

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15, 2026 ❖ 10:00 am



Celebrant: The Rev. Jason Shelby
Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

Preacher: Cara Nilsen
Guest Cellist: Jay Tilton

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, March 15

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Annual Antiques Show Meeting (Board Room)

Monday, March 16

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 17

- 4:30 pm Teen Tuesday Youth Group (Parish Hall)
- 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, March 18

- 10:00 am Midweek Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting
- 5:30 pm Lenten Dinner (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Women's Lectionary Study (Library)

Thursday, March 19

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, March 20

- 4:00 pm St. Luke's Breakfast Prep

Saturday, March 21

- 7:15 am St. Luke's Breakfast
- 9:00 am Altar Guild Silver Polishing
- 11:00 am Meditation Class (Library)

Sunday, March 22

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Faithful Families Potluck (Parish Hall)

The Word of God

Please stand as able.

The Processional Hymn

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

Hymnal #429



I'll praise my Ma - ker while I've breath; and
 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on
 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the
 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and

3
 when my voice is lost in death, praise
 Is - rael's God, who made the sky, and
 Lord sup - ports the faint - ing in mind and
 when my voice is lost in death, praise

5
 shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My
 earth and seas with all their train; whose
 sends the la - boring con - science peace. He
 shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My

7
 days of praise shall ne'er be - past while
 truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who
 helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the
 days of praise shall ne'er be past while

9
 life and thought and be - ing last, or
 saves the'op - pressed, and feeds the poor. And
 wid - owed and the fa - ther - less, and
 life and thought and be - ing last, or

11
 im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 none shall find his pro - mise vain.
 grants the pris - soner sweet re - lease.
 im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); alt. John Wesley (1703-1791), alt.; para. of Psalm 146.
 Music: "Old 113th," melody from "Strassburger Kirchenami," 1525; harm. Vicar Earle Copes (b. 1921).

Penitential Order: Rite Two

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Please kneel or sit as able

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy **+** on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Trisagion

Holy God

Hymnal #S-102

The musical notation is for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with some accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us."

Setting: Ver. "The Hymnal 1982," after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Reader A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

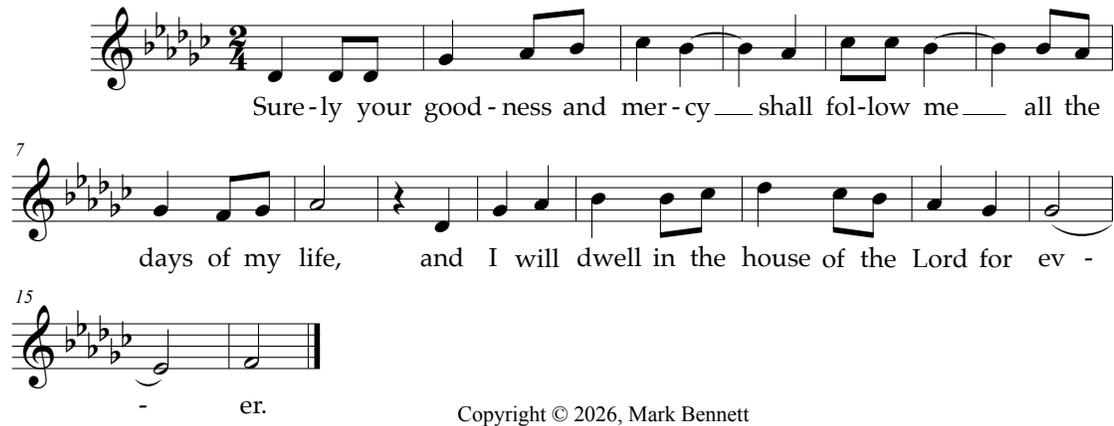
⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 23

Reader Let us read from Psalm 23 responsively.



Sure-ly your good-ness and mer-cy shall fol-low me all the
 7 days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ev -
 15 er.

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- ¹The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- ²He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name’s sake.
- ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I shall fear no evil; *
**for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Refrain**
- ⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
**you have anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup is running over.**
- ⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Refrain

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

Reader A Reading from Paul’s letter to the Church in Ephesus.

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
 “Sleeper, awake!
 Rise from the dead,
 and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord
 People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

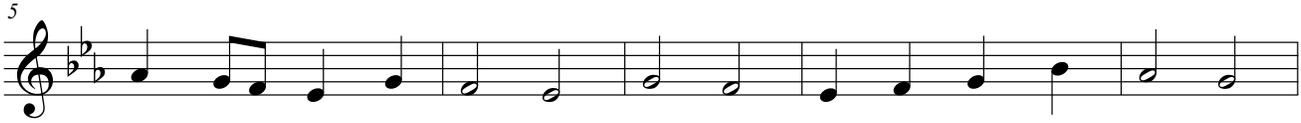
The Sequence Hymn

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Hymnal #339



Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
Je - sus, Bread of life, I pray thee, let me



gloom-y_ haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day-light's splen-dor,
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y know-eth;
glad - ly_ here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in - vit - ed,



there with joy thy prais - es ren - der un - to
Fount, whence all my_ be - ing flow - eth: at thy
be thy love with love re - quit - ed; from this



him whose grace un - bound-ed hath this won-drous ban-quet
feet I cry, my Mak - er, let me be a fit par -
ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how vast and deep its



found-ed; high o'er all the heavens he reign - eth, yet to
ta - ker of this bless - ed food from hea - ven, for our
trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost give me, as thy



dwell with thee he deign - eth.
good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: "Schmücke dich,"
melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. "The English Hymnal," 1906.

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: John 9:1-41

Deacon ✝ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The 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?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He 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." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then 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." ¹⁶Some 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. ¹⁷So 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."

¹⁸The 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 ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but 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." ²²His 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. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So 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." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He 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?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He

said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus 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."
⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?"
⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Cara Nilsen

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Please remain standing as able.

The Prayers of the People (*The People chant the responses in bold.*)



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Deacon With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Kyrie eleison."

For the peace of the world, the welfare of the Holy Church of God, the unity of all peoples; for our Bishop and all clergy, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Kyrie eleison***

Deacon For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority; for this city, and every city and community, and those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Kyrie eleison***

Deacon For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Kyrie eleison***

Deacon For Amy Clute, Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Ceri Falk, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Daniel Drayling, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Irena Dybeic, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Marilyn and Dale Ghery, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Otto, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Richard Cantine, Rob Ramsay, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Susan Crouse, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere., let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Kyrie eleison***

Deacon For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People ***Kyrie eleison***

Deacon For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, that we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his table.

The Communion Anthem

"God Gives the Song" by Craig Courtney

*St. Francis Choir
Jay Tilton, cello*

*When time sweeps yesterday away, it leaves behind an empty heart,
Weeping through the night so dark and long.
When words are lost among the tears, when sadness steals another day,
God hears our cries and turns our sighs into a song.*

*Sing to the One who mends our broken hearts with music,
Sing to the One who fills our empty hearts with love,
Sing to the One who gives us light to step into the darkest night.
Sing to the God who turns our sighs into a song.*

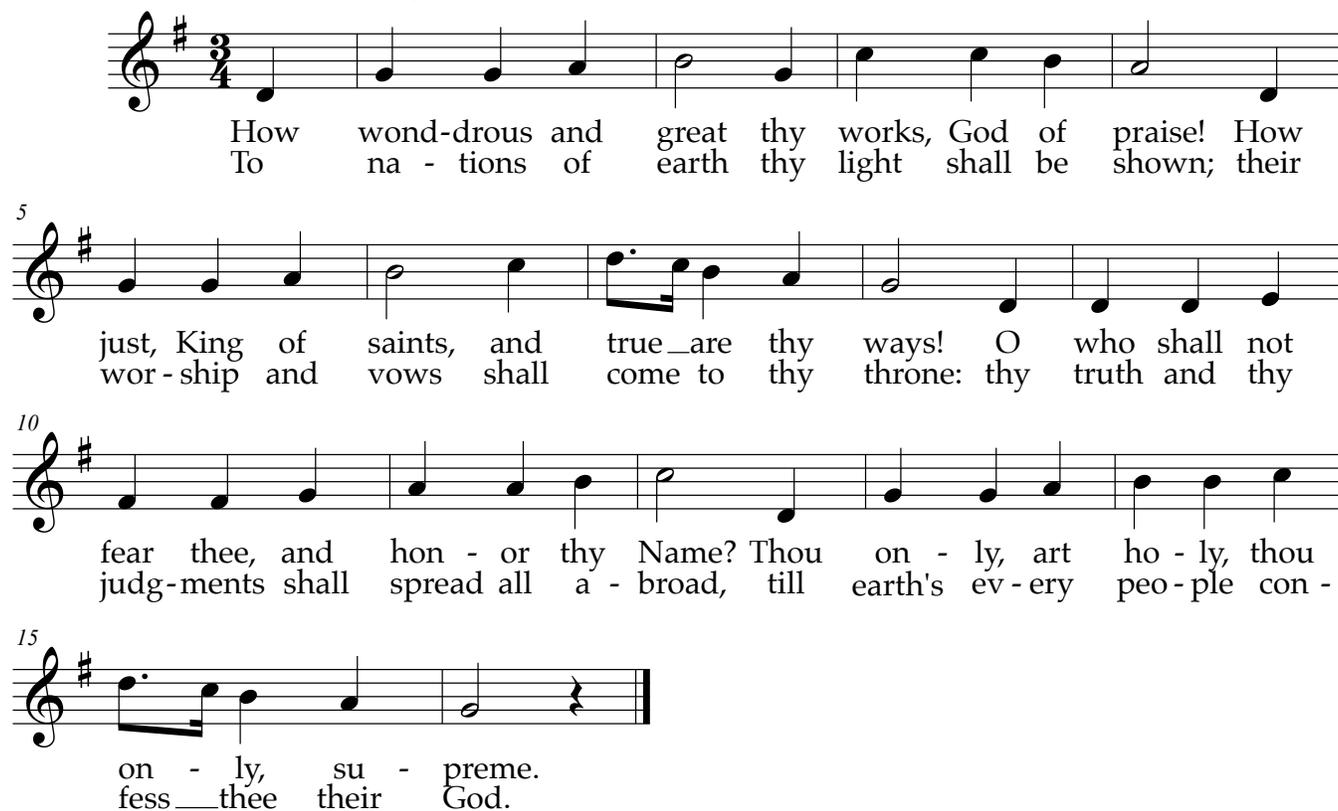
*From heaven falls a mercy sweet, the time for weeping now is gone;
God hears our sighs and gives us His eternal song.*

*Sing to the One who mends our broken hearts with music,
Sing to the One who fills our empty hearts with love,
Sing to the One who gives us light to step into the darkest night.
Sing to the God who turns our sighs into a song.*

The Offertory Hymn

How Wondrous and Great, Thy Works God of Praise

Hymnal #533



How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise! How
To na-tions of earth thy light shall be shown; their
just, King of saints, and true are thy ways! O who shall not
wor-ship and vows shall come to thy throne: thy truth and thy
fear thee, and hon-or thy Name? Thou on-ly, art ho-ly, thou
judg-ments shall spread all a-broad, till earth's ev-ery peo-ple con-
on-ly, su-preme.
fess-thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. "The Song of the Redeemed".
Music: "Lyons," att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806).

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Hymnal #S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might. — Heav - en and earth are full, full — of your glo - ry, Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes —
 in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: from "Deutsche Mass," Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

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.**

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.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

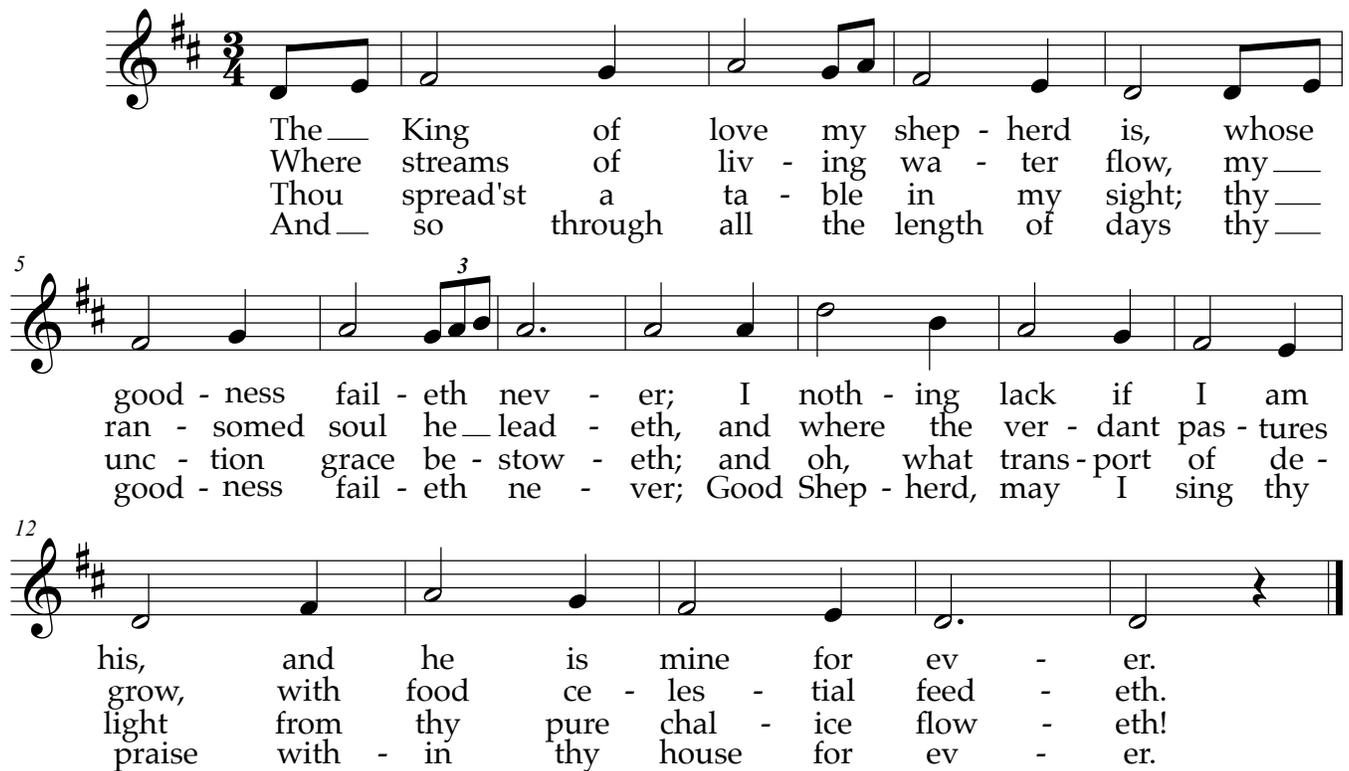
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Fraction Anthem
 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymnal #645



The ___ King of love my shep - herd is, whose
 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ___
 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy ___
 And ___ so through all the length of days thy ___

5
 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if I am
 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant pas - tures
 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port of de -
 good - ness fail - eth ne - ver; Good Shep - herd, may I sing thy

12
 his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
 praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23.
 Music: "St. Columba," Irish melody; harm. "Hymnal, 1982."

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God,
 Holy gifts for Holy People.

For our online community: an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.

The Communion Song

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Hymnal #664

My— Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
When I walk through the shades of— death, thy pres - ence
The— sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

6
is his Name;— in— pas - tures fresh he makes me feed be -
is my stay;— one word of— thy sup - port - ing breath drives
all my days;— oh, may thy— house be mine a - bode and—

13
side the liv - ing stream.— He brings my wan - dering spi - rit—
all my fears a - way.— Thy hand, in sight of all my
all my work be praise.— There would I— find a set - tled

20
back when I for - sake his ways,— and leads me, for his
foes, doth still my— ta - ble spread;— my cup with bless - ings
rest, while o - thers go and come;— no more a— stran - ger

27
mer - cy's sake, in— paths of truth and grace.—
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.—
or a— guest, but like a child at home.—

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. Psalm 23. Music: "Resignation," American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

Please kneel or stand as able.

Special Offering

"Panis angelicus" by César Franck

Tony Lowe, tenor

*May the bread of angels become the bread for mankind;
The bread of heaven puts all foreshadowings to an end;*

Oh, thing miraculous!

The body of the Lord will nourish the poor,

The poor, the servile, and the humble.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Prayer of St. Francis

Celebrant Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People **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 consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; 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.**

The Blessing

Celebrant And, the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

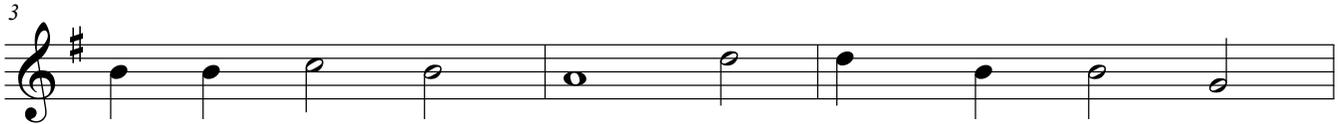
Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Recessional Hymn
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymnal #493



O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and
He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new
Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your
Glo - ry to God and praise and love be



dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim and spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful bro - ken
loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold, your
now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!
saints a - bove, the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: "Azmon," Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829);
adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Postlude

Jesu, meine Freude (BWV 610)

J.S. Bach

Announcements

Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, March 26 at 9:30 am

Families with children up to age 12 are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Town and Country Nursery School! Bring your baskets and your sense of adventure for a morning of fun, laughter, and plenty of hidden eggs.

Volunteers Needed: Folding Bulletins for Good Friday and Easter

Are you available to come to the church office on **Thursday, April 2, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**, to fold bulletins for the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services? If you can help, please contact Gina at 310-375-4617 or gina.mcqueen@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

Meditation Class begins

David Knight will be leading a new Meditation Class in the St. Francis Library on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of each month. For more info, contact David at nemomediagroup@gmail.com.

Antique Show Gala Silent Auction – We’re Collecting Treasures!

Do you have a special something that could steal the spotlight at our Gala Silent Auction? We’re on the hunt for silent auction donations to help make our event on Wednesday, May 27, a sparkling success!

Think crowd-pleasers like:

- Handmade jewelry or craft items
- Themed dinners, wine tastings, gardens tours or other fun social experiences - always our TOP SELLERS!!!
- Sports or theater tickets
- Beautiful home décor or luxury items
- Specialty services - handyman, sports or music lessons
- Gift cards for restaurants, entertainment or retail
- ...or any unique treasure guests would love to bid on!

If you’d like to contribute, please contact Mary Deley at mary_deley@yahoo.com. Items may be dropped off at the church office, or we’re happy to arrange a pickup that works for you. Tax-deductible donation statements are available upon request.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Antique Show — we truly couldn’t do it without you!

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Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Amy Clute, Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Ceri Falk, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Daniel Drayling, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Irena Dybeic, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Marilyn and Dale Ghery, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Otto, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Richard Cantine, Rob Ramsay, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Susan Crouse, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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