St. Francis' Anglican Church Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018

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Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn: The Church's one foundation

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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.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

Psalm 92:1-4,11-14 (to be read in unison led by the Crucifer)

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

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12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

The Second Reading

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Sequence Hymn I love thy kingdom, Lord

Mark 4: 26-34

Gospel

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Music for worship Down to the river to pray

St. Francis' Singers

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,

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

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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

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 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 Jerusalem, my happy home

Dismissal

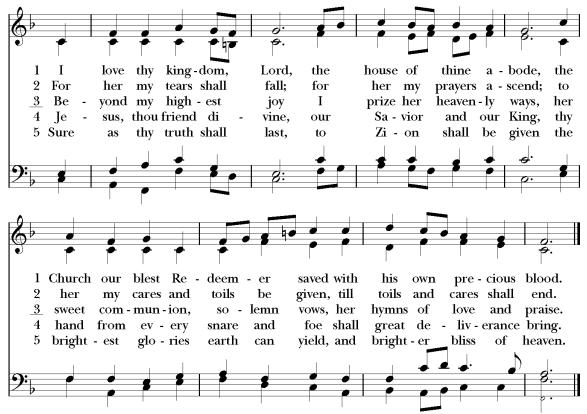
Celebrant:Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

The Church's one foundation



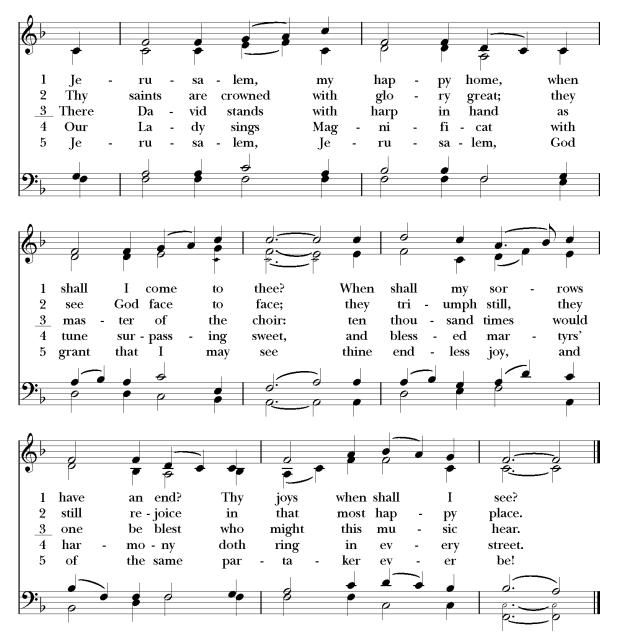
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I love thy kingdom, Lord



Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817) Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Jerusalem, my happy home



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Announcements

Sunday School - All Sunday school classes meeting today.

Room Switch - Adult classes will meet downstairs and the choir will meet upstairs.

Juli Anne Lawrence and Jimmy Washburn - Are teaching a study based on Max Lucado's work "Fearless " All Senior High and College students are welcome to join this exciting journey!

Camp Booyah - Starts today and runs through 6/22.

Parish Meeting - After the 9:00 am service on June 24, 2018.

Young Adults - Next meeting is June 30, 2018.

Music Meditation - Resumes at 8:45 on June 24, 2018.

Family Promise - St. Francis will be supporting Family Promise on July 1 and 2, 2018. If you can help with meals please contact Sue Comstock at 919-498-9154 or email her at suectrace@gmail.com.

Vestry Nomination forms now available...today is the cutoff date.

Nursery Care - Help is needed and yours would be most welcome. Please sign up.

Coffee Hour - Numerous opportunities open for the next several weeks.

OVERVIEW OF SUMMER WOMEN'S EVENTS SUMMER FRUIT BOUNTY

To receive email notifications about picking dates, please sign up on the bulletin board. and then watch for emails about picking dates and times. We meet in the St. Francis parking lot and share rides.

NOTE: Guys and young people can come to pick, too

<u>BLUEBERRY PICKING</u> should begin next week and continue through the end of July. Those who sign up will receive updates. Because of summer heat, we will leave about 8:30 am or earlier to pick.

<u>ATTENTION PEACH LOVERS</u>! Sometime in July we'll schedule an excursion to an orchard where peaches are available for purchase and PEACH ICE CREAM may be enjoyed! Watch for future notices! Open to anyone interested!

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

Rebecca	Leslie Barrera	Ray Holland
Jack Beyer	*Mackenzie Stinson	*Betty Pittman
*Helen Frechette	Jo Maddox	*Ken Jeffries
*Susan Dixon	Ricky Parker	John Blasius
Ken Brown	Patricia Spaulding	Murray Ingerham
Phil Maddox	Aiden Hague	Christy Aylies
Mary Gillam	Cynthia McNeil	Mike Cochran
Charles Whaley	Doris Sharp	*Charles Wick
Brandon Wilson	Mary Lineberry	Ronda Hart
Jean Wilson	Cindy Reese	Joann Duke
David Dyson	Christine Phelps	Jason Stone
	Don Butler	
	*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 Hardin and Jason Williams.

Pray for the departed: Evelyn Hoaglund, Rebecca VonCanon, Patricia Stoehrmann, Nancy Stewart.

Altar Flowers - The flowers on the altar are given by William Oberkirsch to the Glory of God and in memory of his brother James David Oberkirsch.

Those serving today:

Ushers:	Lew Andersen and Bill Oberkirsch
Chalice Bearers:	Mark Mahaffey and Sue Comstock
Lectors:	Judith Edmonds and Linda Bruce
Acolytes:	Jonathan and Cameron Hanna
Coffee Hour:	Jerry and Amy Davis
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 St Francis' Mailing Address: 1089 Wilkins Drive, Sanford, NC 27330 (910)-773-1155