St. Francis' Anglican Church Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2018

Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn: O for a thousand tongues to sing

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Acclamation

Celebrant: I will make you as a light for the nations. *People:* That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *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*.

Summary of the law

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen*.

The Reading

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Matthew 22: 37-40

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

Fr. Craig Lister

Gospel

Celebrant:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.People:Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Celebrant:The Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Music for Worship Your great name

Audrey Hanna, Meg Hanna and Lena Kerley

Homily

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.PeopleHear 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, 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.*

The 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 just and right so to do.

The celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal His glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light. 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 Lord, God of power and might. 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)

Lord God our Father: When we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you sent your only Son into the world for our salvation; by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. On the cross he offered himself once for all as our Redeemer, 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. After he ascended to your right hand in glory, you sent your Holy Spirit, that we might become your holy people.

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."

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."

Now sanctify these gifts that they may become for us the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may be filled with your Holy Spirit and manifest your presence and power in the world.

Therefore, heavenly Father, as we joyfully proclaim our Lord's life, death, and resurrection, we offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, as a living sacrifice. Grant that we who partake of this Holy Communion may receive the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. At the last day bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.

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 into the world 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

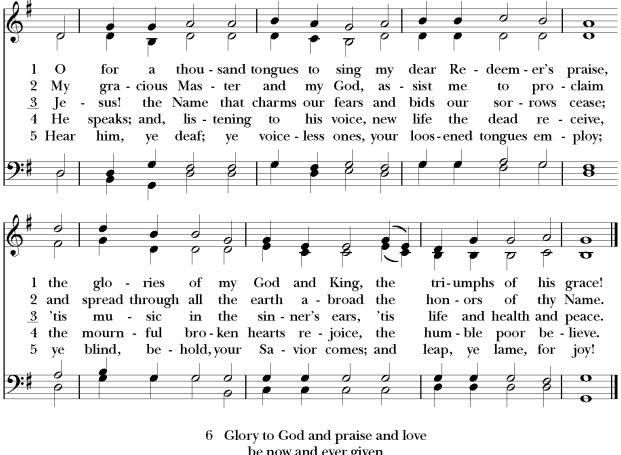
Closing Hymn O love, how deep, how broad, how high

See pages 8 for words and music

Dismissal

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

O for a thousand tongues to sing



be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music; Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

10,000 reasons/Bless the Lord O my soul

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me -Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing -Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing -The end draws near and my time has come.Still my soul will sing Your praise unending -Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name - Lord I'll worship Your holy name.

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Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: Deus tourum militum, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

Tina Hanby	Jean Ganzel	Jack Mahaffey
Jack Beyer	*Mackenzie Stinson	*Betty Pittman
*Helen Frechette	Jo Maddox	Kristin Vernon
*Susan Dixon	Alice Buchanen	John Blasius
Ken Brown	Patricia Spaulding	Mary Perkins
Phil Maddox	Betty Beavers	Christy Aylies
Mary Quinn	Cynthia McNeil	Aaron Plourde
Charles Whaley	Doris Sharp	*Charles Wick
Adam Sharp	Karen Towson	Larry Long
Andrea Franklin	Mary Gillam	Anissa Mitchell
*Dede McKenzie	Aiden Hague	*John McKenzie
Florine Quick		Murray Ingerham

*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:

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 and Daniel.

Pray for the departed: William Hamilton, David Puckett, Chuck Calhoun, Mary Zeph, Nellie Baker, Warren Crouch, Irene Sippell, Elaine Shailer, Brenda Lokey, Rick Simmons, Marie Rose Tozzi.

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Beth Puckett to the Glory of God and in celebration of Charlie Puckett's birthday and in loving memory of David Puckett.

Those serving today:

Ushers:	Tom Reese and PJ Gay
Chalice Bearers:	Marty and Linda Pate
Lector:	Juli Anne Lawrence
Acolytes:	Jonathan and Emily Hanna
Coffee Hour:	The Mahaffey family
Music Director:	Leslie Hanna
Organist:	Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild:	Susan Lewis, Katherine Crumpton, Lisa Meadows and Judy
	Tulloch.

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

Announcements

Sunday School - All classes will meet today. Youth Group also 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.
Men's Group - Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm.
Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2018 at 11:30 am and 6:00 pm.

"THE HAPPINESS DARE" CLASS continues on Wednesday mornings

in the Fellowship Hall.

EVALUATIONS OF "MORNINGS WITH JESUS" AND "JOURNEY"

Ladies, at the Advent Quiet Interval if you were asked to give feedback on your preference for one of these two publications, please turn in the "Your opinion, please" form TODAY to Carolyn Washburn, Karen Haynes or Judith Edmonds. We'd also love to hear from any of the other Advent event attendees.

STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ...

Workshop on the healing power of essential oils-Saturday, February 10

Matinee of Spiritual Twist production of "The Scarlet Pimpernel"-Saturday, March 3

Ladies' Movie at Helen Ward's home-Monday, April 9

Pictures in Breeze- Please add a photo of yourself to your Breeze account.

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