

Morning Prayer

February 24, 2013 – 10:00 AM

Second Sunday in Lent



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CHURCH

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Welcome & Quiet Time (↑ indicates when to stand)

Prelude

↑ *All:* O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

↑ Gathering Song #1: He Is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him. He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name! He is the Lord; Forever His truth shall reign. Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Here I am to worship.

↑ Gathering Song #2: Above All

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things; Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began. Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known; Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's no way to measure what You're worth.

(Chorus:) Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone; Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all.

↑ Opening Scripture Passage:

(Philippians 1:2)

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

↑ Confession of Sin

Leader: Seeking the rightness that comes from you, we pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

↑ **Song of Praise: Before the Throne of God Above**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, and perfect plea: A great high Priest whose Name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart; I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me there depart. No tongue can bid me there depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me. To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb my perfect spotless righteousness, the great unchangeable I am, the King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die my soul is purchased by His blood, my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God. With Christ my Savior and my God. (2 times)

(Be Seated) **A Reading from Genesis**

(15:1-12, 17-18)

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Psalm 27 (All read this together -- Remain Seated)

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- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the LORD.

Leader: Reading from Philipians (Remain Seated)

(3:17-4:1)

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the

body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

(13:31-35)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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All: Thanks be to God.

Missy Rand – Bible Study (please be seated)

↑ The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

↑ The Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us 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.

Prayer for Sundays:

Leader: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission:

Leader: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Church:

Leader: Gracious Father, we pray for the holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it, where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Parish:

Leader: Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Selection of a Vicar:

All: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a vicar for this parish, that we may receive a faithful evangelist who will grow this church, care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

↑Exchange of Peace

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

All: And also with you.

(Be Seated) Offertory

↑Doxology

All: 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.**

↑Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Leader: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

↑ Song of Dismissal: Love the Lord

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength; Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength; Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength; I will serve the Lord with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength; With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength; I will serve the Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength.

Bridge: I will love you; (*I will love you*) I will praise you; (*I will praise you*) I will serve you; (*I will serve you*) I will trust You, Lord. (*I will trust You*)

With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength; With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, with all my strength; I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength; I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength. I will love You, Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength.

↑ Prayer Requests, Announcements & Dismissal

↑ Scripture Passage of Dismissal

(Romans 15:13)

Leader: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

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
Larry Kidd
Wayne Conners

Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford
Nancy MacNaughton
Ann James

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalcers. 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.

Worship Service Date	Service Leaders	Scripture Reader	Prayer Reader	Chalcers	Greeters/ Ushers
24-Feb	Morning Prayer/ Congregational Meeting	Larry Kidd	MJ Weatherford		John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
3-Mar	Rev. Doug Burgoyne	Wayne Conners	Missy Rand	Jack Martin, Marian Elam	Paul and Ann James, Larry Kidd
10-Mar	Rev. Bill Noe	Kathy Gammon	Peter LeViness	Kathy Gammon, Peter LeViness	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
17-Mar	Rev. Doug Burgoyne	Larry Kidd	Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
24-Mar	Rev. Bill Noe	Wayne Conners	Missy Rand	Ann James, Jack Martin	Paul and Ann James, Susan Kidd
29-Mar 6pm	Good Friday - TBA	Peter LeViness	Bill Weatherford	Peter LeViness, Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
31-Mar	Rev. Doug Burgoyne	Bill Weatherford	Kathy Gammon	Bill Weatherford, Kathy Gammon	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
7-Apr	Rev. Bill Noe	Larry Kidd	MJ Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Susan Kidd	Paul and Ann James, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, February 24	Morning Prayer/Congregational Meeting	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Friday, March 1	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 3	Communion Service (Rev. Doug Burgoyne) with Pot Luck Lunch following service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 7	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 10	Communion Service (Rev. Bill Noe)	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Remember in your prayers:

Chuck Haack	Neale Dickinson	Claudia (LeViness) Killian
Ann	Kathy Spacek's parents	Family of Eric Dewey
Dayton Richmond	Shirley & Tom Bishop	Family of James Taylor
Laughton Nuckols	Mark Overman	John G. Lewis, Jr.
Family of Daniel James (Paul James brother)		

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>
2013			
January	\$3,224.00	\$3,532.40	(\$308.40)
February	\$9,566.00	\$8,352.69	\$1,213.31
March	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
1st Quarter	\$12,790.00	\$11,885.09	\$904.91
2013 Year-To-Date	\$12,790.00	\$11,885.09	\$904.91
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2013	\$32,627.98	\$33,532.89	\$904.91

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