more information.

Noisy Offering through December: The City Rescue Mission of Lansing is a 501(c)3, Christian ministry founded in and still serving Michigan's capital area. Every year, thousands of children and adults find refuge and rescue thanks to the compassion of our community. Their mission is to meet physical needs for Food and Shelter to bring those with spiritual needs the Hope that is found in Jesus Christ.

Bulletin: Please submit information by noon on Tuesday, in writing or by e-mail, to office@stpaulslansing.org to ensure accuracy.

Blessing Box: Sign up in the Merrifield Room to fill the Blessing Box for a week.

Faith in Film October 23rd at 6:00pm: Join us for our first Faith in Film of the 2026-2027 season. We will be showing *August Rush*. There's music in the wind and sky. Can you hear it? And there's hope. Can you feel it? The boy called August Rush can. His faith in music mysteriously draws him, penniless and alone, to New York City in a quest to find – somehow, someway – the parents separated from him years earlier. Along the way he may also find the musical genius hidden within him. “The music is all around. All you have to do is listen.” Please sign up in the Merrifield Room.

Coffee Hour sign up: We need two family units per week to bring treats, serve & provide cleanup for coffee hour following the 10:00am services. There are signup sheets in the Merrifield Room. Sign up with a friend or extended family. If no one signs up, we will not have coffee hour.

Recycle ink cartridges: Bring your used ink cartridges into the parish office for recycling and help reduce our paper costs. We get discounts on office supplies and paper through the Staples recycling program.

St. Paul's Recycling: Please sign up in the Merrifield Room to take some of the recycling either to your home bin or to a recycling drop off center. We are committed to reduce, reuse, and recycle at St. Paul's. See one of the Milnes or Borons for more information.

The service of Compline is offered Wednesday evenings at 9 pm on Zoom with The Very Rev. Dr. Gail Shafer, our priest associate. The current liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer. A recording of the service will be posted to St. Paul's Facebook page. Please feel free to either join the Zoom meeting, or the service posted on Facebook. The Zoom link will be listed in the weekly email.

Evening Meeting Times & Parking Ramp Hours: All evening meetings and classes should begin no earlier than 6:15pm and end by 8:45pm for access to the parking ramp. regular parking ramp availability M-Th 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday & Sunday 7:30am-6:00pm.

Please sign up to be a Greeter: One of the faith outreaches we have at St. Paul's is the Sunday morning greeters. We can extend our faith by welcoming our fellow parishioners and visitors each week. Remember that you are the first face they will see as they enter the church. A welcoming hand and face always lift our spirit, what a way to start a day and you play an important part in that.

- **Signup sheets are in the Merrifield Room** – Need two greeters at the back door.
- Be at the back door 20 minutes before the service.
- Greeters should remind parishioners to pick up their nametags and ask visitors to fill out the guest book located in the cloister outside the chapel and to join the parish after the service for coffee and fellowship in the Merrifield Room.

Reminder: Please schedule all meetings (in-person and online) with the office in advance. We want to assure you that there is space for you to meet and that someone will be available to open the building. For online meetings, we want meetings to be available to all parishioners. **Please** notify the office if you have a **cancellation** to ensure building and staff security.

Altar flower requests: There are openings for the upcoming Sundays for altar flower dedications. Flowers are always given to the glory of God, and then in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion. Dedications and **\$120** payment must be received in the church office no later than the Monday before the date of the dedication. **More than one dedication can be made if you and a friend want to share the cost of the flowers.** Altar Flower forms available on the signup table, or you can email your dedication to office@stpaulslansing.org.

Contributions Last Week: For the weeks of September 27, 2026, St. Paul's received **\$3,859** in contributions as follows:

Pledge Income	\$3,040
NonPledge Income	\$740
Loose Offering	\$79

This Week at St. Paul's October 4, 2026 - October 11, 2026
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Sunday, 10/4:		St. Francis Sunday/Noisy Offering
		ERD Book Sale Set Up/Merrifield Room
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion w/children-Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour with children/parents
	11:15am	Pack lunches for Punks with Lunch - Hill Room
	12:00pm	Private Interment
Monday, 10/5:		ERD Book Sale Set Up/Merrifield Room
	2:30pm	Staff Meeting
	4:30pm	Social Justice Meeting - Zoom
Tuesday, 10/6:		ERD Book Sale Set Up/Merrifield Room
	7:00pm	Bible Study - Zoom
Wednesday, 10/7:		ERD Book Sale Set Up/Merrifield Room
	12:00pm	Noon Book Study - Zoom
	9:00pm	Compline - Zoom
Thursday, 10/08:		ERD Book Sale Set Up/Merrifield Room
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 10/9:		ERD Book Sale Set Up/Merrifield Room
	6:15pm	Tabletop Saints Board/Card Game Night - Merrifield Room
		Office Closed
Saturday, 10/10:		ERD Book Sale - Merrifield Room
	9am-2pm	Red Cross/CPR/First Aid Training - Choir Room
Sunday, 10/11:		ERD Book Sale - Merrifield Room
	9:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship & Holy Communion-Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour