



# St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 11, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE ONE

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*We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is The Holy Eucharist Rite One in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in italics. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to The Book of Common Prayer for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.*

## **Prelude**

*The Old Rugged Cross  
Just As I Am*

Wilson  
Woodsworth

## **The Word of God**

### **A Penitential Order: Rite One**

**BCP p. 319**

### **The Opening Acclamation**

**BCP p. 319**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;  
People: *His mercy endureth for ever.*

### **The Decalogue**

*(kneeling together)*

**BCP p. 317**

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Honor thy father and thy mother.

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt do no murder.

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not steal.

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Thou shalt not covet.

*Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. (*silence may be kept*)

*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.*

Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you the absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**The Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy, O Lord.

**The Collect of the Day****BCP p. 167**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Lessons****Numbers 21:4-9**

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.

- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

### **Ephesians 2:1-10**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved--and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God--not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Sequence Hymn**

Hymn 620, Vss. 1-3, 5: Jerusalem, my happy home

*Land of Rest*

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

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

### **John 3:14-21**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Sermon**

Rev. Tim Backus

### **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 326**

*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**

**Form I, BCP p. 383**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

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, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, Donald Trump, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, Gulf Breeze, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

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

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died, especially Harvey Clark, Lani Siniard, Raietta Ott in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of Saint Francis and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. *To thee, O Lord our God.*

*The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace** (Please greet one another and welcome a guest.)

**Welcome**

**The Offertory**

*Draw Me Nearer*

M. Parks

**Hymn at the Presentation** (Choir & Congregation)

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

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

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**

**BCP p. 340**

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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**

**S-114**

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**

**BCP p. 364**

*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**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

**S-164**

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**BCP p. 337**

*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.)*

### **Hymns at the Administration**

Hymn 321: My God, thy table now is spread

*Rockingham*

Hymn 624: Jerusalem the golden

*Ewing*

Hymn 706: In your mercy, Lord, you called me

*Halton Holgate*

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

**BCP p. 339**

*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 690: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*Cwm Rhondda*

### **The Dismissal**

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Postlude**

*Louré*

J.S. Bach



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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### **MINISTERS FOR THIS SERVICE**

Greeters	Jim & Diane Arnold
Ushers	Leon Mayberry Sally Weber
Acolytes	Rachel Grimley Barbara MacNeil Amy Guidry
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Jo Mann Diane Petoskey
Lector	Ann Woll McGee Lorren
Intercessor	Susan Drinkwater
Oblationers	Lonnie Lorren McGee Lorren
Prayer Ministry	David Stratford
Nursery Assistant	Sarah Backus
Ministers of Music	St. Francis Adult Choir
Organist/Choirmaster	Cathy Griffing
Celebrant	The Rev. Timothy Backus

### **THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

<b>SUN., MAR. 11:</b> .....9:00 a.m.	Adult Education
9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Communion	Children's Christian Ed
	Children's Sunday School
	Nursery
	Holy Eucharist Rite One
	Coffee Hour
<b>TUES., MAR. 13:</b> .....10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>WEDS., MAR. 14:</b> .....12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharistic Rite Two
5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer & Supper
<b>THURS. MAR. 15:</b> .....6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
<b>FRI., MAR. 16:</b> ..... 9-11:00 a.m.	Senior Moment Café
5:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
<b>SAT., MAR. 17:</b> .....10:00 a.m.	Healing Service
5:00 p.m.	Taizé
<b>SUN., MAR. 18:</b> .....9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Communion	Children's Christian Ed
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The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, Bishop  
The Reverend Timothy W. Backus, Rector

## **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.

**WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS LUNCHEON.** All women are invited to enjoy lunch together this Tuesday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m in the conference room. Please bring a lunch item to share with the group. These luncheons occur monthly on the second Tuesday, so please marks your calendar and plan to attend!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS.** On Fridays in Lent (March 16 and 23) at 5:00 p.m. the Stations will be “walked,” at St. Francis in the Nave 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 30 to 40 minutes and 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.

**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: March 17 and 24. The services will feature the St. Francis Taizé Ensemble led by Cathy Griffing and guest musicians from throughout the community.

**2018 LENTEN SUPPERS.** The next Lenten Supper with Evening Prayer is on Wednesday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall followed immediately by supper. 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.

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## **PRAYER LIST**

**Pray for Healing:** Martha Antoun, Barry Bisbee, Christine Bradley, Marcia Brownlie, Diane Bruner, Brenda Burton, Penny Carter, Alice & Armand Caruso, Lessie Cauthen, Anna Clausen, Connie DeSalvo, Eden Edhart, Edie Garcia, Scott Geiger, Betty Granholm, Josephina Jimenez, Hilma Jones, Kenworthy family, Vonceil Kittel, Kristie Kroh, John Lane, Terry Lewis, Ella Leydecker, Irene Macy, Liza McKee, Enga McLendon, Lee Nimnicht, Barbara Ogden, Jessie L. Ogden, Daniel Oxford, Pete Petoskey, Kathy Price, Libby Prochaska, Betsy Beach Rea, SeaDog Selak, Tom Smith, Marianne Stanky, Bob Stine, Bob Stine, Jr., Gemma Stout, Maidye Strickland, Fritz Tamberella

**Pray for the Departed:** Harvey Clark, Lani Siniard, Raietta Ott

**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, Tyler Mathews, Eric Zion