

## **Holy Eucharist**

**Processional Hymn:** *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

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### **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.*

### **Holy God: Trisagion**

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### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:*   **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### **The First Reading**

Isaiah 35:1-10

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup> it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; <sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." <sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. <sup>8</sup> And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. <sup>9</sup> No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, <sup>10</sup> and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

*Reader:*   The Word of the Lord.

*People:*   **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 146:4-9 (to be read in unison led by the Crucifer)**

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

## The Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup> You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. <sup>9</sup> Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! <sup>10</sup> Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

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## Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

*Celebrant:* (+) The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Now when John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" <sup>4</sup> Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>6</sup> Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." <sup>7</sup> As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? <sup>8</sup> If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. <sup>9</sup> Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written: "'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'" <sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Special Music** *Waiting for a King*

St. Francis Singers

## Homily

Fr. Craig J. 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-begotten 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 family at St. Francis.

*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**

*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." *Amen.*

### **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 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 (sung by the congregation)**

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)**

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.*

**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.*

**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

**Holy Communion**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*the people may kneel*)

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** (+)

**Closing Hymn** *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

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**Dismissal**

## On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.  
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

## 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.

## **O come, O come, Emmanuel**

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
*Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
*Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

# Come, thou long expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.



## Announcements

**Sunday School** - All classes will meet today.

**Check out** – Look for Bob Nelson’s slide show at coffee hour.

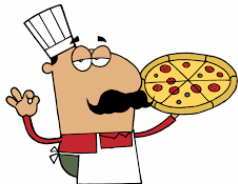
**Choir Practice** - Today at 4:00 pm.

**Prayer Team** - Will meet Monday, December 16, at **6:30 p.m.** at Tom and Gordy Reeses’s house (703 Stuart Drive). Please "read, mark and inwardly digest" the new time and place. Do not feel any pressure to do so, but if you would especially enjoy bringing goodies, whether creating or regifting them, please let Gordy know. The leadership team will gladly fill in as needed.

**Holy Eucharist** – Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 11:30 am.

**Advent Series** – Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

## JANUARY 2020 WOMEN’S MINISTRY EVENTS



### Pizza night and a movie

Monday, January 13, 5:30 pm

St. Francis Fellowship Hall



We'll be watching "I Can Only Imagine," a movie about the story behind the powerful song written by Bart Miller of the Christian band, MercyMe. A troubled relationship with his abusive father eventually leads to healing for both father and son and inspires the writing of the song. Come and enjoy pizza with various toppings, and of course, no respectable movie night would be complete without popcorn and movie candy! So that we may provide enough food, please sign up on the women's bulletin board (near the piano in the Fellowship Hall).

### "GIFTS OF THE MAGI"—AN ESSENTIAL OILS CLASS

Saturday, January 25, 2:30 pm

St. Francis Fellowship Hall



In the context of the season of Epiphany, Rebecca Peterson will offer an opportunity to learn what the Magi's gifts represent and their prophetic significance. We'll explore the multitude of ways essential oils were used in Scripture AND learn how we can use oils as a Biblical solution for our own and our families' health. (We rescheduled this event because many indicated an interest but were unable to attend in November.) No cost for the class, with optional opportunities for additional classes. Signup sheet on the women's bulletin board, and friends are most welcome.

## St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

*Sandy West	Jennifer	Chase Serry
Martha Connolly	*Mackenzie Stinson	*Betty Pittman
*Helen Frechette	Jo Maddox	*Karen Tatum
*Paul Dempster	Donna Norman	Joe Lawrence
Dennis Wicker	Brent Sloan	Murray Ingerham
Kris	Aiden Hague	Tommy McDonald
Billie Edwards	Claudia Key	*Harriett Tice
Larry Wicker	RD Carson	*Charles Wick
Mabel M.	Ed McCoy	Marjorie J
Lisa Anne Callis	Chad Blackwelder	Joann Duke
James Cox	* Derrick Smith	Linda McCaskle
*Ted Lawrence	Mina Townsend	Gordon Caldwell
*Ann Hodges	Robyn Milano	Tom Daughtrey
Sallie Daughtrey	Tim Young	Dan Abernathy
Ethan Martin	Brent Jackson	*Lew Andersen
	*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.

**Pray for strength and divine guidance:** Marcia and Tony Swanson, Jason, Shannon, Cindy and Joseph.

**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, Stephen and Patrick Hart.

**Altar Flowers** - The flowers on the altar are given by Jean Dabbs to the Glory of God and celebration of her mother, Charline Kugler's 90th birthday.

**Pray for the departed:** Samuel Gormley, Margaret Rounds, Leland Heins, James Holton III, Peggy Kirkpatrick, Audrey Stehlin.

### Those serving today:

Ushers:	Dwight Edmonds and Michael Crumpton
Chalice Bearers:	Mark Mahaffey and Sue Comstock
Lectors:	Mari Hann and Marty Pate
Acolytes:	Hunter and Harris Wilkinson
Coffee Hour:	Ted, Juli Anne and Isabel Lawrence
Nursery:	Katie Kerley
Music Director:	Audrey Hanna
Organist:	Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild:	Linda Bruce, Mary Ann Dusenbury, Emily Hewett and Charlene Jeffries

### Vestry

Through 2020: Scott Bruce, Susan Lewis, Clerk, Marty Pate, Senior Warden

Through 2021: Bruce Ledford, Tom Reese, Jimmy Washburn, Junior Warden

Through 2022: Oliver Crawley, Joe Hanna, Beth Puckett

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## St Francis Anglican Church Christmas Week Services 2019

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- December 22    Last Sunday of Advent    Holy Eucharist    9 am
- December 24    Festival Choral Eucharist    4 pm
- December 25    Christmas Day    Holy Eucharist    10 am
- December 29    Christmas Lessons & Carols    9 am
- January 5        Holy Eucharist & Epiphany Party    9 am

Regular service schedule: Sunday 9am-10am and Wednesday 11:30am-12pm