



*January 29, 2023*

**St. Francis Anglican Parish**

**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

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Processional Hymn.....*As with Gladness Men of Old, p. 11*

### Acclamation

*Celebrant* I will make you as a light for the nations,  
*People* **That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

### 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.**

### The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

### 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.

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 37:1-11** (in unison)

**Fret not yourself because of evildoers;  
be not envious of wrongdoers!  
For they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.  
Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.  
Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.  
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
and your justice as the noonday.  
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,  
over the man who carries out evil devices!  
Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!  
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.**

**For the evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.  
In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;  
though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.  
But the meek shall inherit the land  
and delight themselves in abundant peace.**

## **The Second Reading**

**I Corinthians 1:18-31**

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Refrain*            ***Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!***

*Leader*            The Word of God became flesh and came to dwell among us.  
All accepting him will become children of God.

*Refrain*            ***Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!***

## Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Music for Worship ..... *Oh Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High, p. 12*

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-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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** (*Our prayer lists are on page 16 of your bulletin.*)

*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 Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Foley, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America; Steven, Alan and Quigg, our Bishops; and for all the clergy and people of our diocese, Christ Our Hope, and for our parish families at St. Francis and Emmanuel.

*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 need of spiritual guidance and those 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 kneel as able and pray*)

**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**

## **The Doxology**

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up 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, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light. 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, 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 Breaking of the Bread**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **The Prayer of Humble Access (*Celebrant and People together*)**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**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.***

**Holy Communion.....*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord), p. 13***

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving (*the people may kneel*)**

*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 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.....*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, p. 14***

**Dismissal**

## As with Gladness Men of Old

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;  
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.  
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

## O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought:  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked men betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore  
for ever and for evermore.

## 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

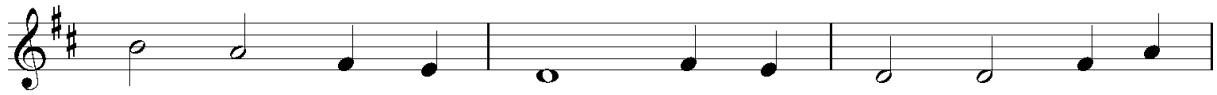
And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.**

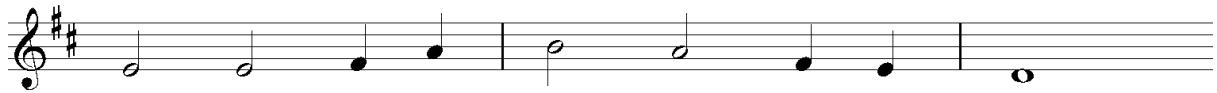
# Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



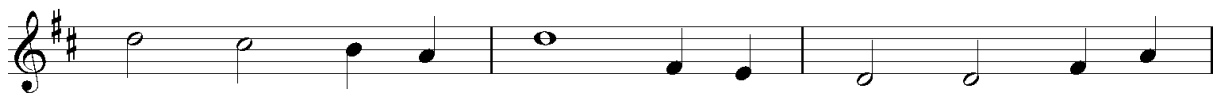
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



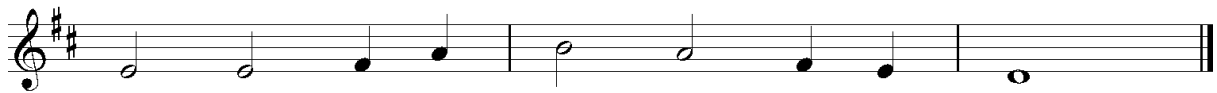
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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# Announcements

- **May we pray for you?** Fill out a card or see a prayer team member during communion.
- **Choir Practice:** Today at 4:15 p.m.
- **Midweek Eucharist:** Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.
- **CUOC Food Pantry Drop Off:** Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- **Prayer Team Meeting:** Wednesday, February 1, at 6:15 p.m.
- **Service of Intercessory Prayer:** Wednesday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Mother/Daughter or Grandmother/Granddaughter Valentine Tea:** Saturday, February 11, at 4:00 p.m. Location TBD.

## Those serving today

Intercessory Prayer ..... Gordy & Tom Reese  
Greeter ..... Jerry Davis  
Ushers ..... Phillip Lloyd & Bill Oberkirsch  
Crucifer ..... Josiah Garrison  
Gospel Book Bearer ..... John Bonner  
Lectors ..... Andy & Sally Krey  
Chalice Bearers ..... JJ Cuff & Dana Garrett  
Nursery ..... Matthew Kerley & Nancy Lister  
Godly Play Storyteller ..... Pam Kerley  
Godly Play Door Keeper ..... Linda Pate  
Coffee Hour ..... Anne & LJ Carroll  
Music Director ..... Audrey Hanna  
Organist ..... Rosemary Parten  
Altar Guild ..... Terry Crawley, Team Coordinator  
Genesis Bogaski, Jean Dabbs, Linda Pate

## Vestry

Through 2023: Phillip Lloyd; Bill Oberkirsch; Helen Ward, *Junior Warden*  
Through 2024: Jean Dabbs; Mark Mahaffey, *Senior Warden*; Sarah Womack  
Through 2025: Alex Bogaski, Amy Davis, Leslie Hanna

**Office Hours: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday or by appointment.**  
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## St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

* Chad Blackwelder	Dorothy Headen	Barry Patterson
*Bishop Steve Breedlove	*Ann Hodges	Edwin Patterson
Ian Bristow	Larkin Horton	Greg Poe
Hailley Chapman	Ken Jeffries	John Poulos
Cynthia	Chris Johnson	*Penny Rosser
*Georgette Dempster	Jeff Johnson	Eddie Stanley
*Paul Dempster	Michelle Leonhardt	Brandi Stinson
*Mary Ann Dusenbury	Tommy McDonald	*Mackenzie Stinson
*Mary Lee Dutton	Lynn McIver, III	Charley Swing
Lissa Ferry	Brandon Maness	Carolyn Sykes
*Helen Frechette	Clay Moore	Heath Tatum
*Frances Granger	Angie Mundy	*Charles Wick
Kelsey Hales	*Shelley Nichols	*Ginger Wick
Alex Haynes	*Bill Oberkirsch	Heather Wicker
*Brian Haynes	Molly Margaret O'Quinn	Gina Wood
		John Wood

**\*Member of St. Francis**

**To add or remove a name from the prayer list, contact Peggy Nelson or Gordy Reese.**

**Names will be removed after three weeks, but you may always  
contact Gordy or Peggy to extend the time.**

**Pray for those serving in our military all over the world:** Corbin Andrews, Alex Bogaski, Roger Buswell, Fortune Egbulefu, Eliza, Ellis, Evan, Katherine Gladd, Jody Gordon, Dan Hardin, Ben Hodsdon, Shane Lawrence, Jim Makepeace, Matthew Pate, William Puckett, Lucas Rees, James Rozak, Dalton Sims, Nick Stavlund, Dan Steiner, Mac Swingle, Trevor, Jason Williams

**Pray for the departed:** Kelly Baker, Nellie Baker, Chuck Calhoun, Warren Crouch, Bill Hamilton, Brenda Lokey, David Puckett, Nell Robertson, Elaine Shailer, Irene Sippell, Mary Zeph

**Altar Flowers** are given by Terry and Oliver Crawley to the glory of God and in thanksgiving and appreciation of Fr. Matt and Fr. Craig.