

St. Francis Anglican Parish

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

January 28, 2024

Page numbers in the 2019 Book of Common Prayer are indicated in italics. Items in **bold** type are spoken or sung in unison. (†) indicates you may make the sign of the cross.

Acclamation, p. 145

Celebrant: I will make you as a light for the nations,

People: That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

The Collect for Purity, p. 124

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, p. 124

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.

The Gloria in Excelsis, p. 125

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.

The Collect of The Day, p. 602

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And with your spirit.

Officiant 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.**

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?'— when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

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

Psalm 111 p. 419

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed,

the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Leader A holy day has dawned. Adore the Lord, you nations.

For today a light has come on the earth!

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

Homily Fr. Craig Lister

The Nicene Creed, p. 126

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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.

The Prayers of The People, p. 128-29 (Prayer list is on the back of your bulletin.)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer." For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. 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; for all the clergy and people of our diocese, Christ Our Hope, and for our parish family at St. Francis. 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. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy: **People** Hear our prayer.

For our nation	, for those in authority, and for all in public service [especially
Lord, in your 1	nercy:
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	who are in need of spiritual guidance and those in trouble, sorrow, need, y other adversity [especially]. Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.
	who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially ists are found on p. 15.)] in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sin, p. 130 (The people may kneel.)

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

The Bishop or 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.**

The Peace, *p. 131*

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*.

The Offertory, p. 131

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord,
People And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving (The Sursum Corda, p. 132)

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And with your spirit.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.

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, p. 132

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 is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer Of Consecration, p.132

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, p. 134

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 Fraction, p. 135

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

The Prayer of Humble Access, p. 135

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 CommunionGreat Are You, Lord, p. 12

The Post Communion Prayer, p. 137

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.

The Blessing

The Dismissal, p. 138

From All that Dwell Below the Skies



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

Behold Him

He who was before there was light,
Walked across the pages of time.
He who made every living thing, behold Him.
He who heard humanity's cry,
Left His throne to wake as a child.
He became like the least of us.
Behold Him.

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb, the roaring Lion. Oh, be still and behold Him.

He who dined with sinners and saints,
Healed the blind, the lost, and the lame,
Even now He is in our midst. Behold Him
He who chose a criminal's end,
Paid with blood to settle our debt,
Buried death as He rose to life,
Behold Him.

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, The Lamb, the roaring Lion. Oh, be still and behold Him. Jesus, Alpha and Omega, Our God the risen Savior. Oh, be still and behold Him.

Holy, holy, holy, Is the Lord God Almighty. Worthy, worthy, worthy, To receive all praise.

Great Are You Lord

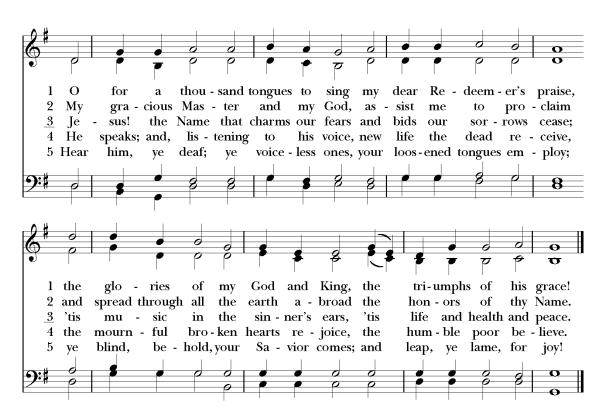
You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

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O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heayen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music; Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Those Serving Today

Intercessors	Dianna Andrews & Marty Pate
Greeter	Gary Jackson
Ushers	Dana Garrett & Tom Reese
Crucifer	Cameron Hanna
Book Bearer	Lily Buswell
Lectors	Ron Hewett & Mary Ella Teeter
Chalice Bearers	Mark Mahaffey & Gordy Reese
Nursery	Alex Bogaski & Gina Buswell
Coffee Hour	_
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Vestry

Through 2024: Jean Dabbs; Mark Mahaffey, *Sr. Warden*; Sarah Womack Through 2025: Alex Bogaski, Amy Davis, Leslie Hanna Through 2026: Roger Buswell; Jimmy Washburn, *Jr. Warden*; Larry Wicker

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Announcements

- **NEED PRAYER?** Fill out a beige card and drop it in a red box or see a prayer team member (folks at the back of the church with red badges) during communion.
- ALTAR FLOWERS: A new calendar is posted. Please sign up if you would like to provide altar flowers.
- **ST FRANCIS POT LUCK:** Following the Sunday School today, everyone is invited to a potluck in the Emmanual Room. Bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship with old friends and new. Don't have a dish to share? Please come anyway!
- **ST. FRANCIS SINGERS:** Practice today at 4:15pm.
- ST. FRANCIS' YOUTH GROUP: Meets at Sarah and Brian Womacks' (2138 Southern Road) at 6:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION: Service will be at 11:30 a.m.
- **CUOC FOOD PANTRY:** Drop off Wednesday from 5:30-6pm in the Emmanuel Room.
- MEN'S OYSTER ROAST: Will be in February 12 at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Talk to Ron Hewett if you are interested and want to join us.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Free Chess Lessons:** Tuesday evenings, February 6-27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. upstairs in the multi-purpose room. Ages 10-adult.
- Valentine's Tea: Saturday, February 10, 4:00 p.m. at the Reeses'. Sign up on the bulletin board. Don't have a mother or daughter in town? Adopt another church member and come along.
- **AHG Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser:** Saturday, February 10, 5-7:00 p.m. in the Emmanuel Room. Adults, \$10; Children, \$5.
- Men's Group: Oyster Roast Monday, February 12, 6:00 p.m. at the Kerleys'.
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** Tuesday, February 13, Emmanuel Room, benefiting the youth group.

Bible Study, Anyone? Everyone? Anytime?

- Tuesday Evening Bible Study: The Gospel and Letters of the Disciple John restarts on January 30th for a light dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. in the Emmanuel Room. Bring a Bible.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets 10:00-11:15 a.m. in the Adult Sunday School room and is based on John Stott's book, *Acts: Seeing the Spirit at Work*.
- Wednesday Evening Young Adult Women's Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. at the Basses' home, 107 Oak Branch Lane, Sanford. Note new location.

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

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Sue Bailey	Dorothy Headen	Sandra Norris
* Chad Blackwelder	Charlotte Hill	Gene Pass
Ian Bristow	Sam Holt	Edwin Patterson
Ellen Carpenter	Joey	Greg Poe
R. D. Carson	Kelly Keller	Stephanie Sellars
Hailley Chapman	Michael Keller	Shane Sharpe
Daniel Coley	Scott Keller	Becky Smith
Phil Cunningham	Chuck Kelly	Karen Smith
Cynthia	Nancy Kennedy	*Mackenzie Stinson
*Georgette Dempster	John Krey	Steve Suitt
*Paul Dempster	Charline Kugler	Marcia Swanson
*Mary Ann Dusenbury	Michelle Leonhardt	Charley Swing
*Helen Frechette	Clinton Ledford	Jimmy Tart
Gerald Galloway	Lois	Lisa Thomas
*Joe Hanna	Cathy McCoy	Tim & Debra
Jeff Hartman	Bill McGoogan	Lynn Warren
Lee Hawley	Gail Mashburn	Cindy White
Joey Hayes	Anne Matthews	*Charles Wick
Alex Haynes	Lucille Mitchell	Ariana Williams
*Brian Haynes	Clay Moore	Amy & Gina Wood

*Member of St. Francis

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, contact Peggy Nelson or Gordy Reese. Unless we hear that they need to remain on the list, we will remove names after three weeks, but you may always contact Peggy (phnelson149@gmail.com) or Gordy (greese.sfap@gmail.com) 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, Noah Gibson, Dan Hardin, Garrett Hill, Ben Hodsdon, Shane Lawrence, Jim Makepeace, Matthew Pate, William Puckett, Lucas Rees, Devan Siler, Nick Stavlund, Dan Steiner, Mac Swingle, Trevor, Jason Williams

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

Altar Flowers are given by Richard E. Shaw, Jr., Emily Hewett, and Rebecca Thompson to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Gertrude C. Shaw and Richard E. Shaw.