St. Francis' Anglican Church Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 9, 2020

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Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn: God of grace and God of Glory See page 7 for words and music

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.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, keep your household the Church continually in your true religion, that we who trust in the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen*.

The First Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a

"Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. ² For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. 3 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?' "Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. 4 Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. 5 Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? 6 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9 (to be read in unison led by the Crucifer)

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

The Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. ⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"—the things God has prepared for those who love him—¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn Be Thou my vision

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Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell

you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Music for Worship This is Christ the 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, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light. 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)

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)

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 He who would valiant be

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Dismissal

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

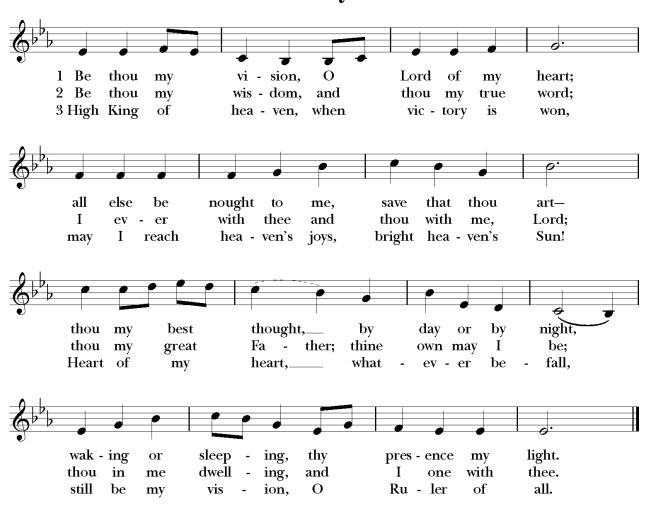
People: Thanks be to God.

God of grace and God of glory



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Be Thou my vision



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Announcements

Sunday School - All classes will meet today.

Slide Show - Check out Bob Nelson's slide show during coffee hour.

Prayer Opportunities - Use the red boxes located at the exits.

Choir Practice - Choir practice today at 4:00 pm.

Men's Group - Monday, February 10, 2020 at Jon Kerley's house (oysters!).

Holy Eucharist - Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 11:30 am.

Prayer and Praise - Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Regional Retreat – Thursday, February 13 – Friday, February 15, 2020 at Redeemer in Greensboro.

Anchor Fund – To be offered at each service on February 16 and February 23, 2020.



Help feed the hungry in Lee County by joining us for the BreadBasket's Dinner Theater fundraiser Thursday. March 12, 2020. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. at the Dennis Wicker Civic Center followed by "Steel Magnolias" at the Temple Theater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are regularly \$40 but get them from Tom Reese for just \$25 each

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

John Wood Candy Torgerson Chase Serry *Mackenzie Stinson *Betty Pittman Martha Connolly *Karen Tatum *Helen Frechette Jo Maddox *Paul Dempster Donna Norman Joe Lawrence Ethan Martin **Brent Sloan** *Brian Haynes Kris Tommy McDonald Jason Billie Edwards Claudia Key **David Kimmons** Larry Wicker **RD** Carson *Charles Wick Mabel M. Ed McCoy Marjorie J Lisa Anne Callis Charles Roy Joann Duke James Cox Beth Main Linda McCaskle *Ted Lawrence Mina Townsend Dan Abernathy *Ann Hodges Robyn Milano *Lew Andersen *Isabel Lawrence **Brent Jackson Bob Clark** Herb Lister

*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, Stephen and Patrick Hart.

Altar Flowers - The flowers on the altar are given by JJ Cuff and Dana Garrett to the Glory of God and for Barbara Cuff in celebration of a life well lived.

Pray for the departed: Harry Frazier, Jeane Nelson, Larry Gibson, WT Banner, Fred Rippy, Sam Tinsley, Warren Barber, Gus Palmer.

Those serving today:

Ushers: Michael Crumpton and Jimmy Washburn

Chalice Bearers: Bob and Peggy Nelson

Lectors: Linda Bruce and Eli Garrison

Acolytes: Matthew Kerley and Charlie Puckett

Coffee Hour: The Mahaffeys

Nursery: Trina and Josiah Garrison

Music Director: Audrey Hanna Organist: Rosemary Parten

Altar Guild: Emily Hewett, Charlene Jeffries, Mary Ann Dusenbury and Linda Bruce

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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