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## **Holy Eucharist**

**Processional Hymn:** *Lord, I need you*

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### **Acclamation**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

### **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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Reading**

Acts 8: 26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the

water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 22: 24-30** (to be read in unison led by the Crucifer)

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live forever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

**The Second Reading**

1 John 4: 7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn** *Come my way, my truth, my life*

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**Gospel**

John 15: 1-8

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch

cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Music for Worship** *Make me a servant*

by Mark Altrogge

St. Francis' Junior Choir

**Homily**

Fr. Matthew Garrison

**Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. 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 have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **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, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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.

### **Eucharistic Prayer** (*the people may kneel*)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and people*

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** *Abide with me*

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### **Dismissal**

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Lord, I need you**

Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowling 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*  
*And 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**  
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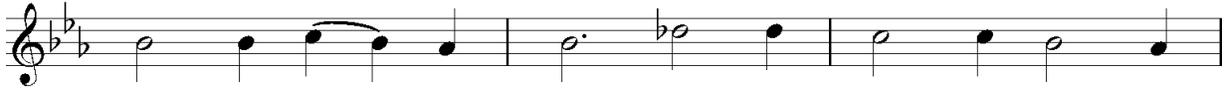
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## Come my way, my truth, my life



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
 length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
 part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Copyright ©1911 by Stainer and Bell, Ltd. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

## Abide with me

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness;  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## Announcements

**Sunday School** - All Sunday school classes will meet today right after coffee hour. (See green box below)

**St. Francis' Youth Group** - 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.

**Anglicanism Class** - Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

**Cleanout** - Today around 12 noon.

**Day of Prayer** - May 3, 2018 at 12 noon at City Hall.

**St. Francis' Men's Group** - Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

### COMING WOMEN'S EVENTS

#### MAY WOMEN'S MOVIE EVENT—"SAVING SARAH CAIN"

Tuesday, May 8, 1:30 and 6:30 showings

Helen Ward's home, 1521 Valley Road

The story of a self-involved big-city newspaper columnist who, at the funeral of her Amish sister, discovers that she is legal guardian of her five Amish nieces and nephews. She decides to bring them back to Portland but soon realizes the modern world has forced them to compromise who they are and that she has brought them to her home for the wrong reasons. In order to find her own redemption, she faces difficult decisions that will test both her and her love for these children. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

### STRAWBERRY PICKING

Berry picking has begun!! Actual picking dates vary with ripeness and weather. Signup sheet on the bulletin board. If you have signed up, watch for emails about picking dates and times. We meet in the St. Francis parking lot and share rides. (NOTE: Guys can come to pick, too!)



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  
Donna Goodwin  
Delores Danuck  
David Dyson  
Bernice Allen  
Leslie Barrera

Megan Tatum  
\*Mackenzie Stinson  
Jo Maddox  
Ricky Parker  
Patricia Spaulding  
Aiden Hague  
Cynthia McNeil  
Doris Sharp  
Mary Lineberry  
Cindy Reese  
\*Leslie Hanna  
Don Butler  
Joanne Duke  
\*Member of St. Francis

Ray Holland  
\*Betty Pittman  
Charles Ingram  
John Blasius  
Murray Ingerham  
Christy Aylies  
Aaron Plourde  
\*Charles Wick  
Rhonda Hart  
Frank Thompson  
Randy Rogers  
Mike Cochran

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, Adam Sharp, Carter and Tim.

**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 Gumpston, Jeremy, Lucas Rees, Daniel Hardin and Jason Williams.

**Pray for the departed:** John Drescher, Sara Mawyer, William Lane, Charles Hann, Gilliam Anderson.

**Altar Flowers** - The flowers on the altar are given by Mark and Karen Mahaffey to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of St. Francis Anglican Church.

**Those serving today:**

Ushers: JJ Cuff and Dana Garrett  
Chalice Bearers: Gordy Reese and Linda Bruce  
Lectors: Isabel Lawrence and Peggy Nelson  
Acolytes: Morgan Gille and Emily Hanna  
Coffee Hour: Judy Tulloch and Kathy Blackwelder  
Music Director: Leslie Hanna  
Organist: Leah Perry  
Altar Guild: Tammy Bennetts, Mari Hann, Carolyn Washburn and Beth Puckett

### 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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