

and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *

and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *

and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *

there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *

but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *

make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *

and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *

and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds *

and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *

he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *

in those who await his gracious favor.

21 Hallelujah!

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

Hymn 679: Surely it is God who saves me

T. Merton

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Mark 1:29-39

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Tim Backus

The Nicene Creed

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*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*

The Prayers of the People

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry; our Bishop, Russell Kendrick; and our Rector, Tim Backus and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

For our President, Donald Trump, for all leaders of our nation and those in authority; that they may be guided by your wisdom and grace to exercise their duties for the common good. And for those in authority of all nations, let us pray to the Lord.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A few moments of silence.

(Today's Intercessor will now read congregational prayers for healing, protection and thanksgiving.)

Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.

The Confession

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Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto 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

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

People: *And with thy spirit.*

(Please greet one another and welcome a guest.)

Welcome

The Offertory

Here I Am to Worship

Hughes/Larson

Hymn at the Presentation (*Choir & Congregation*)

Hymn 380, Vs. 3: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th

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.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because in the mystery of the flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(The congregation may stand, kneel or sit.)

The Celebrant continues:

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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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, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of The Bread

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Fraction Anthem

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Prayer of Humble Access

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table, But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

The Communion

(All baptized Christians of any denomination are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table.)

Hymn at the Administration

Hymn 529: In Christ there is no East or West

Hymn 567: Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

Hymn 683: O for a closer walk with God

McKee

St. Matthew

Beatitudo

The Post-Communion Prayer

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis *(in unison)*

Lord, make us instruments of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Hymn 135: Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible

T. Kendall



The Prayer Ministry Team is available during and following Communion in the Prayer Chapel to pray with you for any need or concern you may have.

“Pray for each other so that you may be healed.” (James 5:16b)

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Organist/Choirmaster	Cathy Griffing
Celebrant	The Rev. Tim Backus

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

SUN., FEB. 5:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Education
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m. - Communion	Children’s Christian Ed Nursery
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite One
	11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour
TUES., FEB. 6:	10:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
WEDS., FEB. 7:	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharistic Rite Two
THURS., FEB. 8:	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
FRI., FEB. 9:	9-11:00 a.m.	Senior Moment Café
SUN., FEB. 11:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m. - Communion	Children’s Christian Ed Nursery
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two
	11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS. We are happy to have you with us today to share in worship and fellowship. Please fill out a pew card, put it in the offering plate and sign the guest book in the Atrium. Join us after the service in the Parish Hall for refreshments and conversation.

ST. FRANCIS READERS. All St. Francis readers are invited to a reorganizational meeting on Monday, February 19 at 1:30 p.m. in our library. Please bring suggestions for books you would like to read and discuss. If you are a reader who has never been to one of our past meetings and think you would like to see what we do, please come this time!

CURSILLO SUNDAY. St. Francis will celebrate its Cursillo heritage on Sunday, February 11. The day will begin at the 10 a.m. service with Cursillo music and Cursillistas (those who have attended the three-day weekend) participating in the liturgy. Following the service, St. Francis Cursillistas will host the coffee hour. Cursillistas will be available to answer questions about this important ministry.

SHROVE TUESDAY AT ST. FRANCIS. Shrove Tuesday is the day before the beginning of the season of Lent. Popular practices such as indulging in food that one sacrifices for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations. The term *Mardi Gras* is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday. So, Laissez les bons temps rouler (Lazay-lay bon-tom rulay) and come on down to St. Francis' Parish Hall to pass a good time on Tuesday, February 13 at 6 p.m! Bring your favorite Cajun or Creole dish to share. Mardi Gras beads and costumes are encouraged!

ASH WEDNESDAY. Begin your Journey to the Resurrection with observance of Ash Wednesday on February 14. Services, which include the Disposition of Ashes, will be offered at 7 a.m., Noon and 6 p.m.

TAIZÉ. All are invited to attend **TAIZÉ IN THE ATRIUM** at St. Francis this Lent. The services will be held at 5 p.m. on the following Saturday evenings: February 17 and 24 and March 3, 10, 17 and 23. The services will feature the St. Francis Taizé Ensemble led by Cathy Griffing and guest musicians from throughout the community.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS. On Fridays in Lent (February 16 and 23 and March 2, 9 and 16) at 5:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Nave, the Stations will be "walked," with all going to each station, hearing the appropriate reading, followed by prayers. As one progresses from station to station, private meditation and reflection might focus on the insults, humiliation, and suffering that Jesus endured for us. This meditative walk lasts only 30 to 40 minutes but provides many with insights that linger long after departing the church. You are urged to attend and experience the Stations of the Cross at least once during Lent.

2018 LENTEN SUPPERS. On Wednesday, February 21, St. Francis will begin its weekly Lenten Supper series with Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. and supper at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The supper features a traditional meal of soup, salad and bread provided by St. Francis volunteers. This year's Lenten Supper series program was created by John Griffing and is based on Fr. James Martin's "Seven Last Words: An Invitation to a Closer Friendship with Jesus". Please refer to your February Messenger for each supper's topic and presenter.

PRAYER LIST

Pray for Healing: Martha Antoun, Christine Bradley, Marcia Brownlie, Diane Bruner, Tony Burkett & Family, Penny Carter, Alice & Armand Caruso, Lessie Cauthen, Anna Clausen, Connie DeSalvo, Fred Drinkwater, Eden Edhart, Edie Garcia, Scott Geiger, Bobbie Gibson, Betty Granholm, Josephina Jimenez, Hilma Jones, the Kenworthy family, Dottie Kilpatrick, Vonceil Kittel, Kristie Kroh, John Lane, Terry Lewis, Liza McKee, Barbara Ogden, Jessie L. Ogden, Pete Petoskey, Kathy Price, Libby Prochaska, Betsy Beach Rea, Marianne Stanky, Bob Stine, Bob Stine, Jr., Leah Stone & Baby Stone, Gemma Stout, Joe Tarbuck

Pray for the Departed: Ray Hamil

Pray for Active Duty Military: T.J. Teicher, Matthew King, Doug Kroh, Anthony Olson, Jason Pritchett, Kevin Walsh, Nicolas Zbikowski, Shane Murtha, Dylan Price, Daniel Lane, Ryan Schuler, Bryan Lucas, Martin Bunt, Karri Styron, Josh Payne