St. Francis Anglican Church Last Sunday after the Epiphany Fe

February 26, 2017

Holy Eucharist

Gathering and Announcements

Processional Hymn: When morning gilds the skies

When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries, may Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call, may Jesus Christ be praised!

When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs: may Jesus Christ be praised! God's holy house of prayer hath none that can compare with: Jesus Christ be praised!

No lovelier antiphon in all high heaven is known than, Jesus Christ be praised! There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face, sing, Jesus Christ be praised! God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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 Matthew 22: 37-40

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 to us 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 Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

Sequence Hymn I love to tell the story

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true; It satisfies my longings As nothing else would do.

I love to tell the story; Twill be my theme in glory. To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story; Twill be my theme in glory. To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

Gospel Matthew 17: 1-9

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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, 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.

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: For he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. 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.

Prayer of Consecration

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

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 How great Thou art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Send him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God how great thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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:

Rachael Jack Beyer *Helen Frechette	Les Sadler *Mackenzie Stinson Nancy Griffin	Jean Banzel *Betty Pittman Dierdre Hearn
*Susan Dixon	Mary Quinn	Sophia Johnson
Richard Quinn	Ken Jeffries	Ron Perkinson
*Nina Bonti	James Oberkirsch	*Jim Bonti
Carole Womble	Mary Taylor	Mary Perkins
*Katie Kerley	Patricia Spaulding	*Betsy Parnell
Sheila Holland	*Harriet Tice	*Linda Pate
Cynthia McNeil	*Peggy Nelson	Barb Cavalluzi

^{*}Member of St. Francis

If you need to add or remove a name from the prayer list please call Betsy Parnell at 919-776-8857. Names will be removed after three weeks unless you contact Betsy to extend the time.

Pray for strength and divine guidance: Mari, Bruce, Cathy Stinson, 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: Edna Hamilton, Dean Yeasel, Alan Massengill, Catherine Hattaway, Mary Laura Moody, Elisabeth Wilkinson, Robert Watson, Isaac Lutterloh, James Smith, Lee McClurkin, Carolyn West.

Altar Flowers - The flowers on the altar are given by William and Kelly Puckett to the Glory of God and to their first year wedding anniversary (February 25th).

Those serving today:

Ushers: Dwight Edmonds and Jerry Davis Chalice Bearers: Linda Bruce and Julie Anne Lawrence

Lector: Scott Bruce

Acolytes: Lena and Matthew Kerley Coffee Hour: Elizabeth and Bill Oberkirsch

Organist: Rosemary Parten

Altar Guild: Jean Dabbs, Lisa Meadows, Mary Ann Dusenbury,

Edie Makepeace

Announcements

Sunday School - Both the adult's and children's Sunday School will convene today.

Youth Group - Will meet today at 5:30 pm.

Confirmation class for young people - Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

Family Promise - Sunday, February 26, 2017 through Monday, February 27, 2017.

Shrove Tuesday Supper - Tuesday, February 28, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Middle School Sunday School - Pam Kerley is scheduling our new Middle School Sunday School class to begin the first Sunday in March.

Ash Wednesday - March 1, 2017 - Holy Eucharist at 11:30 am and at 6:00 pm.

Holy Eucharist - Each Wednesday during Lent at 11:30 am.

Lenten Program - Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2017 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Holy Land Trip - October 2017.

CUOC FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS - Please be consistent in bringing nonperishable food items for the baskets.

Back Pack Pals - Food requests: Ravioli/Spaghetti O's, Beanie Weenies, Cup of Soup-Oodles of Noodles, Vienna sausages, tuna, peanut butter, peanut butter/cheese crackers, fruit cups and/or applesauce, pudding cups, juice boxes, Pop-Tarts, cereal bars, individual boxes of cereal, granola bars. Place donations in the CUOC baskets.

St. Francis website - Please make it a point to visit 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.

Altar Flowers - When your Sunday for altar flowers is coming up please contact Bob Bennetts at rrb23994@gmail.com at least one week in advance with the memorial you wish placed in the bulletin.