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CHURCH

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# Sunday Worship

March 2, 2014 – 10:00 AM

Last 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: Just As I Am

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

**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: Lord Your Goodness

I will come to You, With an open heart,  
And bring a sacrifice of praise.

I have seen Your power, In the Holy place.  
And I have known Your mighty ways.  
I will remember Your mercy.  
And, Lord, Your faithfulness.

Lord, Your goodness, And Your love will follow me,  
All the days of my life.

I'm surrounded in the favor of the Lord,  
Always and Forever.

↑**All:** O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated) **A Reading from 2 Peter**

(1:16-21)

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

↑**Gradual Song: Power Of Your Love**

Lord, I come to you, let my heart be changed, renewed flowing from the grace that I've found in you; And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me will be stripped away by the power of your Love!

*(Chorus:)* Hold me close, let your love surround me. Bring me near, draw me to your side. And, as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with you, your spirit leads me on, in the power of your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see you face to face, the knowledge of your love as you live in me. And Lord renew my mind, as your will unfolds in my life in living everyday, by the power of your love.

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

(17:1-9)

**All:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

**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 many people and businesses will become financially stronger through the work of Sun Trust Bank, let us pray to the Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** That the congregations and clergy of Aquia, Stafford; St. Margaret's, Woodbridge; St. Philip's, Richmond; Woodberry Forest School, Charlottesville; St. Bartholomew's, Richmond; and All Saints, Richmond would continually work in the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** That health care in Metropolitan Richmond would be very effective: especially for persons living with HIV/AIDS and for their families, friends and communities; for persons working to find a cure, let us pray to the Lord:

*All:* Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** That families with children would be drawn to know and follow Jesus throughout our area, 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: Agnus Dei**

Alleluia, Alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, Alleluia, for our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, Holy, Holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb.

You are Holy. Holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb; Worthy is the Lamb. Amen. *(repeat)*

↑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: Forever

Give thanks to the Lord; Our God and King. His love endures forever. For He is good, He is above all things. His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm. His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn; His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong; Forever God is with us. Forever. Forever

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever. By the grace of God. We will carry on; His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us. Forever. Forever.

### ↑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

Christian Families in Pakistan

Jean Guerrero

Michael Saady

Jane, Brian, and Andrew Hahn

Jill

Sam

Valerie & Kyle

Helen

Simon Bauers

Michelle Lambert

Sonny B.

Kathy S.

Clay

Jean

Karen

Arielle Niemeyer

April and family

Amanda

Chris Keller

Nancy

John Madden

David

Patti Clapperty

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**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."*

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**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 chalice. 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>Chalice</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
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:

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.

2013	Operating Funds		Net Gain or (Loss)
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
<b>2013 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$87,743.00</b>	<b>\$87,454.25</b>	<b>\$288.75</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b><u>Beginning</u></b>	<b><u>Ending</u></b>	
<b>YTD 2013</b>	\$32,627.98	\$32,916.73	<b>\$288.75</b>
 <b>2014</b>  			
January	\$2,914.00	\$8,064.05	<b>(\$5,150.05)</b>
February	\$10,967.00	\$7,394.59	<b>\$3,572.41</b>
March	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u><b>\$0.00</b></u>
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$13,881.00</b>	<b>\$15,458.64</b>	<b>(\$1,577.64)</b>
 <b>2014 Year-To-Date</b>	 <b>\$13,881.00</b>	 <b>\$15,458.64</b>	 <b>(\$1,577.64)</b>
 <b>Checking Account Balance</b>	 <b><u>Beginning</u></b>	 <b><u>Ending</u></b>	
<b>YTD 2014</b>	\$32,916.73	\$31,339.09	<b>(\$1,577.64)</b>

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