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Sunday Worship

March 1, 2015 – 10:00 AM

Second Sunday of Lent

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

***Gathering Song:** The King of Love My Shepherd Is – Henry W. Baker

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: His mercy endures forever.

Priest: 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.**

***Song of Praise:** Blessed Be Your Name – Matt Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful, where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

(Chorus:) Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's "all as it should be," blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering, though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

(Chorus:) Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

You give and take away, You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, Blessed be Your name."
(Chorus)

***All:** O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from Genesis

(17:1-7, 15-16)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Song: Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me? That You hear me when I call? Is it true that You are thinking of me?
How You love me, it's amazing.

Who am I that You are mindful of me? That You hear me when I call? Is it true that You are thinking of me?
How You love me, it's amazing. It's amazing. It's amazing.

(Chorus:) I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. He calls me friend. I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. He calls me friend.

Who am I that You are mindful of me? That You hear me when I call? Is it true that You are thinking of me?
How You love me, it's amazing. *(Chorus)*

God Almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me Friend. God Almighty, Lord of Glory, You have called me Friend. *(Chorus)*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark

(8:31-38)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon (please be seated)

***Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Prayers of the People**

Leader: In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace.

For your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For candidates for baptism and confirmation, that they may live by every word that proceeds from your mouth, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, that they may know your power to heal, especially (prayers may be offered silently or out loud) we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the addition of people called and equipped to bring families with children of all ages into the Christian Faith, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For Tuckahoe Physical Therapy that many people in our community would be restored to normal physical activity, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the congregations and clergy of St. Philip's, Richmond; St. Bartholomew's, Richmond; Grace, The Plains; St. Paul's, Haymarket; St. Mary's, Arlington, would continually walk in the power of your Holy Spirit, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For Christ Church, Glen Allen that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the search and selection of a new rector, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each of these missions may fulfill every purpose God has for them, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For healthcare in Metropolitan Richmond: For persons living with HIV/AIDS; for their families, friends, and communities; and for persons working to find a cure, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

Leader: We pray to You also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Exchange of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: Amazing Love – Brian Kendrick

My Lord what love is this that pays so dearly that I, the guilty one, may go free!

(Chorus:) Amazing love, O what sacrifice the son of God given for me. My debt He pays and my death He dies, that I might live, that I might live.

And so they watched Him die despised, rejected but Oh, the blood He shed flowed for me! *(Chorus)*

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers; Come wash your guilt away, live again! *(Chorus)*

That I might live!

***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.**

***Eucharistic Prayer B**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

All (spoken not sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: 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 priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: Amazing Grace – Hymn 671

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun.

***Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your 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 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.**

*Blessing

*Song of Dismissal: The Wonderful Cross - Chris Tomlin

When we survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died; Our richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all our pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

(Chorus:) Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross bids us come and die, and find that we may truly live. Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross; all who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small: Love so amazing, so divine, demands our soul, our life, our all. *(Chorus)*

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd, Jr.

The Symphony Retirement Community

Linda Eggleston

Christians in the Middle East

Robin and John Snow

Paula Gordon

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin

Other Members: Larry Kidd

Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford

Richard Walker

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalciers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible, and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise, you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalciers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
<u>Date</u>				
1-Mar	Kathy Gammon	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
8-Mar	Richard Walker	Jack Martin	Richard Walker, Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
15-Mar	Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
22-Mar	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin	Susan Kidd, Jack Martin	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
29-Mar	Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford, Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
2-Apr	Bobbie Leviness	Jack Martin	Jack Martin, Marian Elam	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
3-Apr	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
5-Apr	Kathy Gammon	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

~ Announcements ~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, March 8	Worship Service followed by Pot Luck Lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 11	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 15	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 22	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Food Collection for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please bring non-perishable food to donate. Place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

Caritas will take place on March 25. We will provide the meal that evening for the homeless staying at Christ Church. Please contact Jenna Nelson to help: jlrrn2610@comcast.net

Caregivers Support Group - On Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, St. Francis will host an educational program presented by the Alzheimer's Organization of Greater Richmond on the 10 warning signs for this illness and communication strategies for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's. This program will be open to everyone, and we ask that if you know of someone who might be interested, please have them contact Susan Kidd for more information.

Financial Update - If you have any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2015			
January	\$4,641.00	\$7,734.10	(\$3,093.10)
February	\$10,064.66	\$4,993.18	\$5,071.48
March	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
1st Quarter	\$14,705.66	\$12,727.28	\$1,978.38
2015 Year-To-Date	\$14,705.66	\$12,727.28	\$1,978.38
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2015	\$32,005.82	\$33,984.20	\$1,978.38

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