



ST. FRANCIS
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CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

February 23, 2014 – 10:00 AM

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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 #1: Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

(Chorus:) Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely. Altogether worthy. Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above, humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor. *(Chorus)*

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. *(2 times)*

(Chorus 2 times)

Here I am to worship.

Priest: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

↑Gathering Song #2: Grace Like Rain

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see.

(Chorus:) Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me. Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away. They're washed away. Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me. Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away. They're washed away.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. *(Chorus)*

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun. *(Chorus)*

↑*All*: O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated) **A Reading from 1 Corinthians**

(3:10-11,16-23)

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

"He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future-- all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑**Gradual Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

(Chorus:) Blessed the Lord, oh my soul, o my soul; worship His holy name; sing like never before, oh 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. *(Chorus)*

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'll keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(Chorus)*

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. *(Chorus)*

↑**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew**

(5:38-48)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Message (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: From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord:

That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the Church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That sales at Dollar General may increase, more jobs be created in this store, and many people served by what is offered in the inventory, let us pray to The Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the congregations and clergy of St. Peter's in the Woods, Fairfax Station; Holy Cross Korean, Fairfax; Trinity, Fredericksburg; and Messiah, Chancellor may continually move in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to The Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That many families with young children in our area would come to love and serve Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way to the mercy and protection of God:

All: Hear our prayer.

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

↑ **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 from A New Zealand Prayer Book, 1989 (adapted)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift your hearts to heaven.

People: Where Christ in glory reigns.

Priest: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Priest: It is the joy of our salvation God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. 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): Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You; Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You. To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory; Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy I want to see You (2x)

Priest: Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.' On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me." After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: "Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me." Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us:

People: God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Priest: Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

People: Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first. Praise, glory and love be yours this and every day from us and all people here and everywhere. 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;

People: 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: Transfigure Us, O Lord

(Refrain:) Transfigure us, O Lord, transfigure us, O Lord. Break the chains that bind us; speak your healing word, and where you lead we'll follow. Transfigure us, O Lord.

Down from heights of glory into the depths below, the love of God self-emptied, the love of God to show. You light the path before us, the way that we must go. *(Refrain)*

Light for those in darkness, the hungry have their fill, glad tidings for the humble, the healing of all ills; in these we glimpse your glory, God's promises fulfilled. *(Refrain)*

Pardon for the sinner, a shepherd for the sheep, a drink of living water for all who thirst and seek, and feasting at your table, the lowly and the least. *(Refrain)*

↑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: Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah declaring the Word of the Lord; These are the days of Your servant Moses righteousness being restored. And though these are days of great trials, of famines and darkness and sword, still we are the voice in the desert crying 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'

(Chorus:) Behold He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call; So lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh; and these are the days of Your servant David, rebuilding a temple of praise. And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are white in Your world, and we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. *(Chorus)*

There is no God like Jehovah, there is no God like Jehovah! There is no God like Jehovah, there is no God like Jehovah! There is no God like Jehovah, there is no God like Jehovah! There is no God like Jehovah – ah!
(Chorus)

↑Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

Libby Clark
Greg Stolcis' family
Jean Guerrero
Michael Saady
Jane, Brian, and Andrew Hahn
Jill
Sam
Christian Families in Pakistan

Helen
Simon Bauers
Michelle Lambert
Sonny B.
Karen
Clay
Jean
Patti Clapperty

Arielle Niemeyer
April and family
Amanda
Chris Keller
Nancy & Jackie
John Madden
David

Make yourself comfortable!

Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with the people of St. Francis Church.

There is no "one right way" to participate. Join in as much as you want.

If you wish to sing, all our music is included in the bulletin. We have a lively contemporary band and music is a significant part of our worship experience. However, we recognize that visitors may not know the music. If you and your family are among these, we encourage you to hum along or simply sit back and enjoy the sound.

Filling out a name tag and placing it on your person will permit us all to greet each other by name while visiting here at St. Francis. Likewise, signing our guest roster will permit us to follow-up with you following this Sunday's worship.

If you are a guest today, don't feel obligated to make a financial contribution to the offering.

Rest rooms are located in the entrance Narthex and in the mobile office/classroom building adjacent to the worship hall.

"We are a welcoming community seeking to share God's unconditional love with all."

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin
Other Members: Peter LeViness
Richard Walker

Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford
Larry Kidd

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalicers. 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>
23-Feb	Richard Walker	MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker, MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
2-Mar	Bill Weatherford	Kathy Gammon	Bill Weatherford, Kathy Gammon	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
9-Mar	Missy Rand	Larry Kidd	Marian Elam, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
16-Mar	MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker	MJ Weatherford, Richard Walker	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
23-Mar	Kathy Gammon	Bill Weatherford	Kathy Gammon, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
30-Mar	Jack Martin	Kathy Gammon	Jack Martin, Kathy Gammon	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
6-Apr	Larry Kidd	MJ Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Friday, February 28	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 2	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 5	Ash Wednesday Service	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 9	Communion Service followed by Pot Luck Lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 12	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 16	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

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 or (Loss)
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
2013			
2013 Year-To-Date	\$87,743.00	\$87,454.25	\$288.75
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2013	\$32,627.98	\$32,916.73	\$288.75
2014			
January	\$2,939.00	\$7,093.86	(\$4,154.86)
February	\$9,855.00	\$4,419.24	\$5,435.76
March	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
1st Quarter	\$12,794.00	\$11,513.10	\$1,280.90
2014 Year-To-Date	\$12,794.00	\$11,513.10	\$1,280.90
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2014	\$32,916.73	\$34,197.63	\$1,280.90

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