St. Francis' Anglican Church - Forth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

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Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn: Because He lives Words on page 7

Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. *Amen*.

The First Reading Acts 4: 5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (to be read in unison led by the Crucifer)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Second Reading 1 John 3: 16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn My Shepherd will supply my need

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Gospel John 10: 11-18

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Music for Worship Make me a servant

Kelly Willard

St. Francis' Junior Choir

Homily Fr. Craig Lister

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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, let us pray to the Lord. (*silence*)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Steven, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation, let us pray to the Lord. (*silence*)

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, let us pray to the Lord. (*silence*)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, let us pray to the Lord. (silence)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service let us pray to the Lord. (silence)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____], let us pray to the Lord. (*silence*)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection [especially____], in thanksgiving let us pray to the Lord. (*silence*)

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

"Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King."

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer (the people may kneel)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and people

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [______ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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*.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving (the people may kneel)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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*.

Blessing

Closing Hymn The King of love my Shepherd is

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Because He lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One; I believe I overcome; By the power of His blood.

Amen, amen - I'm alive I'm alive because He lives; Amen, amen - Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives.

I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame; I heard mercy call my name; He rolled the stone away.

Amen, amen - I'm alive I'm alive because He lives; Amen, amen - Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone;
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand...

Amen, amen - I'm alive I'm alive because He lives; Amen, amen - Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives.

Amen, amen - I'm alive I'm alive because He lives; Amen, amen - Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives. Because He lives.

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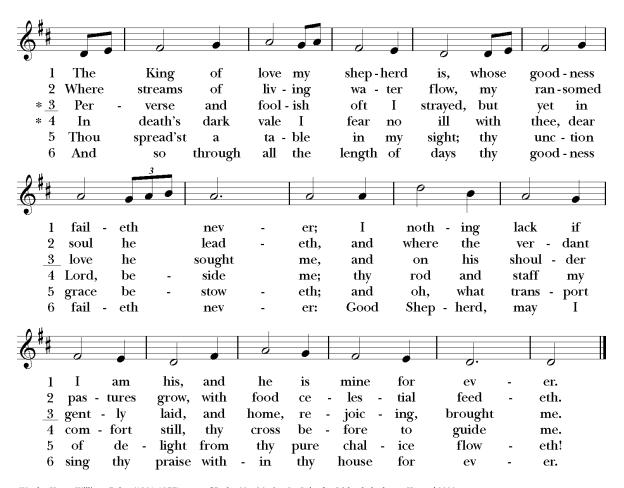
My Shepherd will supply my need



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The King of love my Shepherd is



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Announcements

Sunday School - All Sunday school classes will meet today right after coffee hour. (See green box below)

St. Francis' Youth Group - Meets today at 5:30 pm.

Music Meditation - Today at 8:45 am around the piano.

St. Francis' Choir Rehearsal - Today at 4:15 pm.

St. Ann's Prayer Guild - Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Anglicanism Class - Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Men's Ministry Breakfast - April 28, 2018 at 8:00 am.

Cleanout - April 28-29, 2018.

COMING WOMEN'S EVENTS

MAY WOMEN'S MOVIE EVENT-"SAVING SARAH CAIN"

Tuesday, May 8, 1:30 and 6:30 showings

Helen Ward's home

The story of a self-involved big-city newspaper columnist who, at the funeral of her Amish sister, discovers that she is legal guardian of her five Amish nieces and nephews. She decides to bring them back to Portland but soon realizes the modern world has forced them to compromise who they are and that she has brought them to her home for the wrong reasons. In order to find her own redemption, she faces difficult decisions that will test both her and her love for these children. Sign up sheet on bulletin board.

STRAWBERRY PICKING

Berries are ripe and ready for picking! Actual picking dates vary with ripeness and weather. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have signed up, watch for emails about picking dates and times. We meet in the St. Francis parking lot and share rides.

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

Jennifer	*Patricia Aylies	Ray Holland
Jack Beyer	*Mackenzie Stinson	*Betty Pittman
*Helen Frechette	Jo Maddox	*John McKenzie
*Susan Dixon	Ricky Parker	John Blasius
Ken Brown	Patricia Spaulding	Murray Ingerham
Phil Maddox	Aiden Hague	Christy Aylies
Mary Gillam	Cynthia McNeil	Aaron Plourde
Charles Whaley	Doris Sharp	*Charles Wick
Donna Goodwin	Mary Lineberry	Larry Foster
Delores Danuck	Cindy Reese	Frank Thompson
David Dyson	*Leslie Hanna	Randy Rogers
Bernice Allen	Don Butler	Mike Cochran
	Charles Ingram	Megan Tatum

*Member of St. Francis

If you need 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 strength and divine guidance: Aziz, Adam Sharp, Carter and Tim.

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 and Jason Williams.

Pray for the departed: Helen Ashorne, John Felix, James Overton, Evelyn Houghton, Susan Dowd.

Altar Flowers - The flowers on the altar are given by Tom and Gordy Reese o the Glory of God and in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary.

Those serving today:

Ushers: Tom Reese and Jerry Davis

Chalice Bearers: Marty and Linda Pate

Lectors: Judith Edmonds and Mark Mahaffey

Acolytes: Hunter and Harris Wilkinson

Coffee Hour: Tom and Gordy Reese

Music Director: Leslie Hanna Organist: Rosemary Parten

Altar Guild: Tammy Bennetts, Mari Hann, Carolyn Washburn and Beth

Puckett

Vestry

Through 2018: Lew Andersen, Sr. Warden, Oliver Crawley, Jr. Warden, Gordy Reese, Clerk

Through 2019: Ron Brown, Sue Comstock, Jean Dabbs Through 2020: Scott Bruce, Susan Lewis, Marty Pate St Francis' Mailing Address: 1089 Wilkins Drive, Sanford, NC 27330