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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Musical Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Processional *(the people may stand)*

Acclamation

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

Collect for Purity

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

The Decalogue

Celebrant: God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: You shall not murder.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant: You shall not covet.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.**

Trisagion

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴ From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸ But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹ Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Gospel (*the people may stand*)

Mark 13:24-37

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

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

²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³² “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

Fr. Matthew Garrison

Nicene Creed (*the people may stand*)

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Foley, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, Steven and Quigg, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese, Christ Our Hope, and for our parish families at St. Francis and Emmanuel.

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____].

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection [especially_____].

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

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 (*the people may kneel*)

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, 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 (*the people may stand*)

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

People: And with your spirit.

Announcements

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving (*the people may stand*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up 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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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.**

Prayer of Consecration (*the people may kneel*)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace. 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." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**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, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify (+) us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. 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 forever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

The Prayer of Humble Access (*Celebrant and People together*)

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread (sung by the congregation)

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us
Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world
Give us your peace, Give us your peace**

Holy Communion *Come thou long expected Jesus*

Words and music on page 7

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(the people may kneel)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal *(the people may stand)*

Celebrant: As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy God: *Trisagion*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Come, thou long expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Announcements

Sunday School - Study of the Books of 1 and 2 Kings continues today.

Holy Eucharist – Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 11:30 am.

Food Pantry drop off - Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

Altar Flowers – 2021 sign-up sheet is now available.



The BreadBasket

A Non-Profit Organization Dedicated to Feeding the Needy

In 1989, Fr. Craig saw the need to feed lunch to hungry people in Lee County, no questions asked. With tremendous help from Elisabeth Wilkinson, Betsy Parnell and others from St. Thomas, The BreadBasket opened its doors in September 1990, serving lunches of soup and sandwiches. Over the years, meals evolved to include a home-cooked meal of meat, two vegetables, salad, tea and dessert. In 2002, as demand grew, we built an 1,800-square-foot building with an industrial kitchen at our current location, **140 East Chisholm Street**.

The Breadbasket operations are run by Susan Rosenthal who, pre-Covid, oversaw 300+ volunteers who prepared and served meals for the clients at the facility, picked up food donations from generous grocery stores and restaurants around town, and sorted and stored incoming food at The BreadBasket.

Now, demand is greater than ever. We are serving 1,000-1,200 take-out meals per week, a pace of nearly 60,000 meals per year. However, many of our original volunteers are retirees who do not feel safe returning to service at The BreadBasket, so those who have continued to volunteer are working far more hours than before and are exhausted.

St. Francis would like to put together a team of volunteers. Young people are welcome to serve as well. If you would be willing to help once a month (or more often), please contact **Fr. Matt (757.345.1299)** or **Tom Reese (919.478.1955)**

Current needs:

- **Volunteers to help prep food for lunch in a safe environment (8:30-11:00 a.m.)**
- Packs of bottled water
- Take out containers for meals
- Financial support (**PO Box 912, Sanford, NC 27331-0912**)

Thanks so much for your consideration and any help you can give!

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

John Wood	Ron Perkinson	Jamey James Allen
Ken	*Mackenzie Stinson	*Betty Pittman
*Helen Frechette	Jo Maddox	*Karen Tatum
*Paul Dempster	Murray Ingraham	*Ken Jeffries
*Ann Hodges	*Robert Burkey	*Brian Haynes
Larry Foster	Karen Brown	Tommy McDonald
*Ted Lawrence	Faye Glennon	Dave Ward
*Pat Aylies	*Ashley Quinones	Kathy Abernathy
*Lew Andersen	Sarah Barber (and her 3 babies)	*Edie Makepeace
Lisa Anne Callis	*Jessie Honeycutt	Georgia Kate Tatum
*DeDe McKenzie	*Frances Granger	*Isabel Lawrence
Jimmy King	Clinton Ledford	Jeremiah
	*Member of St. Francis	

To add or remove a name from the prayer list contact Sue Comstock at 919-498-9154 or email her at suectrace@gmail.com. Names will be removed after three weeks unless you contact Sue to extend the time.

Pray for those serving all over the world in our military: Matthew Pate, Ben Hodsdon, William Puckett, Katherine Campbell, Brian Gille, George Walter, Jim Makepeace, Rick Smith, Jody Gordon, Raymond DeSantos, Eliza, Josh Pratt, Greg, Ben Gumpton, Jeremy, Lucas Rees, Daniel Hardin, Jared Oldham, Noah Gibson, Nick Stavlund, Jason Williams, Fortune Egbulefu, James Rozak, Logan Peterson, Levi Whiteman, Foster Knowles, Alex Bogaski, Roger Buswell, Stephen and Patrick Hart.

Pray for the departed: Mary Patterson, Jim Darrock, Eleanor Holler, Robert Priest, Marguerate Frasier.

Altar Flowers - The altar flowers are given by Helen Ward and family to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jeff Ward.

Those serving:

	9:00 am service	11:00 am service
Greeters:	Trina Garrison	Fr. Matt
Ushers:	Oliver Crawley	Billy Parten
Lectors:	Scott Bruce	
Advent Wreath Lighting:	Rozaks	Nancy Johnson
Acolytes:	Matthew Kerley	
Cleaning:	Judy Tulloch, Beth Puckett, Amy Davis	Fr. Matt, TBD
Music Director:	Audrey Hanna	
Organist:	Rosemary Parten	
Altar Guild:	Susan Lewis, Katherine Crumpton, Lisa Meadows, Judy Tulloch	

Vestry

Through 2021: Bruce Ledford, Tom Reese, Jimmy Washburn - Senior Warden
 Through 2022: Oliver Crawley – Junior Warden, Joe Hanna, Beth Puckett
 Through 2023: Johnnie Gordon, Phillip Lloyd, Helen Ward
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December 17th



Wisdom

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of
the Most High, reaching from one end to the
other mightily, and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.



Isaiah 11: 2-3

December 18th



Lord

O Lord, and ruler of the House of Israel,
who appeared to Moses in the fire of the
burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.



Isaiah 33: 22