

Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn: *Come down, O Love divine*

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Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Reading

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: `In the last days it will be, God

declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel

John 20: 19-23

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Fr. John Guest

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. 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 have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *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."

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, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and people

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn *Spirit Divine, attend our prayers*

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Dismissal

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

Come down, O Love divine

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
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Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
 joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

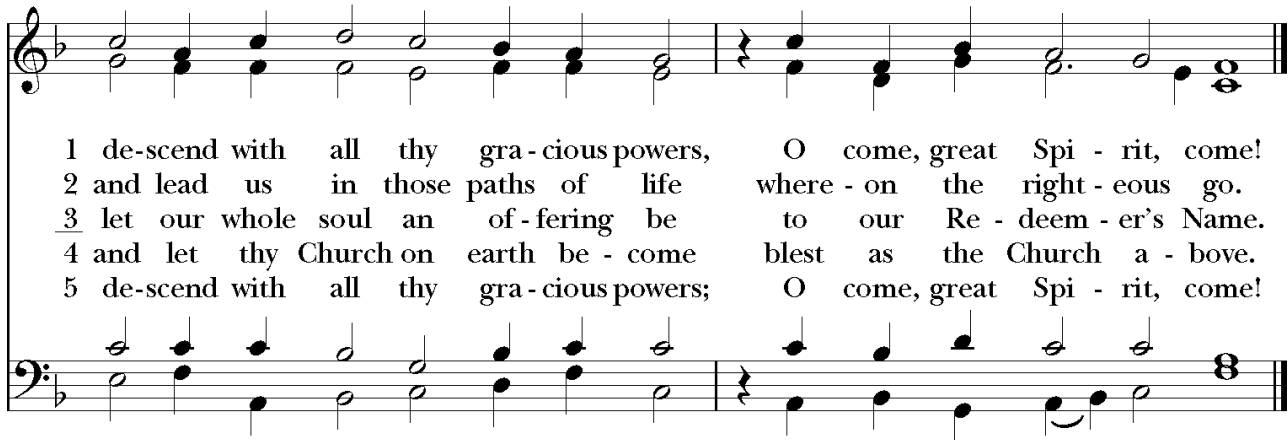
thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt. Music: Mendon, melody from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1821; adapt and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Spirit Divine, attend our prayers



1 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make this house thy home;
2 Come as the light; to us re - veal our emp - ti - ness and woe,
3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts like sac - ri - fi - cial flame;
4 Come as the dove, and spread thy wings, the wings of peace - ful love;
5 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers; make a lost world thy home;



1 de-scend with all thy gra - cious powers, O come, great Spi - rit, come!
2 and lead us in those paths of life where - on the right - eous go.
3 let our whole soul an of - fering be to our Re - deem - er's Name.
4 and let thy Church on earth be - come blest as the Church a - bove.
5 de-scend with all thy gra - cious powers; O come, great Spi - rit, come!

Words: Andrew Reed (1787-1862) Music: *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*; melody att. Johann Cruger (1598-1662)

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:

Rick Hager
Jack Beyer
*Helen Frechette
*Susan Dixon
Sheila Holland
*Nina Bonti
Carole Womble

Les Sadler
*Mackenzie Stinson
Barbara Kuhn
Mary Quinn
Patricia Spaulding
Norma Parten
Cynthia McNeil

*Harriet Tice
*Betty Pittman
Robert Tatum
Sophia Johnson
Mary Perkins
*Jim Bonti

*Member of St. Francis

If you need to add or remove a name from the prayer list please call Sue Comstock at 919-498-9154 or you can email her at suectrace@gmail.com. Names will be removed after three weeks unless you contact Sue to extend the time.

Pray for strength and divine guidance: Bruce, Mark.

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, Jim Makepeace, Stephen Hart, Rick Smith, Chris Bladgett, Ryan Childress, Greg Poe, Josh Pratt, Jody Gordon, Raymond DeSantos and Eliza.

Pray for the departed: Dellar Freeman, Fran Wilkinson, David Finks.

Altar Flowers - The altar flowers are given by JJ Cuff and Dana Garrett to the Glory of God and in honor of their 15th Wedding Anniversary.

Those serving today:

Ushers:	PJ Gay and Jimmy Washburn
Chalice Bearers:	Linda Bruce and Bob Nelson
Lector:	Ron Hewett
Acolytes:	Lena and Matthew Kerley
Coffee Hour:	Isabel and Julie Ann Lawrence
Organist:	Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild:	Jean Dabbs, Lisa Meadows, Mary Ann Dusenbury and Edie Makepeace

Announcements

Welcome Dr. John Guest and Kathie

Sunday School - All Sunday School classes will convene today after this service. The teen class will be taught by Stuart Smith.

New Prayer Bookmarks - Pick yours up today.

Stewardship Insert today

Family Promise - Sue Comstock asks for help with dinners on Sun. June 4 and Mon. June 5, 2017.

High School Grads - We will be honoring these young people on next Sunday.

St. Francis Men's Group - Will meet on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Vestry nominee forms - Available now.

St. Francis website - Please make it a point to visit stfrancisc.org. There you can get all the latest news about our parish. It's a wonderful website managed by our own Dr. Charles Wick.

Altar Flowers - If you are donating altar flowers please contact Bob Bennetts at rrb23994@gmail.com with the memorial you wish placed in the bulletin no later than the Monday before the designated Sunday.

Women's Ministry Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUMMER MOVIES AT HELEN WARD'S HOME!

Monday, June 26--"HIDDEN FIGURES," the story of a team of three African American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the space program. One review calls it "a story of brilliance but not of ego...struggle and willpower but not individual glory." Refreshing, heartfelt, memorable! Two showings, 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Look for signup sheet on bulletin board.

Monday, August 14--film to be announced soon

Breeze Information (our parish's database)

- * Questions: If you have questions about Breeze (or need to be added), please contact Brian Haynes at brianh72004@yahoo.com or (443) 326-8823. He also is happy to answer questions during the coffee hour after service.
- * Information class: There will be one (or more) classes set up in the future. Please look for the signup sheet in the fellowship hall. Based on input received, the class dates/times will be determined.
- * Breeze photos: If you need assistance with uploading your photo to Breeze, please contact Brian Haynes. Brian can assist in the following ways - 1) take a photo of you after church or 2) use an existing photo and upload it for you (it can either be a printed photo or one you send him via email or text).

WHAT GOD'S BEEN TEACHING US ABOUT STEWARDSHIP...

For a long time, we had a VERY low learning curve when it came to understanding stewardship. Although we were regular churchgoers and regular contributors to the offering plate, we gave what we thought was fair and what seemed a comfortable amount, an amount that didn't stretch our finances. In reality, the amount we gave was pretty arbitrary, and we often viewed sharing our time and talents as optional. Enter the Holy Spirit, around 1998, exposing us to some solid teaching and also leading us into a lot more Scripture than we'd been used to! That started us on a road to understanding stewardship in a whole new way.

We began to realize that we'd been acting like it was OUR money, OUR time, OUR talents. Scripture taught us that it's ALL God's, that the resources of the world all come from him. If they find their way into our lives (and here we're talking about our talents and our time as well as our money and possessions which, yes, we may have worked to obtain but that God gave us opportunity and energy and drive to achieve!), they do so as gifts from God. We're asked to be good stewards of those gifts, and he provides some guidelines on how he'd like that done. That means that how we handle our resources is a SPIRITUAL issue and an OBEDIENCE issue, rooted in gratitude.

Yes, Jesus tells us the Father knows we need resources to sustain us, and he gladly provides for our needs. But Scripture also makes it clear that God wants us to share a portion of our resources to further the work of the Kingdom. And Scripture sets some pretty concrete minimum guidelines for giving. Over and over Scripture tells the Israelites to bring a portion of their grain, their oil, their livestock to the Temple to be used for God's purposes, and not just the leftovers. He wants the "firstfruits," the best, right off the top.

Numerous passages in the Old Testament refer to a "tithe," understood as one-tenth, and Jesus also refers to a tithe. The book of Malachi provides perhaps the clearest window on God's strong feelings on the matter: He says to the Israelites, "You rob me day after day. You ask, 'How have we robbed you?' 'The tithe and the offering—that's how!...Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams.'" (Malachi 3: 8-10, The Message) So the tithe, 10% of our resources, is seen as the minimum Biblical standard of giving AND it's also seen as a great source of blessing to those who obey.

This was news to us! Many of you may have grown up knowing this, but as we said, we were slow learners! And when we did the math, calculating 10% of our income just to see how that compared to our usual giving, it was pretty obvious that we hadn't been coming close to God's standard. Wait a minute...really? Did God really want this much? For us there were some moments of real fear. What if we run out of money? Can we truly trust God to sustain us if we try this? It felt like stepping off a cliff, but at the same time it was a bit of an adventure, and we were willing to give it a try, supported by many others in our church family for whom this was a way of life.

As it turned out, we didn't need to be afraid. With almost comical immediacy, God began to provide resources well beyond the 10% we were giving. Our refrigerator stopped working, and a day later we received a coupon in the mail for a gigantic discount on a replacement. We were worried about

factoring our son's college tuition into our budget, and my brother spontaneously offered to pay a portion of his tuition. Over and over, God has proven himself faithful in sustaining us. Our pastor always reminded us as part of the stewardship teaching, "You can't outgive God." We were clearly seeing that in our lives. Giving became, not a duty, but a real joy, an opportunity to share in Kingdom work. As a matter of fact, each year, church members joyfully sang praise music as they brought their pledges up to the altar!

That said, some people's circumstances make it unwise to share 10% financially right off the bat, and God understands that. For some, 10% is a goal to be gradually worked toward. And for some who have ample resources, God may be asking for much more than 10%. God is not a legalist, but he so very much wants to guide us. What it comes down to is that we need to ASK GOD, to have a quiet conversation (or several) with him, listening for his guidance as we approach each season of pledging, and as we hear his answers, being willing to trust him and obey. Circumstances change from year to year, and it stands to reason that we need to check in with God every year for a personal answer to the stewardship question. As part of this same conversation, it would be wonderful to ask for guidance about our use of time and talents. If, for example, we gave God 10% of our waking hours, that would work out to about 8 ½ hours per week, which might be time spent in prayer, in outreach, in teaching, and all sorts of other ways, which simultaneously allow us to share our talents.

One other thing we've learned is to stay sensitive to the Holy Spirit's nudges for other ways to give beyond a church pledge. Many people at St. Francis do this by faithfully bringing food for CUOC, bringing a meal to someone who's ill, supporting a child overseas, helping someone with an unexpected medical bill or making up another customer's shortfall in a grocery checkout line.

Best of all, this whole process of understanding God's heart for giving and regularly conferring with him about our stewardship has deepened our relationship with him.

Dwight and Judith Edmonds