

St. Francis' Anglican Church Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 16, 2020

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Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn: *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

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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.

Almighty God, look mercifully upon your people, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:1-8 *(to be read in unison led by the Crucifer)*

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³ You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? ⁴ For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings? ⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Lord, I need you*

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Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

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

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

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell. ²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹ “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of

the Great King.³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.³⁷ All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 *Hail to the Lord's anointed*

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Dismissal

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

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

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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
Oh God, how I need You

You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

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Hail to the Lord's anointed

1 Hail to the Lord's anointed
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
His Name shall stand forever,
his changeless Name of love.

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.

Holy Eucharist - Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 11:30 am.

Anchor Fund – To be offered today and February 23, 2020.

Ash Wednesday – February 26, 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

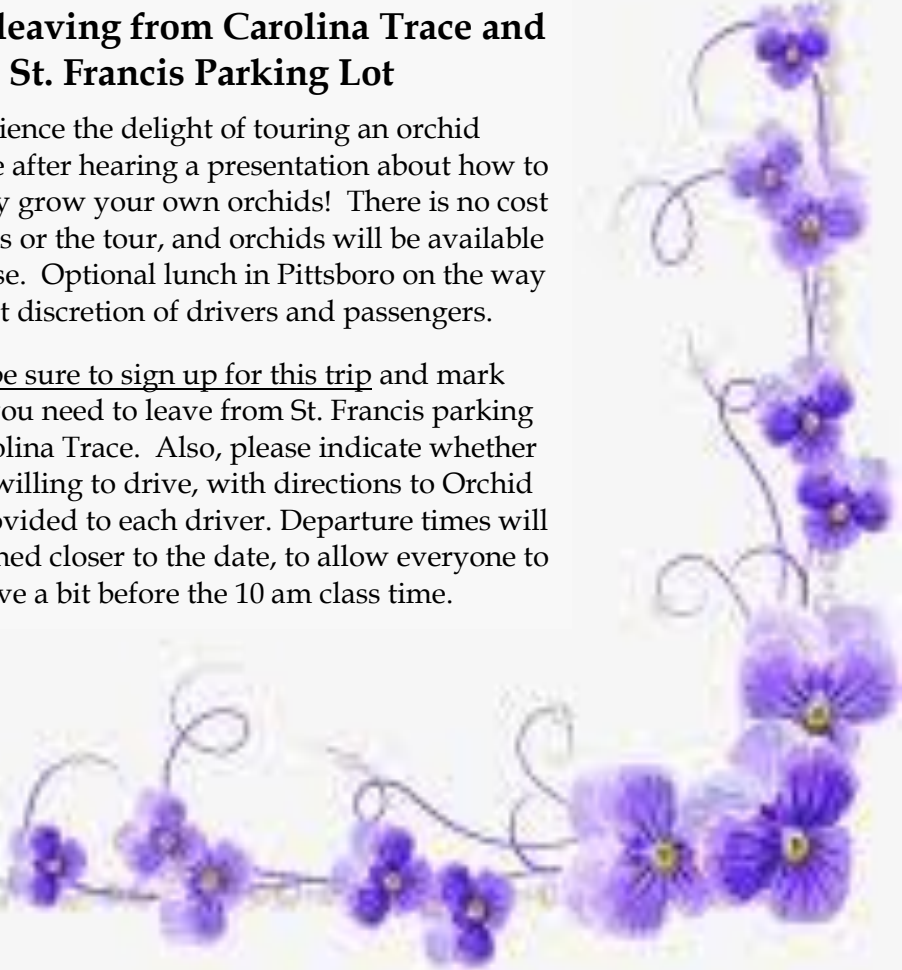
***VISIT TO THE ORCHID GALLERY
IN PITTSBORO***

Saturday morning, March 14, 2020

**Groups leaving from Carolina Trace and
St. Francis Parking Lot**

Experience the delight of touring an orchid greenhouse after hearing a presentation about how to successfully grow your own orchids! There is no cost for the class or the tour, and orchids will be available for purchase. Optional lunch in Pittsboro on the way back, at discretion of drivers and passengers.

Please be sure to sign up for this trip and mark whether you need to leave from St. Francis parking lot or Carolina Trace. Also, please indicate whether you'd be willing to drive, with directions to Orchid Gallery provided to each driver. Departure times will be determined closer to the date, to allow everyone to arrive a bit before the 10 am class time.



ALSO, SAVE THE DATE...

**SPRING BOOK AND BRUNCH
SATURDAY, APRIL 25
10 AM AT EMILY HEWETT'S HOME**

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

John Wood
Martha Connolly
*Helen Frechette
*Paul Dempster
Ethan Martin
Kris
Herb Lister
Larry Wicker
Mabel M.
Lisa Anne Callis
James Cox
*Ted Lawrence
*Ann Hodges
*Isabel Lawrence
*Frances Granger

Candy Torgerson
*Mackenzie Stinson
Jo Maddox
Donna Norman
Brent Sloan
Elijah
Claudia Key
RD Carson
Ed McCoy
Charles Roy
Beth Main
Mina Townsend
Robyn Milano
Brent Jackson

Chase Serry
*Betty Pittman
*Karen Tatum
Joe Lawrence
*Brian Haynes
Tommy McDonald
David Kimmons
*Charles Wick
Marjorie J
Joann Duke
Linda McCaskle
Dan Abernathy
*Lew Andersen
Bob Clark
Tom Daughtery

*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 Marty and Linda Pate to the Glory of God and in celebration of their daughter Tess Pate Jordan's birthday. Thanks be to God!

Pray for the departed: Ralph Stephens, Patty Schmidt, Russell Mills, William Davis, Cameron Harman, Margaret Van Tassell.

Those serving today:

Ushers: Bill Oberkirsch and JJ Cuff
Chalice Bearers: Mark Mahaffey and Sue Comstock
Lectors: EJ Oberkirsch and Johnnie Gordon
Acolytes: Hunter and Harris Wilkinson
Coffee Hour: Karen Tatum
Nursery: Katie Kerley and Karen Haynes
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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