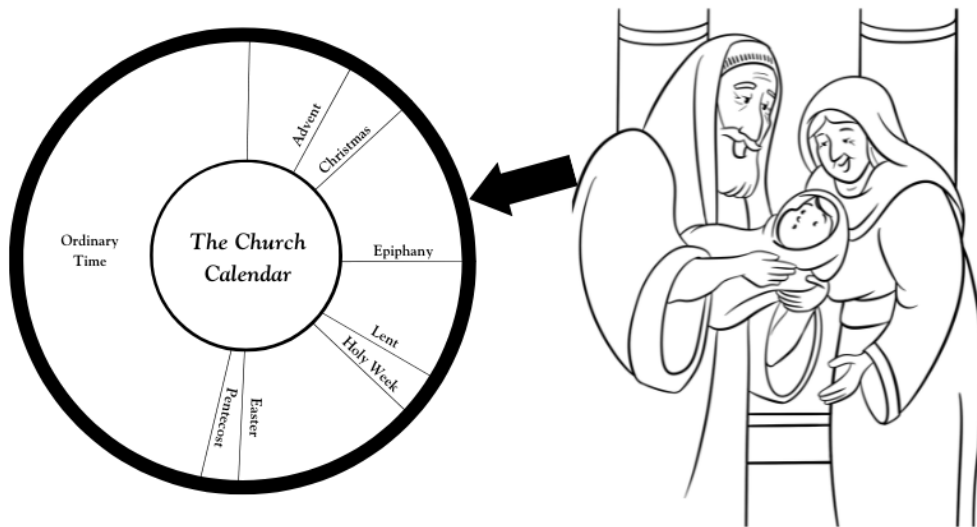




St. Francis In-The-Fields
EPISCOPAL CHURCH • ZIONSVILLE, IN

The Rev. C. Davies Reed, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Joél Muñoz, Curate

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple



Children & Youth Sunday

February 4th, 2024
8:00 am and 10:00 am

Welcome to St. Francis In-The-Fields Episcopal Church!

Children and youth are always invited to participate and enjoy worship, but once a month during the school year we celebrate them in a special way as the future of our church with a Children and Youth Sunday.

Our 8:00 a.m. service will be spoken, and all are welcome. At 10:00 a.m. the children and youth of the parish help lead worship. At both services there is a special children-focused sermon.

This bulletin includes information about our Eucharist service for inquiring minds (of all ages) forming their faith! The text comes from The Book of Common Prayer, The Episcopal Church glossary, the Godly Play™ curriculum, and the Rev. Megan Miller. If you have questions or want to know more please reach out to us at 317-873-4377 or info@stfranciszionsville.org.

Liturgy is a word that means
"a public ritual of worship".

The people and the priest
gather in the Lord's Name.

We welcome the congregation
both in person and online.

We sing as another way to
pray together and enter into
worship.

The opening prayer is called
the Collect for Purity.

We praise God by singing the
Gloria. This begins with the
words the angels sang to the
shepherds on Christmas Eve.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Prelude

Nunc dimittis

S. Coleridge-Taylor

The Welcome

Please stand as you are able for the Processional.

The Processional Hymn

Hail to the Lord Who Comes

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The Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 Song of Praise (8:00 am spoken, 10:00 am sung)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to God's peo ple on earth. 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. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

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The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

This prayer that the priest offers is called the "Col-lect of the Day", and it is different each Sunday. It helps us collect our thoughts and prayers so we can hear the readings together.

The first lesson is usually from the Old Testament and tells us something about God and God's children, and how God continually saved them and promised them a Messiah.

We call the scriptures the Word of the Lord because God inspired their human authors and because God still speaks to us through the Bible.

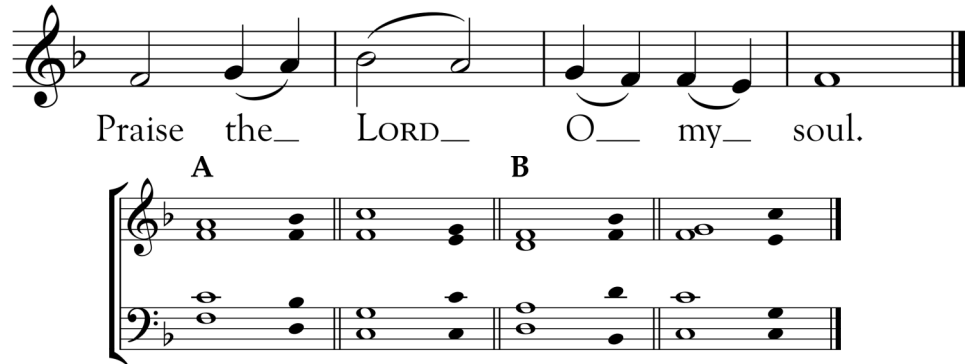
The Psalm follows. There are 150 Psalms in the Psalter, which is a big collection of musical poetry. They are designed to be said out loud or sung. Jesus sang the Psalms when he went to worship.

In the Old Testament reading or a Psalm, if you see the word 'LORD' you may notice it is in small caps. This lets us know the scripture is using the 'Tetragrammaton', the special Hebrew name of God translated as YHWH or JHVH.

The second reading is taken from one of the letters written by the apostles after Jesus had gone back to heaven. It tells us something about the life and teachings of Jesus, the church, or how we as Christians should live. The New Testament proclaims the Good News of the Kingdom of God for all people.

Psalm 24:7-10

The organ will introduce the refrain. Please join in singing the following verses and refrain.



- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the glorious Sovereign shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this glorious Sovereign?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle." [Refrain]
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the glorious Sovereign shall come in.
- 10 "And who is this glorious Sovereign?" *
"The LORD, the LORD of hosts is the glorious Sovereign." [Refrain]

The Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading from the Gospel.

The Sequence Hymn

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How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Wie schön leuchtet

The Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it

is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please sit for the sermon.

The Sermon

The Rev. C. Davies Reed, Rector



Each year we read from a different Gospel: Matthew, Mark, or Luke. The Gospel of John is read on special occasions. The clergy will always tell you which Gospel is being read. The Gospel is the story of Jesus' ministry while on earth. We stand to show respect for this special reading.

The sermon explains the readings of the day to us or tells us something about the season of the church year. The sermon helps us understand God's message to us through the readings. The stories are our stories too.

Creed means “what we believe.” After hearing the stories of God and God’s love for us, we stand up together and say the Creed.

After the Creed, we pray to God. These are called “The Prayers of the People.” There are many different forms for these prayers from which to choose. The prayers are our response to God, by thought and by deeds, with or without words.

No matter which of the Prayers we use, we always pray for:

- God’s family, the Church and the Church’s Mission
- Our nation and our world
- Peace and justice
- People who need help
- People we love, including special observances like birthdays
- People who have died

The Creed

We believe

Prayer Hands

In one God

One finger

The Trinity

Fingers make triangle

Father, Son & Holy Spirit

Sign of Cross

We believe

Prayer hands

In Jesus Christ

Touch fingers to palms

God the loving parent

Cross hands in a hug

The Holy Spirit

Move hands in globe motion

We believe

Prayer hands

In the Prophets

Make calling with hands to mouth

One Church

One finger

Baptism

Reach down, touch ground with prayer hands

The Resurrection

Fingers underneath palm, then stand up

Amen.

Prayer hands

The Prayers of the People

Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our clergy, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer, our Bishop; Father Davies, our Rector, Fr. Joél, our Curate; the clergy of our diocese; Bishop Mauricio and the people of Brasilia. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul’s, Columbus; we also pray for St. Peter’s, Lebanon; and Good Samaritan, Brownsburg; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of South America, Church by the Sea, Jalisco, Mexico; and all other ministers and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Joe; our Governor, Eric; and the mayors of our communities, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For sick in body, mind or spirit, especially Abby, Ann, Beryl, Bridgette, Cathy, Charlie, Christy, Dennis, Ed, Glen, Gordon, Gretchen, Hannah, Jennifer, John, Julia and family, Julie, Kathy, Leslie, Mark, Megan, Meretha, Michael, Molly, Patty, Sergio, Sheila, Skylar, Stephen, Steve, Steven, Terry, Thomas, Tim, and Willow, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the blessings and thanksgiving for this life, especially those celebrating a birthday this week: Mike Fischer, Chris Supino, Christy Gregory, Jillian Goergen, Lois Whitehead, and Phin Vongphrachanh.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, especially Ed Stines, brother of Anne Foster and husband of Rachel, and Stephanie Hitchin Lerew, sister of Owen Hitchin, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The people may add their own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Presider stands and says,

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

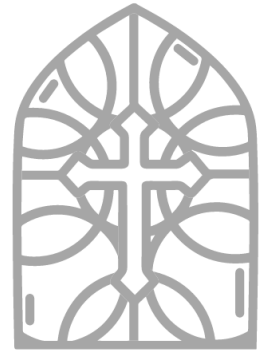
The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to share with others signs of Christ's Peace.

The Announcements



There is always a place at St. Francis where you can add your own prayers. You can say it out loud or in your heart.

After the Prayers, we tell God we are sorry for the things we have done which we should not have done. We ask God to forgive us. The Priest reminds us that God does forgive us.

Now we are full of God's love and peace. We share this peace of the Lord with our neighbors.

We now enter the second part of the Service: We continue the celebration!

God has given us everything we have. During the Offertory, we return a portion of our money to God. And, we give God our hearts.



There are four Eucharistic prayers in The Book of Common Prayer, 1979: A, B, C, and D. There are three additional Eucharistic prayers in Enriching Our Worship: 1, 2, and 3.

The priest thanks God for what God has done for us, and for a particular part of Jesus' life which we are celebrating in this season of the church year.

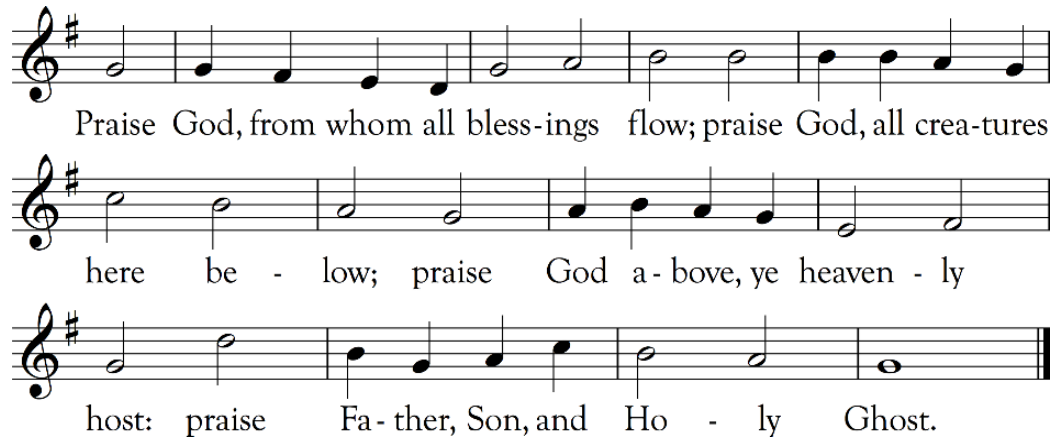
We now join in saying or singing the Sanctus. This is the song of praise of the seraphim in the presence of God. You can find this scripture in Isaiah 6:3. The last two sentences of the song were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. You can find this scripture in Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, or John 12:12-19.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory

The Doxology

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God 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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

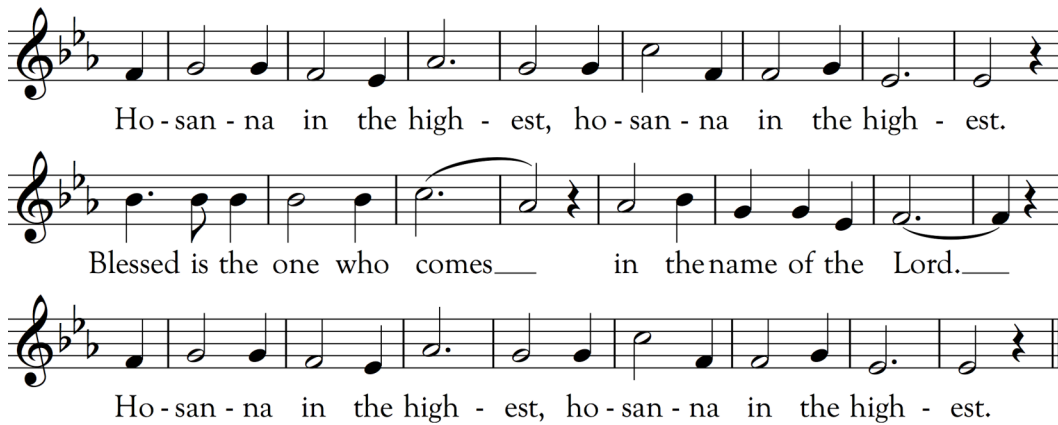
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

(8:00 am spoken)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and,





when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**



The priest now begins the Prayer of Consecration. During this prayer, the priest asks God to bless and make holy the gifts of bread and wine, and that we may be made holy in order to receive this Sacrament. The prayer includes Jesus' words at the Last Supper with his disciples in which he asks them to continue breaking bread and sharing the cup in remembrance of him. You can read this in Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:14-23, and 1 Corinthians, 11:23-25.

We respond halfway through the prayer as we proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

As the Eucharistic celebration is shared by the congregation and the presider, the Great Amen emphasizes the blessing of the people to the words spoken on their behalf by the presider. The Great Amen is the "people's prayer" that concludes this part of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The priest ends the Prayer of Consecration by asking us to join in the prayer Jesus taught us, the Lord's Prayer.



The priest holds up a large wafer or piece of bread for all to see and breaks it. The fraction also recalls Christ's body as broken for us and our salvation.

Now we go to the altar to receive Communion. We approach quietly and reverently. There are ways people show their respect; Many people bow their head or genuflect before going up to the altar, some make the sign of the cross as they kneel or stand, or as they leave.

Since online participants cannot physically receive the bread, we offer a special "Prayer of Spiritual Reception" just for them.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

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.

We invite all persons to receive Holy Communion.

If you are unable to come forward to receive for any reason, please inform an usher and Communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free bread is available. If you prefer a Blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your hands over your chest at the rail.

The Prayer of Spiritual Reception

People: In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

The Communion Hymn

Virgin-Born, We Bow Before Thee

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Psalm 86

Please stand as you are able.

After everyone has received Communion, the priest leads us a prayer of Thanksgiving to God. We all pray together.

We now join in singing a hymn as the worship leaders and priests leave the church.

At the back of the church, at the close of the hymn, the priest or deacon tell us that God's blessing is with us today and always. We are called to go out into the world to share God's love and peace.

The Post-Communion 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.

The Prayer Over Blessing Box Items

You are our Bread of Life that sustains us as we strive to be your disciples and build up your kingdom on earth. As we are fed by you, may we feed those who are hungry for bread, for justice, for understanding, and for compassion. May we share your mercy and grace with all we meet. Amen.

The Blessing

The Procession into the World

O Zion, Open Wide Thy Gates

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The Dismissal

If you are worshipping in person at 10:00 am, please turn towards the organ and wave to the camera to greet those worshipping online.

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Postlude

Andante Sostenuto

A. Guilmant



When The Liturgy Is Over, The Service Begins

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

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Sunday Ministry Team – February 4th	
8:00 am <i>Presider & Preacher:</i>	The Rev. C. Davies Reed, <i>Rector</i>
10:00 am <i>Presider:</i>	The Rev. Dr. Joél Muñoz, <i>Curate</i>
<i>Altar & Flower Guild:</i>	Lele Casalini, Kenny Winget, Anne and Larry Boley, Jenny McGraw
<i>Music:</i>	Robert Bolyard, <i>Music Director</i>
8:00 am <i>LEM:</i>	Anne Foster
8:00 am <i>Lector:</i>	Mark Wyatt
10:00 am <i>LEM:</i>	Tom Sullivan
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Josie Lanie, Hutch Lanie, Annabel Lusk, Tate Lanie
10:00 am <i>Lectors:</i>	
<i>Ushers:</i>	Deb Hall, Jenny McGraw
<i>Greeters:</i>	Melissa Bibb, Mike Bibb
<i>Technical Direction:</i>	Kate Unroe
<i>Virtual Usher:</i>	Lesley MacKellar
<i>Counters:</i>	Richard Klabunde, Melissa Bibb

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St. Francis Vestry

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The latest Vestry Minutes are available on the bulletin board beside the Church Office.

The next Vestry meeting is Tuesday, February 20th at 7:00pm in person and via Zoom.

For Vestry contact information please see Realm or contact the church office.

Pastoral Care

If you have an emergency please call 317-873-4377 and follow the prompts for pastoral care. A priest will be in touch with you shortly.

The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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Announcements

Annual Meeting

Sign up now! The Annual Meeting of the church will be held on Sunday, February 11th following the 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall and online. We will celebrate Shrove Sunday with pancakes and festive foods to gather as a parish to hear updates on our capital projects, reflect on our past, and look toward our future together. Please sign up on the narthex table so we know how many pancakes to make.

Heart and Sole Shoe Drive in February

Clear out your old kicks and help our community! St. Francis will be a collection site for the Boone County Solid Waste Management District REUSE Heart & Sole - 2024 program in February.

- All used shoes!
- Begins February 4th and ends on February 18th.
- Look for the display in the narthex.
- Shoes with laces should be tied together, please.

Retired Palms

If you have palms from last year's Palm Sunday please bring them to St. Francis! We will make our ashes for Ash Wednesday from the retired palm fronds. There is a vase on the narthex table for donated palms.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Join us for live worship that includes the beautiful words of Rite I language for the Liturgy of the Table on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024. We will have three services and one livestreamed. Postulant Meghan McConnell will preach all services.

6:30 a.m. in person

12:10 p.m. in person

6:00 p.m. in person and online

Personal Ashes + Prayer Service

Wednesday, February 14th

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Receive Ashes in a brief personal prayer with our clergy anytime between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm in the St. Francis In-The-Fields parking lot. You do not need to make an appointment or bring anything but yourself.

Questions? Please reach out to us at info@stfrancisziionsville.org.

What is Ash Wednesday??

In Lent we are preparing for the Mystery of Easter. This is a serious time. It is time to prepare.

Lent helps us to get ready. It is a time to know more about Jesus. It is also a time to learn more about who we really are.

Ash Wednesday is the first of the forty days of Lent. It is named Ash Wednesday because we put the burned up ashes of palms leaves from Palm Sunday on the foreheads of worshipers. This is the only time we do this in church.

The ashes help remind us that we need God. God will always forgive us when we turn to God with the things we are sorry about. We do this as a church so that we will remember that Jesus was not alone in his journey of faith – and we are also not alone in our journeys of faith!

Absalom Jones Celebration

Join us in Celebrating the life and ministry of Absalom Jones on Saturday, February 10th. The first African-American ordained a deacon and priest in the Episcopal Church. The service will begin at 11:00 a.m. EDT and the Luncheon will be at noon. Free parking is provided at the Express Park on the west (right) side of Pennsylvania, just south of Market St. Bring the parking ticket to CCC and ask for a validation sticker.

Lenten Community Worship

This Lent on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm, join us as we gather as a community to think about reconciliation and hope with the area churches of Zionsville. These ecumenical celebrations help us connect with our neighbors and experience Lent together. Linger after each service for a light reception following.

- February 21, 2024, Zionsville Presbyterian Church
- February 28th, St. Francis In-The-Fields Episcopal Church
- March 6th, St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
- March 13th, Zionsville United Methodist Church
- March 20th, Location To Be Determined

Sunday Morning Adult Forum

Join us at 9:00 am on Sundays for our Adult Forum. Grab a cup of coffee, drop your kids off in the nursery, and join us in the Dining Room for a special Bible Study opportunity.

Ladies Bible Study on Thursdays

The winter/spring Ladies Bible Study begins Feb. 15 and ends May 2. Every Thursday at 10:00 am we meet in person and online, sharing prayer, study, and fellowship together. We will continue exploring the Bible and prayer. Our supplemental text is Learning to Pray by James Martin. All ladies of the parish are welcome and invited to join.

Stations of the Passion

Walk fifteen stations of the passion in the St. Francis sanctuary that draw us closer to the resurrection God's only Son, through which all people are bestowed with the brightness of God's light.

You may interact with the Stations at any time the building is open, Sunday from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm, or Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. A booklet will be available.

Our Commitment to Helping Feed our Community

We ask for Food Donations for both the Boone County Caring Center in Lebanon and also for the Blessing Box outside our parking lot.

For the Caring Center, please place non-perishable food and your gently used clothing and household items in the large bin next to the kitchen wall. Items may also be left in the blue plastic bin outside at our main entrance doors. Contact us to sign up to help with delivery at: info@stfranciszionsville.org.

For the Blessing Box, please place non-perishable goods in the wagon under the narthex table. We are especially in need of: canned chicken and other meats, protein soups, protein pastas, chili with meat, baked beans, ramen, rice packets and crackers, spaghetti with meat sauce, breakfast cereals, protein bars, vegetables (corn and green beans are the most popular vegetables) and fruits.

Communion Formation Classes for Children

Special Sunday School sessions for students wanting to deeper into their understanding of the sacrament of Communion are offered in the spring. These classes during Sunday School will focus on teaching our youth ages K-3 about the Eucharist in preparation our church wide Communion Event in April 2024. We will read bible stories related to the Last Supper and do hands on activities to drive home the meaning and beauty of celebrating the Lord's Supper.

- Sunday, March 10th, 2024
- Sunday, March 17th, 2024
- Sunday, March 24th, 2024

Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation

All members of St. Francis are invited to learn more about the sacrament of Confirmation, Reaffirmation, or Reception in the Episcopal Church. Preparation classes will be offered in March with Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Reception by the Bishop at the Diocesan Regional Confirmation on Saturday, April 6th at Christ Church Cathedral. These classes will be opened to all people who are interested in growing their faith, exploring their call to Christian Ministry, and in responding to the work of the Holy Spirit!

- Sunday, March 3, 2024



Middle School Art Project

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to a special Art Class! From February 21st through March 27th, this free Wednesday class from 4:00 - 6:00 pm will bring art to life! This art class is offered in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club and will be offered at their facility next door to the church. There are limited spaces - Contact Fr. Joél for more information!

Diocesan Youth Ministry Mission Trip July 7-14

All current 7th through 12th graders are invited on our annual Diocesan Youth Mission Trip to Philadelphia, PA July 7th-14th, 2024. Participants will work with St. James School, a vibrant Episcopal school, worshipping community, and neighborhood hub in North Philly. We will stay in the Episcopal Mission Center of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Service activities will be a mix of social and physical, with opportunities to experience the rich culture of Philadelphia.

Spots are limited, and the last day to register is May 1st, 2024. **Fr. Joél will be a chaperone!**

The Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

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

Grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Anonymous, La Clochette, Paris, 1912

This prayer is a widely known prayer for peace, associated with St. Francis of Assisi but not known to have been written by him. The present form of the prayer can be traced back to 1912 in a spiritual publication called "La Clochette".

Although scholars do not attribute these words to having been written by St Francis, they are much beloved across the world. Mother Teresa of Calcutta attributed great importance to the prayer when receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, as well as Desmond Tutu, winner of the 1984 Noble Peace Prize for non-violent leadership state the prayer was an integral part of his faith life.

Francis is especially remembered for his writing, "The Canticle of Brother Sun." The Hymnal 1982 includes two hymn texts written by Francis, "All creatures of our God and King" (400) and "Most High, omnipotent, good Lord" (406-407).

1 Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his tem - ple gate;
 2 but, borne up - on the throne of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,
 3 There Jo - seph at her side in rev - erent won - der stands;
 4 O Light of all the earth, thy chil - dren wait for thee!

not with his an - gel host, not in his king - ly state;
 watched by her du - teous love, in her fond arms at rest,
 and, filled with ho - ly joy, old Si - meon in his hands
 Come to thy tem - ples here, that we, from sin set free,

no shouts pro - claim him nigh, no crowds his com - ing wait;
 thus to his Fa - ther's house he comes, the heaven - ly guest.
 takes up the prom - ised child, the glo - ry of all lands.
 be - fore thy Fa - ther's face may all pre - sent - ed be!



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam -
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin -



ing from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 a pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 ners, fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



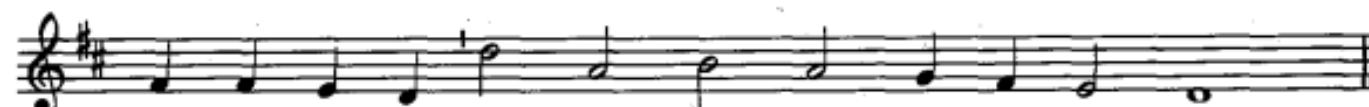
O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on,



and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 a - phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 great Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

1 Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee: bless - ed was the
2 Bless - ed she by all cre - a - tion, who brought forth the

womb that bore thee; — Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, —
world's sal - va - tion, and bless - ed they, for ev - er blest, who

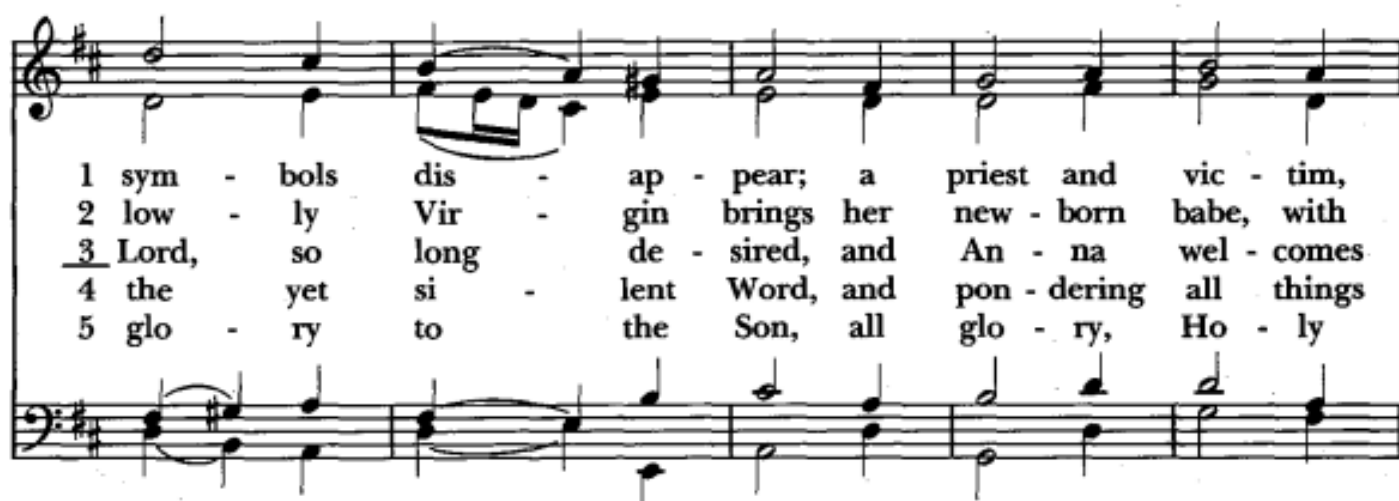
bless - ed was she in her Child. Bless - ed was the breast that fed thee;
love thee most and serve thee best. Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee;

bless - ed was the hand that led thee; bless - ed was the
bless - ed was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry, Mo - ther

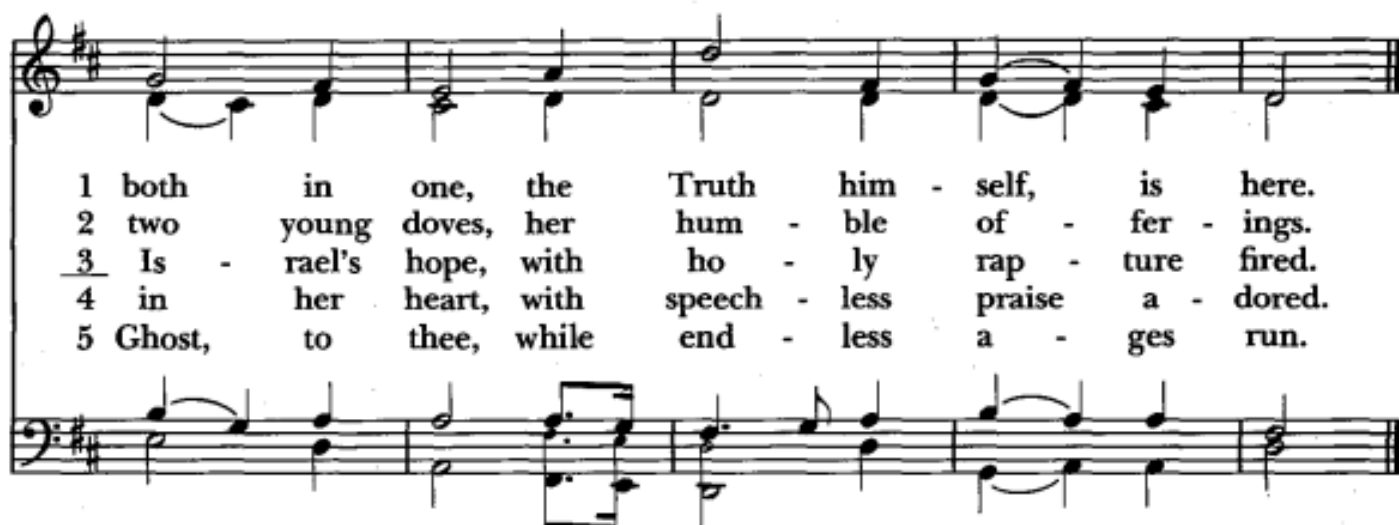
par - ent's eye that watched thy slum - bering in - fan - cy.
meek and mild, — bless - ed was she in her Child.



1 O Zi - on, o - pen wide thy gates, let
 2 A - ware of hid - den de - i - ty, the
 3 The a - ged Si - meon sees at last his
 4 But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest of
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all



1 sym - bols dis - ap - pear; a priest and vic - tim,
 2 low - ly Vir - gin brings her new - born babe, with
 3 Lord, so long de - sired, and An - na wel - comes
 4 the yet si - lent Word, and pon - dering all things
 5 glo - ry to the Son, all glo - ry, Ho - ly



1 both in one, the Truth him - self, is here.
 2 two young doves, her hum - ble of - fer - ings.
 3 Is - rael's hope, with ho - ly rap - ture fired.
 4 in her heart, with speech - less praise a - dored.
 5 Ghost, to thee, while end - less a - ges run.