

**Holy Eucharist**

**Processional Hymn:** *The God of Abraham praise (vs. 1-3)*

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**Acclamation**

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* His mercy endures 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.*

**Kyrie Eleison**

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy.

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading**

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 22: 22-30** (*to be read in unison led by the Crucifer*)

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them. My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live forever!" All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's forever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

**Second Reading**

Romans 4: 13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn** *Lord, I need you*

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**Gospel**

Mark 8:31-35

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*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 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, 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**

### **Offertory**

*Celebrant and People:* All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given thee.

### **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, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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.

## **Prayer of Consecration** *(the people may kneel)*

*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**

*Fraction Anthem*

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** *(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** *My faith looks up to thee*

See pages 8 for words and music

**Dismissal**

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## The God of Abraham praise (vs. 1-3)

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

## **Lord, I need you**

Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
Without You I fall apart  
You're the One that guides my heart

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You**  
**Every hour I need You**  
**My one defense, my righteousness**  
**Oh God, how I need You**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You**  
**Every hour I need You**  
**My one defense, my righteousness**  
**Oh God, how I need You**

*Teach my song to rise to You*  
*When temptation comes my way*  
*When I cannot stand I'll fall on You*  
*Jesus, You're my hope and stay*

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You**  
**Every hour I need You**  
**My one defense, my righteousness**  
**Oh God, how I need You**

**You're my one defense, my righteousness**  
**Oh God, how I need You**

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# My faith looks up to thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887) Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## Announcements

**Sunday School** - All classes will meet today. Youth Group also meets today at 5:30 pm. The middle schoolers are now dubbed "Daniel's Disciples".

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

**Prayer cards for Lent and Lenten soup pot.**

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

**Lenten Program** - February 21, 2018 featuring Max Lucado, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Sign up now!

**Wednesday Eucharist** - February 28, 2018 at 11:30 am.

### COMING WOMEN'S EVENTS

**WOMEN'S MOVIE** at Helen Wards' home—Monday, April 9, 1:30 and 6:30 showings

"WONDER," a movie that portrays the extraordinary courage of August Pullman, a boy born with facial differences, as he moves into a mainstream school environment for the first time. Seating is limited to 10 per showing. Popcorn provided!

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

### **STRAWBERRY PICKING...PROBABLY STARTING IN MARCH!**

Dates vary with ripeness and weather. Sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Those who sign up will receive an email about picking dates, and we ask those interested in picking on a particular date to meet in the St. Francis parking lot about 9:30 am.

**MYSTERY TRIP IN MAY!** (You'll receive information about attire, duration of trip and any costs, but the destination will remain a mystery until you arrive!)

Everyone is invited to...

**The Scarlet Pimpernel**, a Spiritual Twist Production

involving many young women of St. Francis

**2 pm matinee on Saturday, March 3**

(other showings on March 1 and 2)

Tickets (from \$10) can be ordered online. See women's ministry bulletin board for online ticket address and theater location. If you would like to caravan, meet at St. Francis parking lot on March 3 at 12:45.



Adult Class  
(various)  
Meets upstairs

Nursery  
(Katie Kerley)  
available  
8:55-10:15

YOUTH CHOIR (LESLIE HANNA)  
MEETS IN THE CHOIR ROOM

**Elementary Class (Pam Kerley)**  
**Meets after Youth Choir**  
**in the nursery**

**All classes begin after coffee  
hour & end around 11:15/11:30**

High School Class  
(Jimmy Washburn &  
Julianne Lawrence)  
Meets upstairs

*Middle School Class  
(Richard & Stuart Smith)  
Meets after Youth Choir in  
the upstairs classroom*

# St. Francis Anglican Parish

## Prayer List

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

Jennifer  
Jack Beyer  
\*Helen Frechette  
\*Susan Dixon  
Ken Brown  
Phil Maddox  
Mary Gillam  
Charles Whaley  
Adam Sharp  
Donna Goodwin  
Steve Ray

\*Patricia Aylies  
\*Mackenzie Stinson  
Jo Maddox  
\*Dede McKenzie  
Patricia Spaulding  
Aiden Hague  
Cynthia McNeil  
Doris Sharp  
Karen Towson  
Cindy Reese

Jack Mahaffey  
\*Betty Pittman  
\*John McKenzie  
John Blasius  
Murray Ingerham  
Christy Aylies  
Aaron Plourde  
\*Charles Wick  
Larry Foster  
Frank Thompson  
Daysi Dossenbach

\*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.

**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 and Jason Williams.

**Pray for the departed:** Edna Hamilton, Dean Yeasel, Alan Massengill, Catherine Hattaway, Mary Moody, Elisabeth Wilkinson, Robert Watson, Isaac Lutterloh, James Smith, Lee McClurkin.

**Those serving today:**

Ushers:	JJ Cuff and Dana Garrett
Chalice Bearers:	Gordy Reese and Linda Bruce
Lectors:	Peggy Nelson and Mari Hahn
Acolytes:	Blair and Morgan Gille
Coffee Hour:	Carolyn and Jimmy Washburn
Music Director:	Leslie Hanna
Organist:	Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild:	Terry Crawley, Linda Pate, Edie Makepeace and Jean Dabbs.

### 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

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