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**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Musical Prelude** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**Processional** *(the people may stand)*

**Acclamation**

*Celebrant:* Surely the Lord is coming soon.

***People:* Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

**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.*

**The Decalogue**

*Celebrant:* God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

***People:* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

***People:* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

***People:* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant:* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

***People:* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant:* Honor your father and your mother.

***People:* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not murder.

***People:* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not commit adultery.

***People:* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not steal.

***People:* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

***People:* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

*Celebrant:* You shall not covet.

***People:* Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.**

**Trisagion**

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## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

*Amen.*

## The First Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. <sup>15</sup> And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel (*the people may stand*)

Mark 1: 1-8

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

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

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" <sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Music for worship**     *How long, O Lord*

Audrey Hanna

**Homily**

Fr. Craig J. Lister

**Nicene Creed** (*the people may stand*)

**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, 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. 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.

*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 families at St. Francis and Emmanuel.

*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** *(the people may stand)*

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And with your spirit.**

### **Announcements**

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*

**The Great Thanksgiving** *(the people may stand)*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them up 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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed (+) is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.**

**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.***

## **Breaking of the Bread** (*sung by the congregation*)

**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**

## **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.***

**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 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 and Dismissal** *(the people may stand)*

*Celebrant:* As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

## Holy God: *Trisagion*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## Lo! he comes with clouds descending

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - every eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on  
our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the  
saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine  
train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

## Announcements

**Sunday School** - Study of the Books of 1 and 2 Kings continues today.

**Holy Eucharist** – Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 11:30 am.

**Food Pantry drop off** - Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

**Evening Prayer and Advent Program** – Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary.

**Altar Flowers** – 2021 sign-up sheet is now available.



## The BreadBasket

### A Non-Profit Organization Dedicated to Feeding the Needy

In 1989, Fr. Craig saw the need to feed lunch to hungry people in Lee County, no questions asked. With tremendous help from Elisabeth Wilkinson, Betsy Parnell and others from St. Thomas, The BreadBasket opened its doors in September 1990, serving lunches of soup and sandwiches. Over the years, meals evolved to include a home-cooked meal of meat, two vegetables, salad, tea and dessert. In 2002, as demand grew, we built an 1,800-square-foot building with an industrial kitchen at our current location, **140 East Chisholm Street**.

The Breadbasket operations are run by Susan Rosenthal who, pre-Covid, oversaw 300+ volunteers who prepared and served meals for the clients at the facility, picked up food donations from generous grocery stores and restaurants around town, and sorted and stored incoming food at The BreadBasket.

Now, demand is greater than ever. We are serving 1,000-1,200 take-out meals per week, a pace of nearly 60,000 meals per year. However, many of our original volunteers are retirees who do not feel safe returning to service at The BreadBasket, so those who have continued to volunteer are working far more hours than before and are exhausted.

**St. Francis would like to put together a team of volunteers. Young people are welcome to serve as well.** If you would be willing to help once a month (or more often), please contact **Fr. Matt (757.345.1299)** or **Tom Reese (919.478.1955)**

Current needs:

- **Volunteers to help prep food for lunch in a safe environment (8:30-11:00 a.m.)**
- Packs of bottled water
- Take out containers for meals
- Financial support (**PO Box 912, Sanford, NC 27331-0912**)

**Thanks so much for your consideration and any help you can give!**



## St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

John Wood	Ron Perkinson	Jamey James Allen
Ken	*Mackenzie Stinson	*Betty Pittman
*Helen Frechette	Jo Maddox	*Karen Tatum
*Paul Dempster	Murray Ingraham	*Ken Jeffries
*Ann Hodges	*Robert Burkey	*Brian Haynes
Larry Foster	Karen Brown	Tommy McDonald
*Ted Lawrence	Faye Glennon	Dave Ward
*Pat Aylies	*Ashley Quinones	Kathy Abernathy
*Lew Andersen	Sarah Barber (and her 3 babies)	*Edie Makepeace
Lisa Anne Callis	*Jessie Honeycutt	Georgia Kate Tatum
*DeDe McKenzie	*Frances Granger	*Isabel Lawrence
Jimmy King	Clinton Ledford	Jeremiah
	Billy Ray Cameron	Jay Minter

\*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, Foster Knowles, Alex Bogaski, Roger Buswell, Stephen and Patrick Hart.

**Pray for the departed:** Robert Huse, Eugene Hancock, Nathan Ledicotte, Bertie Ward, Fred Von Canon, Lyman Seymore, Joseph Smith, Robert Clark, Doris Wolff.

**Altar Flowers** - The altar flowers are given by Sue Comstock to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her son Scott Lawrence Comstock.

### Those serving:

	9:00 am service	11:00 am service
Greeters:	Scott Bruce	Fr. Matt
Ushers:	JJ Cuff	Billy Parten
Lectors:	Dana Garrett	
Advent Wreath Lighting:	Scott Bruce	Nancy Johnson
Acolytes:	Morgan Gille	
Cleaning:	Judy Tulloch, Kathi Smith	Fr. Matt, Alex Bogaski
Music Director:	Audrey Hanna	
Organist:	Rosemary Parten	
Altar Guild:	Terry Crawley, Linda Pate, Edie Makepeace and Jean Dabbs	

### Vestry

Through 2021: Bruce Ledford, Tom Reese, Jimmy Washburn - Senior Warden  
Through 2022: Oliver Crawley – Junior Warden, Joe Hanna, Beth Puckett  
Through 2023: Johnnie Gordon, Phillip Lloyd, Helen Ward  
St Francis' Mailing Address: 1089 Wilkins Drive, Sanford, NC 27330 (910)-773-1155  
St. Francis Parish information website: <http://stfrancisnc.org>

December 19th



# Root of Jesse

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the  
peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths,  
to you the nations will make their prayer:  
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

Isaiah 11: 1



December 20th



# Key of David

O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel; you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open: Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house, those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Isaiah 9: 7

