St. Francis' Anglican Church - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019

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Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn: Rejoice, rejoice believers

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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, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you have promised, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen*.

The First Reading

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

¹ The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹ "The multitude of your sacrifices — what are they to me?" says the LORD. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. ¹² When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? ¹³ Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations — I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. ¹⁴ Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! ¹⁶ Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. ¹⁷ Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. ¹⁸ "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. ¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; ²⁰ but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 (to be read in unison led by the Crucifer)

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

The Second Reading

¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. ¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Reader:The Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn How wondrous and great

Gospel

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Luke 12:32-40

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Celebrant:(+) The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.People:Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open

the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Fr. Matthew Garrison

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.

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.

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. 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 Lord, God of power and might.
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

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.

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen*.

Blessing (+)

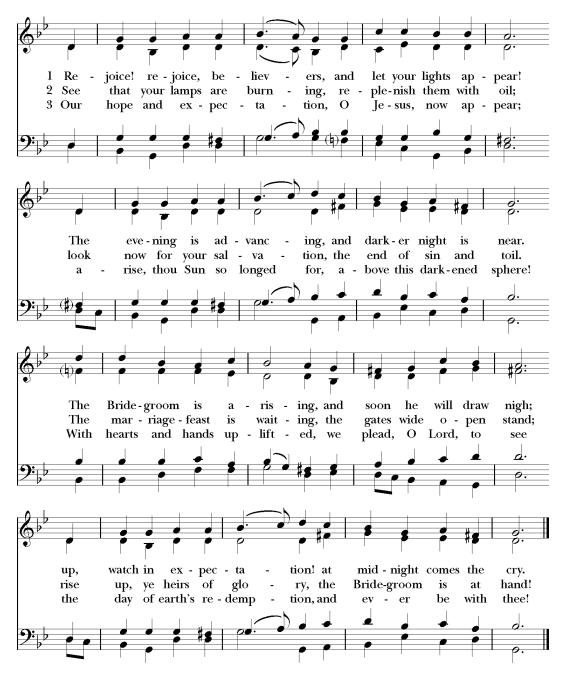
Closing Hymn The God of Abraham praise (vss. 1-3)

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Dismissal

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

Rejoice, rejoice believers



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymmau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865

How wondrous and great



Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. The Song of the Redeemed Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

The God of Abraham praise (vss. 1-3)



Announcements

Before Worship -When we come into God's House, let us remember that others are praying before the Liturgy, so that we need to keep our voices down. Conversations, if necessary, can be conducted in whisper mode!

Coffee - You can find hot coffee in the Fellowship Hall prior to the service.

Sunday School - All classes will meet today.

Slide Show - Available on the big screen in the fellowship Hall.

Stewardship – Please, don't forget to turn in your pledges if you have not done so already.

Youth Group - Off for the summer.

Confirmation class - Recess until Fall.

Holy Eucharist - Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 11:30 am.

St. Francis' Men's Group – Monday, August 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm (note change of date).

Anglican Class – Monday, September 30, 2019, Wednesday, October 2, 2019, Monday, October 10, 2019 and Wednesday, October 9, 2019, all at 6:30 pm. Sign up now.



REDISCOVERING YOUR INNER ARTIST: AN INTRODUCTORY WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

Each of us is born with a natural ability to create and release energies that can uplift, unify and harmonize our inner and outer worlds. Yet many of us have lost touch with this inborn talent. (Art educator Corita Kent)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 9:30 AM ST. FRANCIS FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come for a lighthearted watercolor painting class, taught by Sanford artist and St. Franciscan Pat Fein. Pat (a knowledgeable, gentle and encouraging teacher) will walk us systematically through the steps in beginning a watercolor piece in a quiet, leisurely atmosphere. To allow for individual guidance, the class will be limited to 16 persons, so please sign up (on the women's bulletin board) right away if you're interested!.

A fee of \$5.00 will cover the cost of shared materials as well as a wonderful set of 24 watercolor paints to take home. Class will last approximately 2-2 ½ hours. Light refreshments will be provided.

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

Herb Lister	Jennifer	Chase Serry
*Susan Johns	*Mackenzie Stinson	*Betty Pittman
*Helen Frechette	Jo Maddox	Karen Tatum
*Paul Dempster	Donna Norman	John Blasius
Tony Swanson	Beth Main	Murray Ingerham
Kris	Aiden Hague	Tommy McDonald
Mary Gillam	Clinton Ledford	*Harriett Tice
Ray Holland	Marcia Swanson	*Charles Wick
Mabel M.	Ed McCoy	Marjorie J
Lisa Anne Callis	Sylvia Spell	Joann Duke
James Cox	* Derrick Smith	Linda McCaskle
*Ted Lawrence	Mina Townsend	Gordon Caldwell
*Ann Hodges	Robyn Milano	William Barton
Sallie Daughtrey	Tim Young	Tom Daughtrey
Terry Norris		Claudia Key

*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: The Jacob family, Hope Peterson and Jason.

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, Stephen and Patrick Hart.

Altar Flowers - The flowers on the altar are given by Fr. Craig and Nancy Lister to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving of the 30th birthday of their daughter Molly.

Pray for the departed: James Malone, CH Crabtree, Patricia Beyer, Rexford Griffin, Jamie Studley.

Those serving today:

Ushers:	Oliver Crawley and Jerry Davis
Chalice Bearers:	Dwight Edmonds and Amy Davis
Lectors:	Judith Edmonds and Isabel Lawrence
Acolytes:	Hunter and Harris Wilkinson
Coffee Hour:	Jean Dabbs and Sue Comstock
Nursery:	Katie Kerley and Meg Hanna
Music Directors:	Leslie and Audrey Hanna
Organist:	Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild:	Tammy Bennetts, Mari Hann, Beth Puckett and Carolyn Washburn

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 St Francis' Mailing Address: 1089 Wilkins Drive, Sanford, NC 27330 (910)-773-1155 St. Francis Parish information website: <u>http://stfrancisnc.org</u>