

# St. Francis Anglican Church - Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

## Holy Eucharist

### The Liturgy of the Palms

*Celebrant:* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*Let us pray.*

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

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

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

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* Hosanna in the highest.

### Processional Hymn: *All glory, laud and honor*

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King! to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessèd One.

*Refrain*

The company of angels is praising thee on high; and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

*Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

*Refrain*

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

*Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

*Refrain*

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn     *When I survey the wondrous cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that charm me  
most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow  
meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

## Gospel

Matthew 26:14- 27:66

*Celebrant:* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

## Homily

Fr. Craig 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: 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

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**

### **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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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 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 Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit

to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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.*

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Agnus Dei*

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**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, 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**

#### **Closing Hymn** *Ride on! ride on in majesty*

Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry; thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

### **Dismissal**

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

# St. Francis Anglican Parish

## Prayer List

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

**Pray for those who are ill:**

Rick Hager  
Jack Beyer  
\*Helen Frechette  
\*Susan Dixon  
Richard Quinn  
\*Nina Bonti  
Carole Womble  
\*Katie Kerley  
Sheila Holland

Les Sadler  
\*Mackenzie Stinson  
Ed Bolt  
Mary Quinn  
Ken Jeffries  
James Oberkirsch  
Cynthia McNeil  
Patricia Spaulding

\*Peggy Nelson  
\*Betty Pittman  
Dierdre Hearn  
Sophia Johnson  
Norman Keith  
\*Jim Bonti  
Mary Perkins  
\*Linda Pate  
\*Harriett Tice

\*Member of St. Francis

If you need to add or remove a name from the prayer list please call Sue Comstock at 919-498-9154 or you can email her at [suectrace@gmail.com](mailto:suectrace@gmail.com). Names will be removed after three weeks unless you contact Sue to extend the time.

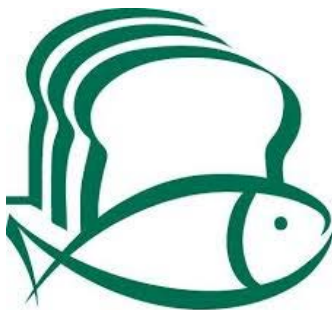
**Pray for strength and divine guidance:** Mari, Bruce, Jeff Johnson.

**Pray for those serving all over the world in our military:** Matthew Pate, Ben Hodsdon, William Puckett, Katherine Campbell, Tommy Walker, Brian Gille, George Walter, Patrick Hart, Jim Makepeace, Stephen Hart, Rick Smith, Chris Bladgett, Ryan Childress, Greg Poe, Josh Pratt, Jody Gordon, Raymond DeSantos and Eliza.

**Pray for the departed:** Haughton Frasier, Sanford Love, Helen Ashorne, John Felix, Marge Cuff.

**Those serving today:**

Ushers:	Tom Reese and Chuck Lewis
Chalice Bearers:	Mark Mahaffey and Sue Comstock
Lector:	Isabel Lawrence
Acolytes:	Michael Crumpton and Matthew Kerley
Coffee Hour:	The Crumpton family
Organist:	Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild:	Terry Crawley, Emily Hewett, Susan Lewis and Linda Bruce



Do you enjoy a good meal? Theater? Supporting The BreadBasket? On Thursday, April 27, The BreadBasket's annual dinner theater fundraiser provides you with a delicious dinner at the civic center, tickets to see "Legally Blonde" at the Temple and the joy of helping to support the important work of the Bread Basket, feeding the hungry in Lee County. Regular ticket price is \$40, but Tom Reese is offering tickets for just \$25 each. See him after church, call [919-478-1897](tel:919-478-1897) or e-mail [rtomreese@aol.com](mailto:rtomreese@aol.com). Thanks so much!

## Announcements

**Sunday School** - Both the adult and youth Sunday School classes will convene today. Pam Kerley will be teaching the children and Julie Anne Lawrence will be teaching our teenager class today.

**Youth Group** - Meet today at 5:30 pm.

**Lenten Soup Pot** - Please support this throughout the season of Lent.

**Confirmation class for young people** - Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

**Men's Group** - Monday, April 17, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

**Holy week schedule** - Monday, April 10, Tuesday April 11 and Wednesday, April 12, 2017 Holy Eucharist at 11:30 am. Maundy Thursday, April 13, 2017 Holy Eucharist at 6:00 pm. Good Friday Liturgy on April 14, 2017 at 12:00 pm and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm. Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017 Lighting of the Paschal Candle at 5:00 pm.

**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.

If your child listens better with busy hands, you may let him or her use one of the bulletins located on clipboards at the front of the church where the usher stands. Finished bulletins may be exchanged for a treat at Sunday school. Please return the empty clipboard and colored pencils to the basket after the service. If I can improve the bulletin in any way please let me know. I would love to hear your suggestions. - Pam Kerley

## Women's Ministry Events

**STRAWBERRY PICKING (AND OPTIONAL BRUNCH)!** We've made arrangements for picking in two wonderful fields near Cameron, and dates will vary depending on interest and weather, beginning in the next week or so. We leave from the St. Francis parking lot and caravan to the fields. Sign up on the bulletin board to receive email updates. If you love picking but can only eat a limited quantity, you can always ask if other people would like you to pick for them. Fun, fellowship, fresh air and delicious berries!

**BOAT, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!** Might you enjoy a boat ride and twilight supper on Monday, April 24 (rain date April 25)? We'll leave from Brenda Brown's dock in Carolina Trace, enjoy a sunset boat ride and return to land for food and fellowship. Details to follow, but sign up now if you're interested!