



STs. CLARE & FRANCIS

Ecumenical Catholic Community

*25th Anniversary Mass
on the Feast of St. Francis*

October 3, 2026 at 5pm
at First Congregational Church
10 W. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119

A plus sign (+) indicates an invitation to bless yourself with the sign of the cross.

An asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to stand in body or spirit.

Bold lettering indicates a unison response.

For those worshipping remotely, we invite you to prepare an altar with your favorite centering items (a candle, icon, prayer beads, flowers, etc.) as well as bread and wine for communion.

We're so glad you're here.

GATHERING RITE

Welcome

*Gathering Song

The House that Love is Building

Sarah Hart



1. In the house that Love is build - ing there is room e - nough for
2. In the gar - den Love is tend - ing there's a great and bound-less
3. Oh, the song that Love is rais - ing is of pure, un - end - ing



1. all, end-less wel - come in her raf - ters, mer-cy sing - ing
2. feast, where the seeds of hope are plant - ed, and the yield is
3. light in the voic - es of her peo - ple, ris - ing to e -



1. through her walls. Here is ref - uge for all peo - ple from
2. heav - en's peace. As the field be-comes a har - vest for the
3. ter - nal skies. Now the dark - ness shall be swal - lowed by the



1. ev-ery tribe and tongue. In the house that Love is build - ing
2. man-y hun - gry ones, in the gar - den Love is tend - ing
3. Liv-ing Word of God. Oh, the song that Love is rais - ing



1. there is room for ev - ery - one.
2. there's e - nough for ev - ery - one.
3. is a song for ev - ery - one.

*Greeting & Blessing

The grace of our + Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

*Gloria

Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/4. The Refrain is marked with a repeat sign and includes a first ending that leads back to the Refrain and a final ending that leads to the Coda. The Coda is marked with a cross symbol and a repeat sign. The Verses are marked with a repeat sign and include a first ending that leads to the next Verse or the Refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -
est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. will. A - men. A - men.

Verse 1
1. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
1. glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,
1. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.

Verse 2
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God,
2. Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,
2. have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world,
2. re-ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand,
2. the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

*Gloria (cont'd)

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
3. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
3. Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

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*Collect Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom 11:24-12:1

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Reading

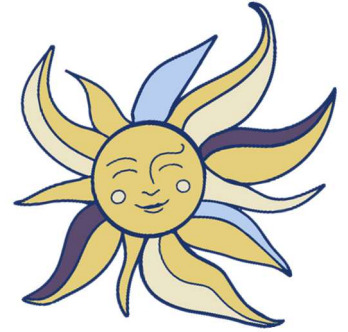
Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon

St. Francis of Assisi

To be read together, following the direction of the lectors.

- A Most high, all-powerful, all-good, Lord!
All praise is yours, all glory, all honor
And all blessing.
- B To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.
No mortal lips are worthy
To pronounce your name.

- A All praise be yours, my Lord,
through all that you have made,
Especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who brings the day;
and light you give to us through him.
- B How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.
- A All praise be yours, my Lord,
through Sister Moon and Stars;
In the heavens you have made them,
bright and precious and fair.
- B All praise be yours, my Lord,
through Brothers Wind and Air,
And fair and stormy, all the weather's moods,
By which you cherish all that you have made.
- A All praise be yours, my Lord,
through Sister Water,
So useful, humble, precious, and pure.
- B All praise be yours, my Lord,
through Brother Fire,
Through whom you brighten up the night.
How beautiful is he, how playful!
Full of power and strength.
- A All praise be yours, my Lord,
through Sister Earth, our mother,
Who feeds us in her sovereignty
and produces various fruits
with colored flowers and herbs.
- B All praise be yours, my Lord,
through those who grant pardon for love of you;
through those who endure sickness and trial.
Blessed are those who endure in peace,
By you, Most High, they will be crowned.



A All praise be yours, my Lord,
through Sister Death,
From whose embrace no mortal can escape.
Blessed are those She finds doing your will!
No second death can do them harm.

B Praise and bless my Lord,
and give him thanks,
And serve him with great humility.

**All Glory to You, Source of all Being
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit
Who dwells in our midst
Both now and forever. Amen.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia

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Peace be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord.

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

The Good News of Salvation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Reflections

*Prayers of the Faithful

Response: **God of Love, hear our prayer.**

Collection of the Offering & Preparation of the Table

Choral Anthem

Peace to You, My Loved Ones

Adam M. L. Tice

*Peace to you, my loved ones;
Peace to you, my friends.
Peace that Jesus promised;
Peace that never ends.
Peace to those who curse us;
Peace to those we fear.
Peace to far-off nations;
Peace to neighbors here.*

*Peace confounds the wealthy;
Peace lifts up the poor.
Peace disrupts the mighty;
Peace is heaven's door.
Peace comes from the Spirit;
Peace comes like a breath.
Peace reveals a new world;
Peace does not fear death.*

*Peace is grace in action;
Peace is love in deeds.
Peace becomes a garden;
Peace springs up from seeds.
Peace to all God's creatures;
Peace to land and sea.
Peace that fills the cosmos;
Peace that sets us free.*



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Sign of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*Preparation of the Gifts

Response: **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Eucharistic Prayer

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our loving God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right in all times and in all places... Loving God,

We give you thanks and praise.

...Loving God,

We give you thanks and praise.

...we join our voices with all creation in this ancient song:

*Holy

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

*Eucharistic Prayer (cont'd)

...proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. ...

You are invited to extend your hands to share in the blessing of the meal.

Creator, pour out your Spirit on these gifts and on these gathered,
that we who eat and drink at this table may be one with all who hunger and thirst for justice
and be joined with all of creation, our kin. ...

Hands are withdrawn for the remainder of the prayer.

...now and in the yet to come.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

*Amen

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*The Lord's Prayer

*As a sign of our desire to be a more inclusive church, our tradition is to greet God as both mother
and father, knowing our Holy Parent is beyond our conception of gender or binary.*

You are invited to pray this ancient prayer in whatever form or language is familiar to you.

**Our Mother, Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be Your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
on earth as it is 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory for ever and ever
Amen

*The Breaking of the Bread

*Lamb of God

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*The Invitation

This is the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

We, though many, are one body,

for we all share in the one bread and in the one cup.

Distribution of the Holy Meal, the Eucharist

Everyone is welcome to receive Eucharist, no exceptions.

Communion Hymns

Prayer of St Francis

Sabastian Temple

Verses 1, 2, 4



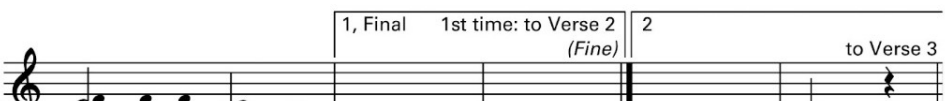
1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred,
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-



1. let me bring your love. _____ Where there is in - ju -
2. life, let me bring hope. _____ Where there is dark-ness _
4. ing that we are par-doned, _____ In giv-ing of our -



1. ry, your par-don, Lord, And where there's doubt, true
2. _____ on - ly light, And where there's sad - ness _
4. selves that we re - ceive, And in dy - ing that we're



1, Final 1st time: to Verse 2
(Fine) 2 to Verse 3

1. faith in you. 2. joy.
2. ev - er
4. born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con -



3. soled, as to con-sole, To be un-der-stood, as to un-der-



3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul. to Verse 4

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One Bread, One Body

John Foley, S.J.

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though
man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this

Verses

one Lord. 1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or
2. Man-y the gifts, man-y the
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and

to Refrain

1. free, wom-an or man, no more.
2. works, one in the Lord of all.
3. grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 12:4, 12-13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4-6; The Didache 9.
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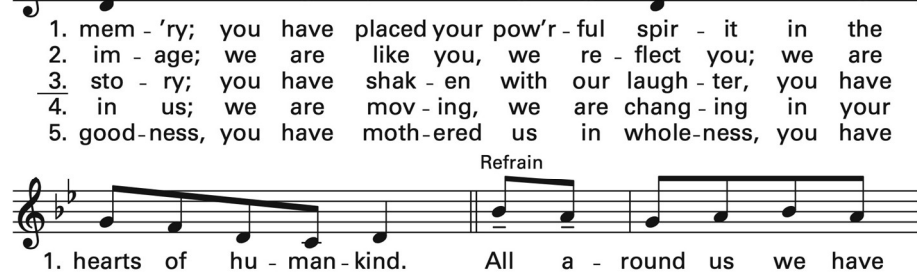
God, Beyond All Names

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. God, be - yond our dreams, you have stirred in us a
2. God, be - yond all names, you have made us in your
3. God, be - yond all words, all cre - a - tion tells your
4. God, be - yond all time, you are la - bor - ing with -
5. God of ten - der care, you have cra - dled us in



1. mem - 'ry; you have placed your pow'r - ful spir - it in the
2. im - age; we are like you, we re - flect you; we are
3. sto - ry; you have shak - en with our laugh - ter, you have
4. in us; we are mov - ing, we are chang - ing in your
5. good-ness, you have moth-ered us in whole-ness, you have

Refrain



1. hearts of hu - man-kind. All a - round us we have
2. wom - an, we are man.
3. trem - bled with our tears.
4. spir - it ev - er new.
5. loved us in - to birth.

known you, all cre - a - tion lives to hold you. In our
liv - ing and our dy - ing we are bring-ing you to birth.

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Prayer After Communion

I Am Here in the Heart of God

Erin McGaughan

I am here in the heart of God, God is here in the heart of me.

*Like the wave in the water and the water in the wave,
Like the wind in the springtime and the springtime in the wind,
Like the flame in the fire and the fire in the flame.
Like the earth in my body and my body in the earth,*

I am here in the heart of God.

Blessing Pets & Humane Society Offering

*If you'd like to make a donation directly to the Franklin County Humane Society,
you can do so at <https://fchsmo.org/donate/>.*



Announcements

October 10, 5pm, Mass cancelled
October 11, 11am, Synod Mass: see newsletter for livestream details
October 17, 4pm, new Mass time begins
October 31, 4pm, All Saints observed
November 7, 4pm, Advent begins

*Blessing and Dismissal

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. **Amen.**

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. **Amen.**

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

May the blessings of God + our Creator, Redeemer and giver of Life be with you always. **And also with you.**

Go in peace to love and serve God in one another.
Thanks be to God.

*Sending Song

We Belong to One Another

Amanda Udis-Kessler

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in a 3/2 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The score is divided into four systems, with measures 4, 8, and 12 marked at the beginning of their respective systems.

We be - long to one a - no - ther. To each o - ther we are
We re - ly on one a - no - ther at the dawn - ing of our
We give thanks for one a - no - ther, for each heart and hand and

bound as we build a world to - ge - ther full of joy that we have
days when we learn from those a - round us how to live in our lo - ving
face. We are grate - ful for the bless - ings that in - fuse our lives with

found. What we are we owe to o - thers. When they need us, we re -
ways. As we grow, we need each o - ther and the gifts that we can
grace. May we of - fer our a - bun - dance. As we're gi - ven, may we

spond. We be - long to one a - no - ther and we hold a com - mon bond.
share. As our lives come to their end - ing, how we need each o - ther's care.
give. In our thanks for one a - no - ther, may we help each o - ther live.

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Advent Series: Out of Time

beginning November 7 at 4pm

This is our second year observing Extended Advent. This year's theme is "Out of Time." At its heart, this series explores two senses of being out of time. Advent thrusts upon us the reality that time is limited. We run out of time to reconcile, to prepare, to make a change. Yet even as we are running out of time, God is outside of time entirely. God's infinite being and infinite patience cut through our fear as God enters human time to dwell with us: Emmanuel, God-with-us.

New to Extended Advent? Learn more about why we're recovering this ancient practice at:
www.scfecc.org/extendedadvent.

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