

The Feast of St. Francis October 2, 2022 11:00 a.m.

The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation, September 1st through October 4th, is celebrated by Christians around the world as a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation. The Episcopal Church joins this international effort for prayer and action for climate justice and an end to environmental racism and ecological destruction. We at Holy Innocents will observe this special season on the Sundays in September, leading up to our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis today.

The Congregation Gathers

The congregation gathers outside.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Wonderful are all God's works.

All Blessed be the name of our God.

Celebrant Most high, almighty Lord, our Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor and all blessings! To you alone all things belong. Be praised for all the living creatures that fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with our pets. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be happy and healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love forever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. *Amen.*

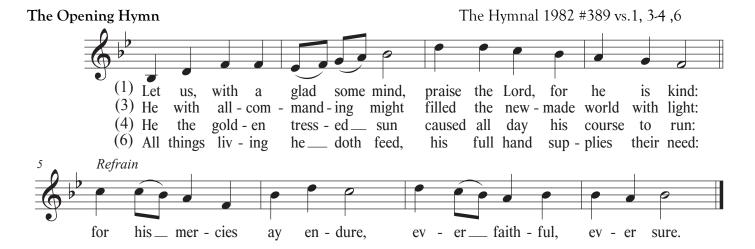
Individual Blessing of Each Pet by the Clergy

All animals will be blessed and sprinkled with holy water.

Procession

All are welcome in our Sanctuary: clothed, furry, or feathered!

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord All Thanks be to God.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Sirach 43:1-2, 11-12, 27-33

The pride of the higher realms is the clear vault of the sky, as glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens. The sun, when it appears, proclaims as it rises what a marvelous instrument it is, the work of the Most High. Look at the rainbow, and praise him who made it; it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness. It encircles the sky with its glorious arc; the hands of the Most High have stretched it out. We could say more but could never say enough; let the final word be: "He is the all." Where can we find the strength to praise him? For he is greater than all his works. Awesome is the Lord and very great, and marvelous is his power. Glorify the Lord and exalt him as much as you can, for he surpasses even that. When you exalt him, summon all your strength, and do not grow weary, for you cannot praise him enough. Who has seen him and can describe him? Or who can extol him as he is? Many things greater than these lie hidden, for I have seen but few of his works. For the Lord has made all things, and to the godly he has given wisdom.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.



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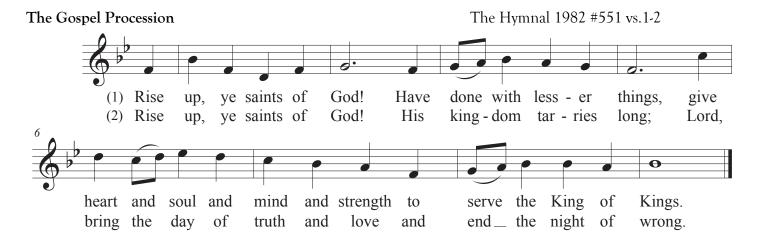
- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,* when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up* on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth:*
 "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing God's song* upon an alien soil?
- 5 If I forget you, O Je-rusalem,* let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not re-member you,* if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

The Second Reading Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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The Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

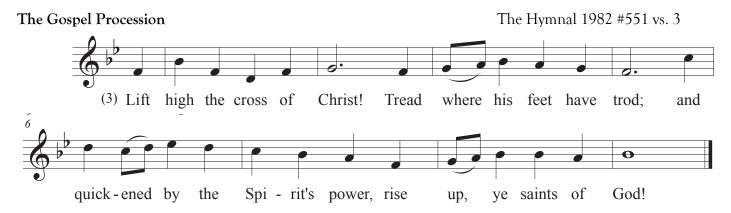
The people respond Glory to you, O Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, `Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

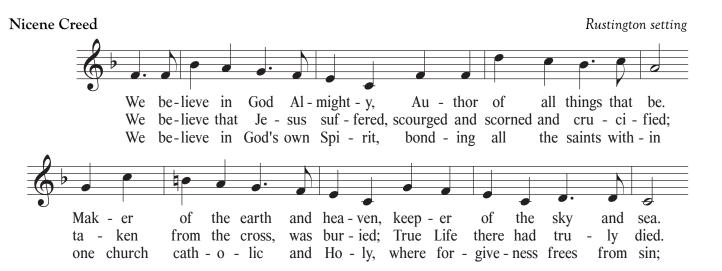
Gospeler The Gospel of our Savior.

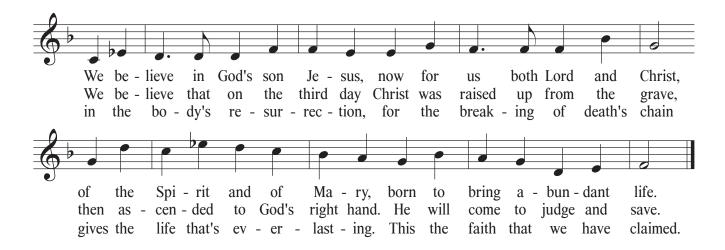
The people respond Praise to you, O Christ.



The Sermon

The Rev. Cameron Ayers





The Prayers of the People

Celebrant

Let us pray for the Church and the world:

Leader

Holy Trinity, you give us a perfect model of relationship and love. Inspire us with gifts of creativity, forgiveness and community.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace,

Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

Jesus, you gave us the Church to bring justice to the world and to give healing to our communities. We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Marc our Bishop... (please add petitions)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace,

Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.

O God, our Creator, you have made us in your image to love each other. Save us from our warfare and from our divisive ways. Guide the leaders of the nations that they may make peace in your world. Be with those who are working to bring about change that will move us closer to your inclusive Reign...

Lord, make us instruments of your peace,

Where there is discord, let us sow faith.

Holy Spirit, great reconciler, impassion us with the Good News, that we may deliver the message of hope throughout the world. Be with us all in our varied ministries...

Lord, make us instruments of your peace,

Where there is despair, let us sow hope.

God of abundance, send down your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to heal us of our brokenness, our sickness, our sadness, and our despair. We pray for those who are struggling in any way...

Lord, make us instruments of your peace,

Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

Jesus, in your house there are many mansions which you have prepared for us. We pray for those who have died, and for those who grieve. Especially we remember...

Lord, make us instruments of your peace,

Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.

All:

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

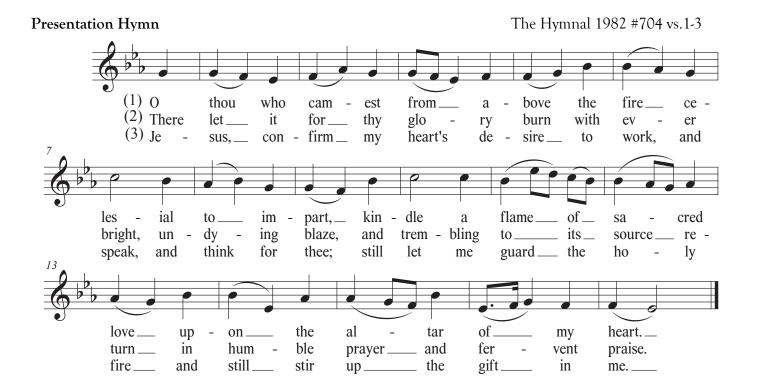
People And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem Make me a channel of your peace (Prayer of St.Francis) Words & Music: Sebastian Temple (1928-97)



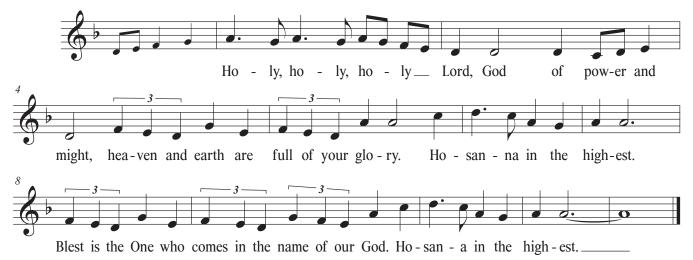
The Great Thanksgiving



Celebrant

All Powerful, Most High, Supreme Good Lord, we praise and thank you for bringing light to the darkness of our lives. By your Word at creation you brought forth our brother sun and sister moon, and your loving gaze looked upon all that you had made to find it very good. But by sin the world was blinded; by sin we lost our way. Then through your Son you revealed the light of your love. As one of us, you walked among us. Unite us this day to your Son, that we may shine with your glory to the world; by your light help us see and become the light.

Rejoicing in the splendor of your radiance, countless throngs of angels and archangels give you unceasing praise. Joining with them and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we break forth in song to sing your joyous praise:



Celebrant

You are worthy, O God, to be worshipped and praised by all that you have made. For you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that all might find new life in him. By your Holy Spirit, you anointed Jesus to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind,

and to release those who are oppressed. Healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and feasting with sinners, your Son proclaimed the Kingdom of God was at hand. Living among us Jesus revealed your glory, full of grace and truth. Yet the world rejected him, opposing his mission and witness.

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."

In all humility, Christ then accepted betrayal and death upon a cross for our redemption. Therefore, O Lord, you raised him from the dead and gave to Jesus the name above all other names, so that all might be humbled to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

Almighty God, as we celebrate this memorial of our redemption, we praise you for your love and mercy revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Remembering his death, rejoicing in his resurrection, we offer all we have and all we are to you.

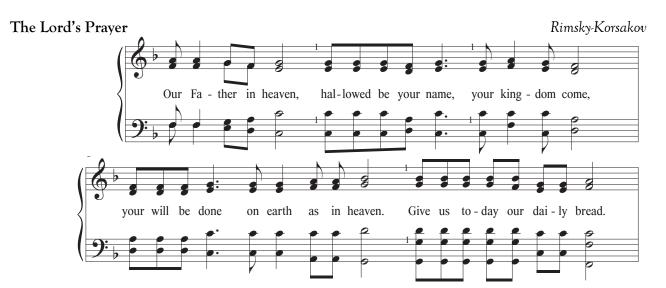
As we await the return of Christ in glory, let your Holy Spirit come upon this bread and wine and upon us, that we may be filled with your power and grace through the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

People and Celebrant

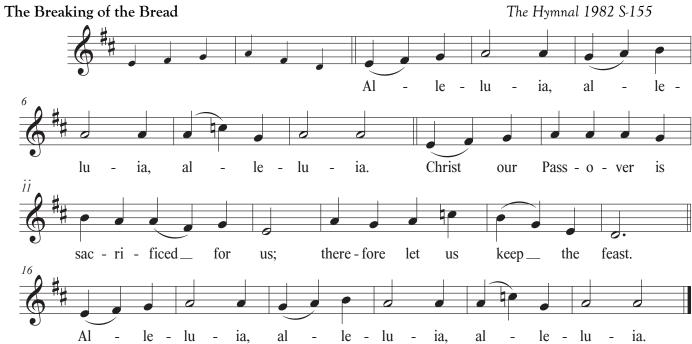
Unite us to your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who brings us out of darkness into the wonderful light.

All this we ask through our Savior Jesus Christ, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN*

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,







Invitation to the Table

The Celebrant invites all who wish to come to the Table by saying:

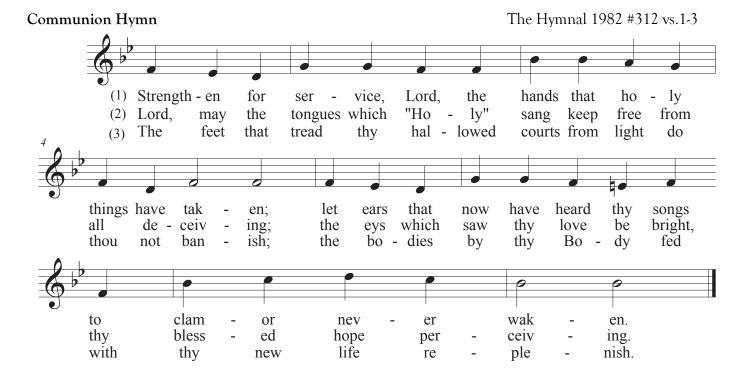
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

During Communion all are invited to receive either the Sacrament or a blessing; gluten-free wafers are available.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are always welcome at Holy Innocents.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshiping with us online:

Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

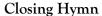
Celebrant & People

Most High and Supreme Eternal God, Through the mystery of your presence you give us joy. We thank you for giving us a taste of your heavenly kingdom, in the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And now, O Lord, make us instruments of your peace; as we make our way in the world, help us sow your pardon, love and renewal. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to love mercy, to do justice, and to walk humbly with our God, following the example of Francis of Assisi, who with all your saints magnifies your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Community Blessings

Blessing

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



The Hymnal 1982 #400 vs. 1, 4, 7



The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fugue IV-3 (from Fugues on the Magnificat)

by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Flowers The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by the Spinella Welch family in celebration of Alice's 6th birthday.

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Community Announcements

- Due to privacy concerns, we are going to remove personal email addresses from our newsletters and bulletins. When we list a person as a contact, please use our membership directory. This directory requires that a person be in the directory in order to retrieve contact information. If you need to be added to the directory, please send your request to office@holyinsf.org.
- Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunity Deacon Margaret has recently become involved in Habitat for Humanity in San Francisco – including a project in the Diamond Heights neighborhood. And so - we have the following Habitat opportunity – please contact Deacon Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain if you would like to sign up for this.....she will inform you about the Habitat on-line sign up process.



Saturday October 8, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, at the 36 Amber Drive building site, ages 16 and up

This is a volunteer opportunity at a new building site in the Diamond Heights neighborhood which is creating 8 affordable housing units (photo attached) St. Aidan's has volunteered at this site, and have had a blast each time. The progress at the site is inspiring and impressive. Please join us!

- Open Cathedral potluck and sandwich making dates: October 5.

 Reach out to Rita Lin or Fabienne Blanc if you are interested in taking part in this ministry. We would like to commit to providing meals once a month, and we do have some funds if you would like to help but want reimbursement for the cost of the meals.
- Dano will be making Scent Jars for Fall and Halloween. Scent Jars contain decorative seasonal



particulars along with cinnamon, cloves, orange spice, and citrus peel, artistically arranged in a quart Mason Jar with a pumpkin light. All donations collected will be donated to Holy Innocents. Custom requests welcome.

Contact Dano Cammarota for more info or to order.

- **Hospitality:** We have begun having a small **coffee hour** on the sidewalk after the service, you can sign up to contribute on the <u>rota sign up link</u>.
- Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed: No specific skills required, just a willingness to learn and a general comfort with technology. We will provide all the training you need.
- Morning Prayer (via Zoom) continues on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please reach out to Sue Fandel if you'd like the link.
- Interested in Baptism? If you think you might be interested in baptism, please contact The Rev. Cameron Ayers.

Staying Connected!

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If you would like to receive our congregational emails, email office@holyinsf.org

Holy Innocents Prayer List

For healing of body, mind, and spirit:

Alyssa (Sarah B's friend); Andrea & Lucas, and their family (Sarah B's friends); Ange; Betty (Camilla's sister); Bill & Sergio; Bucky Mills (Richard.'s dad); Carol & Katie (Joyce's nieces); Catherine (Amelia's mother and Thomas' friend); Christopher (Beth's friend); Darlene (Judith's friend); David B.;Diana (Anne's niece); Elyse (Judith's friend); Eric (Liz K's nephew); Fatima (Claire's godmother); Giovanni and Rosanna (Fabienne's cousins); Hotie Gilpin (Sarah's aunt); Jane Davies; Rev. Jeffrey Reed; Jeremy (Thomas' husband); Joan (Alison's sister); Joel & Sam; John (Davey's father); John M. (Sam's friend); Judith; Julia; Julie (Ange's aunt); Kathryn (Judith's friend); Kristen, Ben, and Haven (Sarah B's friends); Leigh (Sarah B's friend); Lina (Fabienne's friend); Lorene and Danny (Joyce's friends); Mallory, Eric and (baby) Anthony (Judith's friends); Marge (Ellen's mother); Marius et Michelle (Fabienne's parents); Mary (Allison's mother); Mary (Susan K DeGrado's mother); Mary M.; Maxime, Thomas & James; Pierre (Fabienne's family friend); Rob M.; Robin (Anne's friend); Sarah (Kevin's aunt); Sharon (Natasha's mom); Stephen W.; Steve and Teresa (Elizabeth's brother and sister in-law); Susan D.; Thomas F.; Virginia, Will (Cynthia's son).

For the departed:

Gregg Brooks (Sue Fandel's friend); Laura Pettibone (Anne Jenkins' wife); Burt Cazden; Donald Pace (Judith's friend); Eleni Kasapi (Steven's mother); Joan Blair (Anne R's mother); Mike Scorer (Paul's father), Sue (Sarah B's friend); Thomas Jenkins (Anne's dad).

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