

Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn: *O wondrous type! O vision fair*

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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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction." ¹³ Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴ He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them." ¹⁵ When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶ and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷ To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸ Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 2 (to be read in unison led by the Crucifer)

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all who take refuge in him!

The Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. ¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Christ upon the mountain peak*

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Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Celebrant: (+) The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. ⁴ Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

Fr. Matthew Garrison

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-begotten 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

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 family at St. Francis.

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

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." *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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 (sung by the congregation)

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.

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)

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*)

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 (+)

Closing Hymn Christ, whose glory fills the skies

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Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

O wondrous type! O vision fair

Descant

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

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Christ upon the mountain peak

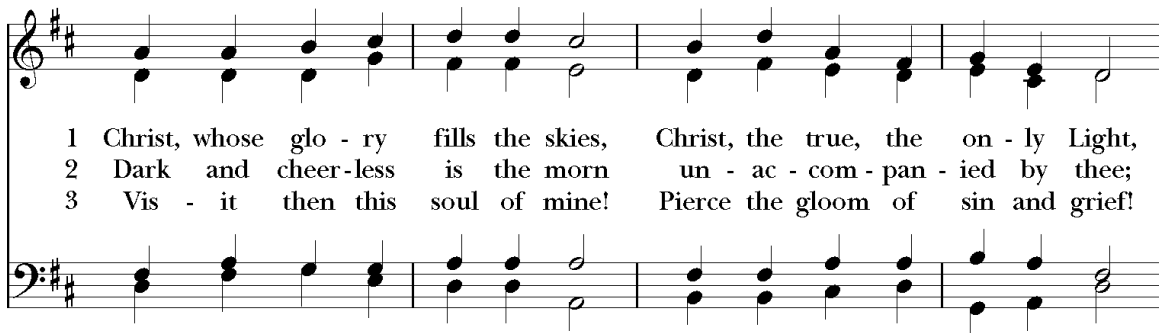
1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
 2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
 in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
 fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
 let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Christ, whose glory fills the skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Chalmers Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

Announcements

Thanks to – Isabel, Juli Anne and Ted Lawrence and Edie Makepeace hosting the coffee hour today.

Sunday School - All classes will meet today.

Slide Show - Check out Bob Nelson's slide show during coffee hour.

Anchor Fund – Please contribute today.

Prayer Opportunities - Use the red boxes located at the exits.

Choir Practice - Choir practice today at 4:00 pm.

Holy Eucharist - Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 11:30 am.

Ash Wednesday - 11:30 am and 6:00 pm February 26, 2020.

Lenten Series – Wednesdays March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. Sign up now.



Help feed the hungry in Lee County by joining us for the BreadBasket's Dinner Theater fundraiser Thursday, March 12, 2020. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. at the Dennis Wicker Civic Center followed by "Steel Magnolias" at the Temple Theater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are regularly \$40 but get them from Tom Reese for just \$25 each

VISIT TO THE ORCHID GALLERY IN PITTSBORO

Saturday morning, March 14, 2020

**Groups leaving from Carolina Trace and
St. Francis Parking Lot**

Experience the delight of touring an orchid greenhouse after hearing a presentation about how to successfully grow your own orchids! There is no cost for the class or the tour, and orchids will be available for purchase. Optional lunch in Pittsboro on the way back, at discretion of drivers and passengers.

Please be sure to sign up for this trip and mark whether you need to leave from St. Francis parking lot or Carolina Trace. Also, please indicate whether you'd be willing to drive, with directions to Orchid Gallery provided to each driver. Departure times will be determined closer to the date, to allow everyone to arrive a bit before the 10 am class time.





**SPRING BOOK AND BRUNCH
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 10:00 am
Emily Hewett's home
608 Valley Road, Sanford**



Come for a leisurely brunch and discussion of our book selection, **Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult**. While parts of the book may be emotionally difficult to read, it raises powerful questions about race, privilege, prejudice, justice and compassion as we follow a highly skilled African American neonatal nurse whose actions are deemed criminal by a white supremacist. The book has the potential to open hearts to new understandings, and we hope that our shared time of discussion will do the same. Readily and inexpensively available (new or used) from Amazon or other sources if you'd like to go ahead and secure a copy and begin reading.

Sign up sheets will be posted in the next several weeks. Not everyone needs to bring a brunch dish, but you will have the opportunity to sign up to bring one of the specific brunch dishes listed if you choose.

UNEXPECTED BEGINNINGS

A two-part series from the Lee County Enrichment Center

- Information you need to know when your spouse passes and you must manage alone
- Helpful as proactive planning for couples as well as for those who have lost a spouse

Tuesdays, March 24 & 31, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

March 24

- Robert Gilleland, Sanford Law Group
- Don Borrillo, Social Security Administration
- Erica Vazquez, Branch Manager, BB&T
- Tim Wilson, BB&T - Investments

March 31

- Susie Thomas Clerk of Court
- Linda Ward, CPA - Ward & Foust CPA's PA
- Miller-Boles Funeral Home
- "Grief & Depression," Kenneth Stewart, First Health of the Carolinas

Open to the General Public at the LCG Enrichment Center, 1615 S. 3rd Street, Sanford
Registration is required. Call (919) 776-0501 Ext. 2201.

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

John Wood
Martha Connolly
*Helen Frechette
*Paul Dempster
Ethan Martin
Kris
Herb Lister
Larry Wicker
Mabel M.
Lisa Anne Callis
James Cox
*Ted Lawrence
*Ann Hodges
*Isabel Lawrence
*Frances Granger

Candy Torgerson
*Mackenzie Stinson
Jo Maddox
Donna Norman
Brent Sloan
Elijah
Claudia Key
RD Carson
Ed McCoy
Charles Roy
Beth Main
Mina Townsend
Robyn Milano
Brent Jackson

Chase Serry
*Betty Pittman
*Karen Tatum
Joe Lawrence
*Brian Haynes
Tommy McDonald
David Kimmons
*Charles Wick
Marjorie J
Joann Duke
Linda McCaskle
Dan Abernathy
*Lew Andersen
Bob Clark
Tom Daughtery

*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, Stephen and Patrick Hart.

Altar Flowers - The flowers on the altar are given Foster and Kendall Knowles to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Hicks and Mrs. Joyce Parker.

Pray for the departed: Patrick Hogan.

Those serving today:

Ushers: Tom Reese and Jerry Davis
Chalice Bearers: Marty and Linda Pate
Lectors: Mari Hann and Juli Anne Lawrence
Acolytes: Gillian Garrison and Cameron Hanna
Coffee Hour: Juli Anne, Ted and Isabel Lawrence and Edie Makepeace
Nursery: Katie Kerley and Pat Aylies
Music Director: Audrey Hanna
Organist: Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild: Emily Hewett, Charlene Jeffries, Mary Ann Dusenbury and Linda Bruce

Vestry

Through 2020: Scott Bruce, Susan Lewis, Clerk, Marty Pate, Senior Warden

Through 2021: Bruce Ledford, Tom Reese, Jimmy Washburn, Junior Warden

Through 2022: Oliver Crawley, Joe Hanna, Beth Puckett

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