

**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.*

**Summary of the law**

Matthew 22: 37-40

**Kyrie Eleison**

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy, have mercy

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:*    The Lord be with you.

*People:*        And with your spirit.

*Celebrant:*    Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**The Reading**

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Reader:*        The Word of the Lord.

*People:*        Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn**    *O come, O come Emmanuel* (vss. 1 & 2)

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## Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Homily

Fr. Craig 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 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**

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.*

### **The Peace**

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

*People:* And with your spirit.

### **Announcements**

### **Offertory**

*Celebrant and People:* All things come of Thee, oh Lord, and of Thine own have we given thee.

"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. 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 triumph 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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are 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**

Lord God our Father: When we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you sent your only Son into the world for our salvation; by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. On the cross he offered himself once for all as our Redeemer, 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. After he ascended to your right hand in glory, you sent your Holy Spirit, that we might become your holy people.

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."

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."

Now sanctify these gifts that they may become for us the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may be filled with your Holy Spirit and manifest your presence and power in the world.

Therefore, heavenly Father, as we joyfully proclaim our Lord's life, death, and resurrection, we offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, as a living sacrifice. Grant that we who partake of this Holy Communion may receive the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. At the last day bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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*

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**

*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 into the world 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** *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

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#### **Dismissal**

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## 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.

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 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

## O come, O come Emmanuel (vss. 1-2)



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

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## Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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# St. Francis Anglican Parish

## Prayer List

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

**Pray for those who are ill:**

Rachael  
Jack Beyer  
\*Helen Frechette  
Jeff Johnson  
Richard Quinn  
Charlie Stoehrmann

Les Sadler  
\*Mackenzie Stinson  
Mary Ellen Raulerson  
Mary Quinn  
Neil Money  
Ken Jeffries

Mary Beth Brewer  
\*Betty Pittman  
Dierdre Hearn  
Sophia Johnson  
Ron Perkinson  
James Oberkirsch

\*Member of St. Francis

If you need to add or remove a name from the prayer list please call Betsy Parnell at 919-776-8857. Names will be removed after three weeks unless you contact Betsy to extend the time.

**Pray for strength and divine guidance:** Mari, Bruce, Cathy Stinson, Blackwelder family.

**Pray for those serving all over the world in our military:** Matthew Pate, Ben Hodsdon, William Puckett, Katherine Campbell, Tommy Walker, Brian Gille, George Walter, Patrick Hart, Jordan Nelson, Jim Makepeace, Stephen Hart, Rick Smith, Chris Bladgett, Ryan Childress, Greg Poe, Josh Pratt, Jody Gordon, Raymond Desantos and Eliza.

**Pray for the departed:** Marguerite Frasier, Robert Huse, Eugene Hancock, Nathan Ledicotte, Bertie Ward, Fred VonCanon.

**Altar Flowers** - The flowers on the altar are given by Doug Wilkinson to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Elisabeth Wilkinson and Gordon Oakes.

### Those serving today:

Ushers: PJ Gay and Ron Hewett  
Chalice Bearers: Mark Mahaffey and Sue Comstock  
Lector: Judith Edmonds  
Acolytes: Michael Crumpton and Matthew Kerley  
Organist: Rosemary Parten  
Altar Guild: Mari Hann, Terry Crawley, Lisa Meadows and Linda Bruce

### THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray that local law enforcement officials and community leaders will find creative ways to foster positive interactions and trust with the communities they serve.

## **Announcements**

**Sunday School** - Both the adult and children's Sunday School will be held after this service.

**Youth Group** - Youth group meets today at 5:30.

**Synod Talks** - On website [www.adhope.org](http://www.adhope.org).

**St. Francis Prayer Team** - Will meet on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Fellowship Hall.

**Advent Eucharist** - Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 11:30 am.

**Men's Group** - Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm at the Kerley home.

**St. Francis Choir Practice** - Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**Confirmation Class for young people** - Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

**Holy Land Trip** - October 2017.

**CUOC FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS** - Please be consistent in filling the baskets with nonperishable items so that CUOC can minister generously to families during the holiday season!

**Back Pack Pals** - Food requests: Ravioli/Spaghetti O's, Beanie Weenies, Cup of Soup-Oodles of Noodles, Vienna sausages, tuna, peanut butter, peanut butter/cheese crackers, fruit cups and/or applesauce, pudding cups, juice boxes, Pop-Tarts, cereal bars, individual boxes of cereal, granola bars. Place donations in the CUOC baskets.

**Trained prayer ministers** - Are available to provide personal prayer after the Sunday services for any need. Mention a desire for prayer to Fr. Craig, and he will arrange for a team to pray with you.