

# St. Francis Anglican Church

Sunday November 15, 2015

## Holy Eucharist

**Processional Hymn:** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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## Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## 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.*

## Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Reading**

Hebrews 10:11-14; 19-25

*A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Sequence Hymn**

*Morning Has Broken*

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## **Gospel**

Mark 13: 1-8

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown

down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **Homily**

Fr. Craig J. Lister

### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son, 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**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly pray that you would mercifully receive our prayers. Inspire continually, we pray, the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Celebrant:* Lord, in your mercy.

*People:* Hear our prayer.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world into the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially *N*, our *President/Prime Minister/Sovereign*, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and maintain true religion.

*Celebrant:* Lord, in your mercy.

*People:* Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

*Celebrant:* Lord in your mercy.

*People:* Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom among the nations, and help us to fulfill your great commission; making disciples of all nations; teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

*Celebrant:* Lord in your mercy.

*People:* Hear our prayer.

We ask you in your goodness, Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

*Celebrant:* Lord in your mercy.

*People:* Hear our prayer.

We remember before you Lord, all your servants departed this life in faith and fear: and we bless your holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified you; praying that you will give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of your heavenly kingdom.

*Celebrant:* Lord in your mercy.

*People:* Hear our prayer.

*Celebrant:* Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake,

our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

### **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

*Celebrant:* All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to be reconciled with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

*The Celebrant and People kneel as able and pray*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and repent of our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these transgressions. The burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Peace**

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

### **Announcements**

#### **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The celebrant continues:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

### **The Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

All praise and glory is yours, God our heavenly Father, because of your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

And now, O merciful Father; in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

And therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make

here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, which we now offer you, the memorial which your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension and his promise to come again: and offering our wholehearted thanks to you for the countless benefits given to us by the same.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly pleading that all those who shall partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ; that, by the Holy Spirit, we may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this, the duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 forever. *Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

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  
forever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

### **Holy Communion**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us;  
and that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
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**Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People:*                Thanks be to God.



## **Announcements**

**Family Promise** - St. Francis will be partnering with 1st Presbyterian November 15, 16, and 17th to support the Family Promise Program. Volunteers will be needed to provide 3 evening meals, a short time of visitation with "guests", and possibly one overnight stay (optional). There will be a sign up board in the Fellowship Hall, and/or call Sue Comstock at [919 498-9154](tel:9194989154) if you can help.

**St. Anne Prayer Group** - Will be meeting at 10:30 am here on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

**Holy Eucharist** - Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 11:30 am.

**Exploration Meeting** - Our final Exploration Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 starting with Evening Prayer at 6:00 pm and continuing afterwards in the fellowship hall with a meal and discussion.

**Jo Sheer Funeral** - Will be held here on November 19 at 11:00 am..

**Carolina Trace Bible Study** - Will be held at 4:00 pm on November 19.

**Altar Guild** - An Altar Guild meeting will be held here on Saturday November 21, 2015 beginning at 10:00 am.

**Thanksgiving service** - We will celebrate Holy Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 26, 2015 at 10:00 am.

**St. Francis website** - Please make it a point to visit [stfrancisnc.org](http://stfrancisnc.org). There you can get all the latest news about our parish. It's a wonderful website managed by our own Dr. Charles Wick.

**Altar Flowers** - January 3rd and January 10th, 2016 are still open dates for altar flowers. Please use the altar flower signup sheet.

## **The St. Francis' Anglican Church Prayer List**

**For the concerns weighing on the hearts and minds of members of this congregation:**

**Pray for those who are ill:**

Blair Aiken  
\*Helen Frechette  
Walter Jones  
Jay Miller  
Rich Quinn  
\*Jo Sheer  
\*Dean Thorndike  
\*Charlie Hann  
Darrell Hilliard

Jim Stinson  
\*Jessie Honeycutt  
Fred Lawrence  
James Oberkirsch  
Joni Ramey  
\*Mackenzie Stinson  
Don Aiken  
Pauline Graves

Don Blackwelder  
Charlene Kruger  
\*Frances Granger  
Cathy Stinson  
Charlie Stoehrmann  
\*Ken Jeffries  
Larry Howard

\*Member of St. Francis

If you need to add or remove a name from the prayer list please call Betsy Parnell at 919-776-8857. Names will be removed after three weeks unless you contact Betsy to extend the time.

**Pray for strength and divine guidance:** Thomas, Marie, Mary, Betty and Tom.

**Pray for the departed:** Rose Darroch, Don Osmolak, Aubrey Ford, Frances Harmon, Elizabeth VonCanon, Warren Schaeffer, Dorothy Felix, Palmer Farrington, Barbara Czabala, Jo Sheer.

**Altar Flowers** are given by Barbara and Jim Jameson in memory of Chris and Mary.