



ST. FRANCIS
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CHURCH

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Sunday Worship

March 31, 2013 – 10:00 AM

Easter Sunday



The Word of God

Prelude: Welcome Happy Morning—Band Instrumental

Welcome (↑ indicates when to stand)

↑ Call to Worship

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

↑ Gathering Song #1: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia! Where O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once, He all doth save. Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

(Chorus:) Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen! Alleluia! We will give Him all the glory! Alleluia! He is worthy! He is holy! Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

He is risen, He is risen! Alleluia! He is risen, He is risen! Alleluia! He is risen, He is risen! Alleluia! He is risen, He is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!

↑ Gathering Song #2: Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate – Jesus is Alive

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate! Celebrate Jesus, celebrate! Celebrate Jesus, celebrate! Celebrate Jesus, celebrate! He is risen. He is risen, and he lives forevermore. He is risen. He is risen. Come on and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Hallelujah! Jesus is alive, death has lost its victory and the grave has been denied; Jesus lives for ever, He's alive, He's alive! He's the Alpha and Omega, the first and last is He, the curse of sin is broken and we have perfect liberty. The Lamb of God has risen, He's alive, He's alive! [Ending: Hallelujah, Jesus is alive!]

↑ *All:* Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

(15:19-26)

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

↑Song of Praise: Wade In The Water

(Chorus:) Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children, wade in the water. God's agonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white? God's agonna trouble the water. The leader looks like the Israelite, God's agonna trouble the water. *(Chorus:)*

See that band all dressed in red? God's agonna trouble the water. Looks like the band that Moses led, God's agonna trouble the water. *(Chorus:)*

Look over yonder, what do I see? God's agonna trouble the water. The Holy Ghost acoming on me, God's agonna trouble the water. *(Chorus:)*

If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's agonna trouble the water. Just follow me down to Jordan's stream, God's agonna trouble the water. *(Chorus:)*

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

(20:1-18)

All: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended

to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Message (please be seated)

↑The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Priest: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Priest: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

↑Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray. We gather, O God, with your church throughout the world on this Easter morning when Christ Jesus passed over from death to life. In our prayers, grant Jesus' prayer in the garden: that we all may be one. In your church, as in Christ, let there be no division. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: With light and word, O God, we remember this Easter morning your mighty works: creating, redeeming, and sanctifying your world, your people, and your church. Through water, bread, and wine, we share in the great mystery of Christ's dying, rising, and coming again. Give your Spirit to those baptized, confirmed, or received into Christ's communion this Easter throughout the world. Through the waters of baptism, the breaking of the bread, and the sharing of one cup, join us all in your one body. Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray, O God, for this nation and for all the nations of the earth and for their leaders, especially Barack, our president, and Robert, our governor. We pray for our communities near at hand, our schools, neighborhoods, and cities. Give us vision, we ask, to face the challenges of our common life. Grant us strength in the struggle for justice and peace, hope for the healing of humanity, and courage for the care of creation as we pray for Bishops Katharine, Shannon, Susan, and Ted, the clergy and all who minister to your people. Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray, O God, for all those who suffer in body, mind, spirit, or relationship. We especially remember (please feel free to add your own petitions here either silently or aloud). Send your Spirit to heal and comfort, reconcile and liberate them. Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: You have led us, O God, through the wilderness from captivity to promise. These forty days you have accompanied us from fast to feast, from the desert of Lent to the river of baptism. For all this we give thanks to you, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God of us all.

All: Amen.

Priest: Lord of eternity, bind us together by your Holy Spirit in communion with your saints, that we may entrust ourselves, and one another, and our whole lives to you.

All: 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 combined sources (please stand)

Priest: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed.

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 God thanks and praise.

Priest: Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. In the beginning your Word summoned light; night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created man and woman in your image, the crown of all creation. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. 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)

All: All holy God, how wonderful the work of your hands! You restored the beauty of your image when sin had scarred the world. You embraced a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail. Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Priest: Father, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over our earthly gifts of bread and wine. On the night he met with death, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and blessed you, God of all creation; he broke the bread among his disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." When supper had ended, he took a cup of wine; and gave thanks to you, God of all creation; he passed the cup among his disciples and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you, shed for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Father, we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation. By his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful to the breaking of bread. Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole church offers thanks and praise. We pray for those here present and all whose lives bring hope to the world.

Priest: Lord of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith, those who have died alone, unloved, and unmourned, all whose faith is known only to you. Gathered with the apostles and all of your saints at last, all creation will be one, and all divisions healed. We shall join in singing your praise through your Son, Jesus the Christ.

All: 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: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: 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 #1: Alleluia! Give Thanks To The Risen Lord

(Chorus:) Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *(Chorus:)*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *(Chorus:)*

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. *(Chorus:)*

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *(Chorus:)*

Communion Song #2: 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 more times.)

***Post-Communion Prayer (All - please stand):** 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: Hear our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing, may our streets be filled with joy; May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.

(Chorus) From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You; From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.

May a light shine in the darkness as we walk before the cross; May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o'er the seas. *(Chorus)*

Alleluia! *(repeated)*

(Chorus)

↑Announcements, Prayer Requests & Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia. Go in peace to serve the Lord and each other.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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
Ann James

Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford
Larry Kidd
Wayne Conners

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, April 7	Communion Service – Rev. John Maher*	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 14	Communion Service – Potluck Luncheon	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

This will be the Rev. Maher’s first service of our new Vicar. Please invite your friends and family to come and join as we welcome him to our church family.

Remember in your prayers:

Chuck Haack	Neale Dickinson	Virginia Burke
Ann	John G. Lewis, Jr.	Shirley & Tom Bishop
Laughton Nuckols	Mark Overman	Eric Wilcken’s family
Nancy MacNaughton	Lonnie Johnson	Barbara & Jimmy Williams

Financial Update—If there are any questions about any of this data, please don’t hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain or (Loss)
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
2013			
January	\$3,224.00	\$3,532.40	(\$308.40)
February	\$9,956.00	\$10,043.43	(\$87.43)
March	<u>\$8,875.00</u>	<u>\$6,112.68</u>	<u>\$2,762.32</u>
1st Quarter	\$22,055.00	\$19,688.51	\$2,366.49
2013 Year-To-Date	\$22,055.00	\$19,688.51	\$2,366.49
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2013	\$32,627.98	\$34,994.47	\$2,366.49

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