

Sunday Worship

February 9, 2014 - 10:00 AM

Fifth 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 the congregational meeting and pot luck lunch after the service.

Prelude

↑Gathering Song #1: A Great Light – John Maher

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. It shines on the ones who lived with death and night.

You have made their gladness greater; You have made their joy increase. They thrive in Your presence and run in your endless peace.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. It shines on the ones who lived with death and night.

You carry all dominion on your shoulders, and it is wide and glorious with no end. Your name is known as Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

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: Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; Hither by Thy help I've come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

↑All: Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated) A Reading from Isaiah

(58:1-9a, (9b-12)

Thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

[If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑Gradual Song: <u>Jesus Messiah</u>

He became sin, Who knew no sin. That we might become His Righteousness. He humbled himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

(Chorus:) Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body, the bread. His blood, the wine. Broken and poured out all for love. The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

(Chorus:) Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You. All the glory to You, God, the light of the world.

(Chorus:) Jesus Messiah, Name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners. The ransom from Heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all, the Lord of all.

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

(5:13-20)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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 business would increase, and other businesses in the community would be served at Liza

Jane's Sweet Shop and Café, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That the congregations and clergy of St. Matthews, Richmond; St. Barnabas', Annandale; St. Paul's,

Bailey Crossroads, and Trinity, Manassas, would walk continually in the power of the Holy Spirit,

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 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 chalicer 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

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.

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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: <u>Jesus, Hope of the Nations</u>

(Verse:) Jesus, hope of the nations; Jesus, comfort for all who mourn; You are the source of heaven's hope on earth; Jesus, light in the darkness; Jesus, truth in each circumstance; You are the source of heaven's light on earth.

(Chorus:) In history You lived and died; You broke the chains; You rose to life. You are the hope living in us; You are the Rock in whom we trust; You are the light, shining for all the world to see; You rose from the dead, conquering fear, our Prince of Peace drawing us near; Jesus our hope, living for all who will receive; Lord, we believe.

Repeat Verse and Chorus

Lord, we believe. Lord we believe. Lord we believe. In history You lived and died; You broke the chains; You rose to life. You are the hope living in us; You are the Rock in whom we trust; You are the light, shining for all the world to see; You rose from the dead, conquering fear, our Prince of Peace drawing us near; Jesus our hope, living for all who will receive; You are the hope living in us; You are the Rock in whom we trust; You are the light, shining for all the world to see; You rose from the dead, conquering fear, our Prince of Peace drawing us near; Jesus our hope, living for all who will receive.

Lord, we believe. (Jesus, hope of the nations.) Lord we believe. (Jesus, hope of the nations.) Lord we believe. (Jesus, Lord, we believe.) Lord we believe.

↑Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

David Helen Arielle Niemeyer Christian Families in Pakistan Simon Bauers April and family

Anna Hawk Michelle Lambert Amanda
Michael Saady Sonny B. Chris Keller
Jane, Brian, and Andrew Hahn Kathy S. Allie W.

JillClayJohn MaddenSamJeanNancy & Jackie

Jean Guerrero

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 Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford

Other Members: Peter LeViness Larry Kidd

Richard Walker

Register: Marian Elam Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalicers for this Sunday.

Worship Service Date Scripture Reader Prayer Reader Chalicers Greeters/Ushers

2-Feb Richard Walker Kathy Gammon Richard Walker, Kathy Gammon Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday, February 12	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 16	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, February 23	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.

2013	Operating	Operating Funds	
	Deposits	<u>Expenses</u>	or (Loss)
2013 Year-To-Date	\$87,743.00	\$87,454.25	\$288.75
Checking Account Balance	Beginning	Ending	
YTD 2013	\$32,627.98	\$32,916.73	\$288.75
2014			
January	\$2,939.00	\$7,093.86	(\$4,154.86)
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
March	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
1st Quarter	\$2,939.00	\$7,093.86	(\$4,154.86)
2014 Year-To-Date	\$2,939.00	\$7,093.86	(\$4,154.86)
Checking Account Balance	Beginning	Ending	
YTD 2014	\$32,916.73	\$28,761.87	(\$4,154.86)

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