



ST. FRANCIS
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CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

March 16, 2014 – 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 #1: Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy. And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children. Remember Your promise, O God. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of Your salvation. And all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children. Remember Your promise, O God. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough. Heaven reaches out to us. Your grace is enough for me. Your grace is enough. I'm covered in Your love. Your grace is enough for me.

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: His mercy endures 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: Blessed Be Your Name

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:)*

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, 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.

(Please be seated) **A Reading from Romans**

(4:1-5. 13-17)

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑Gradual Song: There Is A Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

(Chorus:) Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son, and leaving your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

(Chorus)

When I stand in Glory, I will see His face. There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. *(Chorus)*

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

(3:1-17)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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: 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 sick in body, mind and spirit, that they may know your power to heal, 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: That Paws Inn would serve family pets well and be a sign of goodness of God to this community, let us pray to The Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That Christians called to bring the gospel to families with children in our area would be added to our fellowship, let us pray to The Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That the congregations and clergy of St. Peter's, Port Royal; Vauter's, Loretto; St. Dunstan's, McLean; Holy Cross, Dunn Loring; St. Peter's, Richmond; Trinity, Highland Springs would continually walk in the power of your Holy Spirit, let us pray to The Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That health care in Metropolitan Richmond, especially for emergency response personnel and all emergency room staff, as well as hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice programs, and for persons diagnosed with terminal illness, that they would know the presence of the Spirit of God, let us pray to The Lord:

All: **Hear our prayer.**

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

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: When I Needed A Savior

Looking back on time, seeking to remind myself of all Your mercies, I can testify on every page of life, Your grace just keeps unfolding and unfolding.

You made me fruitful in the land of my suffering, Father. You made me hopeful in the place of no hope, poured oil of gladness on the wounds of my struggling and You poured oil of healing on the depths of my soul.

(Chorus:) When I needed a Savior, You were there. You were there. When I needed a Healer, You were there. You were there. When I needed my Father, You were there. You were there. You are here. You are here.

Ever since the day I looked upon the cross I've realized Your mercy for every stage of life, sweet and bitter times. Your grace just keeps unfolding and unfolding.

You made me fruitful in the land of my suffering, Father. You made me hopeful in the place of no hope. Poured oil of gladness on the wounds of my struggling, and You poured oil of healing on the depths of my soul.

(Chorus)

↑ **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 A

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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 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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 (Sung): **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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: To Him Who Sits On The Throne

To Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb, to Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb.
Be blessing and honor and glory and power forever, be blessing and honor and glory and power for ever.
(Repeat 2 times.)

↑**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: Praise Adonai**

Who is like Him? The Lion and the Lamb, seated on the throne; Mountains bow down, every ocean roars to the Lord of Hosts.

(Chorus :) Praise Adonai, from the rising of the sun, 'til the end of every day; Praise Adonai, all the nations of the earth, all the angels and the saints sing praise.

↑Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Remember in your prayers:

Libby Clark

Christian Families in Pakistan

Jean Guerrero

Michael Saady

Jane, Brian, and Andrew Hahn

Jill

Sam

Valerie & Kyle

Helen

Simon Bauers

Michelle Lambert

Sonny B.

Andrew.

Clay

Jean

Karen

Arielle Niemeyer

April and family

Amanda

Chris Keller

Nancy

Tom

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: Larry Kidd

Register: Marian Elam

Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford

Richard Walker

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>
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:

Sunday, March 23	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Friday, March 28	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 30	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 2	Caritas	Christ Church	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 6	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 9	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 11	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 13	Palm Sunday Service followed by Pot Luck Lunch	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 17	Maundy Thursday Service	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 18	Good Friday Service	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday 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
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2014			
January	\$2,914.00	\$8,064.05	(\$5,150.05)
February	\$10,967.00	\$7,394.59	\$3,572.41
March	<u>\$1,716.00</u>	<u>\$719.10</u>	<u>\$996.90</u>
1st Quarter	\$15,597.00	\$16,177.74	(\$580.74)
2014 Year-To-Date	\$15,597.00	\$16,177.74	(\$580.74)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2014	\$32,916.73	\$32,335.99	(\$580.74)

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