



ST. FRANCIS
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CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

April 26, 2015 – 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin, and come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

***Gathering Song: Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be naught to me, save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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: Better Is One Day – Matt Redman**

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty, my soul longs and even faints for you. For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

(Chorus:) Better is one day in Your courts; Better is one day in Your house; Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty, to find you in the place Your glory dwells. *(Chorus)*

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God. Your spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me. I will draw near to You; I will draw near to You. *(Chorus)*

***All:** O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from I John

(3:1-8)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Song:** All Who Are Thirsty - Brenton Brown

All who are thirsty, all who are weak come to the fountain, dip your heart in the streams of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of his mercy as the deep cries out to deep, we sing:

(Chorus:) Come Lord Jesus, come. Come Lord Jesus, come. Come Lord Jesus, come. Come Lord Jesus, come.

All who are thirsty, all who are weak come to the fountain, dip your heart in the streams of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of his mercy as the deep cries out to deep, we sing:

(Chorus:) Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

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

(10:11-18)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-- and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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: 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.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: 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.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For Manakin Sabot, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially _____, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: 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.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Cauthorne Sports Academy, Tanya Cauthorne, Director of Operations, that more students would apply, that all students would grow in physical ability and character, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the congregations and clergy of St. Paul's King George, Owens; St. Mary's, Colonial Beach; Ware, Gloucester; Church of the Good Shepherd, Burke; St. John's, Centreville, that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of justice, righteousness, equality, and mutual benefit, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For Christ Church, Glen Allen that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the search and selection of a new rector, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, Vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each would fulfill its God given purpose through the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, have mercy.

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

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

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

Leader: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace, let us pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In the communion of St. 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.
All: Amen.

Priest: O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us: 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: Be Still and Know

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is holy. Be still, O restless soul of mine. Bow before the Prince of peace. Let the noise and clamor cease.

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is faithful. Consider all that He has done. Stand in awe and be amazed. And know that He will never change. Be still.

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is God.

Be still. Be speechless.

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know He is our Father. Come rest your head upon His breast. Listen to the rhythm of His unfailing heart of love. Beating for His little ones, calling each of us to come. Be still. Be still.

***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**

Priest: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest: Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. In the beginning your Word summoned light; night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created man and woman in your image, the crown of all creation. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

All (Sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All: All holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world. You embraced a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail. Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Priest: Father, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine. On the night he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation; he broke the bread among his disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." When supper had ended, he took a cup of wine; and gave thanks to you, God of all creation; he passed the cup among his disciples and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you, shed for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Father, we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation. By his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of bread. Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole church offers thanks and praise. We pray for those here present and all whose lives bring hope to the world.

Priest: Lord of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, those who have died alone, unloved, and unmourned, all whose faith is known only to you. Gathered with the apostles and all of your saints at last, all creation will be one, and all divisions healed. We shall join in singing your praise through your Son, Jesus the Christ.

All: 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: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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: Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord – Andy Park

I am standing beneath Your wings, I am resting in Your shelter. Your great faithfulness has been my shield. It makes me want to sing.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord. I will bless Your holy name for all my days. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

I sing praises to Your name, oh Lord, for You daily bear my burden. Your great faithfulness is my reward. It makes me want to sing.

***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: Be My Guide – Brian Thiessen

Be my guide God of Abraham. Lead me by your hand. You are strong and wise. I want to trust in You and in all I do bring You honor and praise.

(Chorus:) How I love You, great and mighty King. You are faithful. Through the ages, You never change.

Be my guide in the dark of night. Set all fear to flight. You are hope and truth. I want to trust in You and in all I do bring You honor and praise. *(Chorus)*

Be my guide for the road ahead and should I feel misled, You are just and good. I want to trust in You and in all I do bring You honor and praise. *(Chorus)*

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks are to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd
The Symphony Retirement Community
Wayne Connors

Linda Eggleston
Christians in the Middle East
Sonny Baharloo

Robin and John Snow
Paula Gordon

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin
Other Members: Larry Kidd

Junior Warden: Richard Walker
Libby Clark

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalicers for April, May and early June. 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 Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalicers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
26-Apr	Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
3-May	Bobbie Leviness	Jack Martin	Jack Martin, Marian Elam	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
10-May	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker
17-May	Kathy Gammon	Jack Martin	Kathy Gammon, Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford
24-May	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
31-May	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
7-Jun	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon	Kathy Gammon, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, May 3	Sunday Worship	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 10	Sunday Worship	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 13	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 17	Sunday Worship, followed by pot luck lunch	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.

Our Missional Communities:

The Parke will meet on Sunday, May 3, to prayer walk The Parke, Centerville. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker, 1661 Centerville Parke Lane, Manakin Sabot 23103. Contact Richard Walker at richardandhedy@yahoo.com.

The Garden will meet on May 17 after the covered dish lunch.

Financial Update - If there are 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			
1st Quarter	\$23,344.99	\$24,228.82	(\$883.83)
April	\$6,755.33	\$4,747.71	\$2,007.62
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
June	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
2nd Quarter	\$6,755.33	\$4,747.71	\$2,007.62
2015 Year-To-Date	\$30,100.32	\$28,976.53	\$1,123.79
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2015	\$32,005.82	\$33,129.61	\$1,123.79

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