



ST. FRANCIS
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CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

March 30, 2014 – 10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday in 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: The King of love my Shepherd is

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

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: Our God

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind there's no one like you, none like You! Into the darkness you shine out of the ashes we rise there's no one like you none like You! Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God, you are higher than any other. Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!

Into the darkness you shine out of the ashes we rise there's no one like you, none like You! Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God, you are higher than any other. Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God! Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God, you are higher than any other. Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us. And if our God is with us, then what could stand against. And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us. And if our God is with us, then what could stand against. What could stand against.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God, you are higher than any other. Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God! Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God, you are higher than any other. Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God! And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us. And if our God is with us, then what could stand against. And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us. And if our God is with us, then what could stand against. Then what could stand against.

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↑All: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

(5:8-14)

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-- for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑Gradual Song: Revelation Song

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain, Holy, Holy, is He, Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat [Repeat 2x]

(Chorus) Holy, Holy, Holy, Is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come, With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings! You are my everything, And I will adore You...!

Clothed in rainbows, of living color, Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder, Blessing and honor, strength and Glory and power be To You the Only Wise King, Yeah *(Chorus)*

Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder, At the mention of Your Name, Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water, Such a marvelous mystery, Yeah... *(Chorus)*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come, With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings! You are my everything, And – I - will - adore YOU... (*Chorus*)

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

(9:1-41)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As he walked along, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Message (please be seated)

↑**Priest:** 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: For JJ's Seafood and Jason Cuthrell, owner, that many families and friends would have enjoyable meal times together with this seafood, let us pray to The Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the congregations and clergy of Our Savior, Charlottesville; St. George's, Fredericksburg; and Christ Church, Spotsylvania that they would continually walk in the power of the Spirit, let us pray to The Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the Spirit of Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of love, cooperation, peace, community, and commitment to all people in God's Name, let us pray to The Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For families with children in our area, that parents would raise up their children in the way God has for them, and each family would be connected to the whole family 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 - I Can Almost - John Maher (2013)

I know its been quite a while; Since I looked in your eyes. It's the fire that I miss. Oh now I realize.

I want to see it once again. It's been too long since way back then. I can almost see it now.

I walked away too far. I thought I lost my way. I missed feeling you next to me. Come whatever may

I want to stand there once again. It's been too long since way back then. I can almost feel it now.

All I wanted was some freedom in my life. Just enough to make me feel real nice. I lost it every time I tried. Then I remembered what I really go all the time.

I tried to much on my own. I fell down too many times. I need the strength of your forceful love. So I can walk that line.

I want to lean there once again. It's been to long since way back then. I am almost there right now.

↑ 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: My Greatest Love is You

Every new day Your glory unfolds filling my eyes with Your treasures untold. The beauty of holiness brings worship a new. My greatest love is You.

Call me deeper into Your grace. The river that flows from the holy place. Wash over me, cleansing me through. My greatest love is You.

↑**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: Holy Holy Holy**

Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord, God Almighty. Worthy to receive glory, Worthy to receive honor, Worthy to receive, all our praise today. (Repeat)

(Chorus) Praise him, praise him and lift him up; Praise him, exalt his name forever. Praise him, praise him and lift him up; Praise him, exalt his name forever.

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(Chorus) Praise him, praise him and lift him up; Praise him, exalt his name forever. Praise him, praise him and lift him up; Praise him, exalt his name forever.

↑Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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."

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
Neale Dickinson

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>
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:

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>\$6,846.00</u>	<u>\$7,134.26</u>	(\$288.26)
1st Quarter	\$20,727.00	\$22,592.90	(\$1,865.90)
2014 Year-To-Date	\$20,727.00	\$22,592.90	(\$1,865.90)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2014	\$32,916.73	\$31,050.83	(\$1,865.90)

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