

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 22, 2026 ❖ 10:00 am

*Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby*

*Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump*

*Guest Cellist: Jay Tilton*



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*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.*

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## This Week at St. Francis

### **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)

### **Monday, March 23**

- 6:00 pm St. Anne's Guild Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, March 24**

- 4:30 pm Teen Tuesday Youth Group (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Taizé (Chapel)

### **Wednesday, March 25**

- 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 26**

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

### **Saturday, March 28**

- 11:00 am Meditation Class (Library)

### **Sunday, March 29 — Palm Sunday**

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

# The Word of God

Please stand as able.

## The Processional Hymn

### Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Hymnal #495



Hail, thou once de - spis - ed\_ Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
Je - sus, hail! en - throned in\_ glo - ry, there for ev - er\_



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal -  
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, thou hast full a -  
to\_ a - bide; all the\_ heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy



va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal Sa - vior, bear - er of our  
tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en through the vir - tue  
Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing: there thou dost our



sin and shame! By thy\_ mer - it we find fa - vor: life is\_ giv - en  
of thy blood: o - pened is the gate of\_ hea - ven, re - con - ciled are  
place pre - pare;\_ ev - er\_ for us in - ter - ced - ing, till in\_ glo - ry



through thy Name.  
we\_ with God.  
we\_ ap - pear.

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

Music: "In Babilone," melody from "Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu," 1710; harm. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935).

# 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 score for 'Holy God' is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It features a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady bass line.

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.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## The First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Reader*            A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

## The Response: Psalm 130

*Reader* Let us read from Psalm 130 responsively.



With the Lord there is mer - cy, — and full-ness of re - demp-tion.

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<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice; \*

**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>2</sup>If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*

**O Lord, who could stand?**

<sup>3</sup>For there is forgiveness with you; \*

**therefore you shall be feared.**

<sup>4</sup>I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*

**in his word is my hope..... Refrain**

<sup>5</sup>My soul waits for the LORD,

more than watchmen for the morning, \*

**more than watchmen for the morning.**

<sup>6</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*

**for with the LORD there is mercy;**

<sup>7</sup>with him there is plenteous redemption, \*

**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. .... Refrain**

## The Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

*Reader* A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able and join in singing.*

# The Sequence Hymn

## All My Hope on God Is Founded

Hymnal #665

The musical score is written in a single system with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The time signature is 2/2. The melody consists of several phrases, with some measures containing a 3/2 time signature change. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

All my hope on God is found - ed;  
God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth,  
Still from earth to God e - ter - nal

3  
he doth still my trust re - new, me through  
deep his wis - dom pass - ing thought: splen - dor,  
sac - ri - fice of praise be done, high a -

5  
change and chance he guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly  
light, and life at - tend him, beaut - y spring - eth out of  
bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his

8  
true. God un - known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his  
nought. Ev - er - more from his store new - born worlds rise and a -  
son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not

12  
own.  
dore.  
fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

Music: "Michael," Herbert Howells (1892-1983).

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*Please remain standing as able.*

## The Gospel: John 11:1-45

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

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.  
<sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."  
<sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"  
<sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."  
<sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."  
<sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that

they may believe that you sent me.”<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

The Sermon

*The Rev. Jason Shelby*

*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 Vavrin, 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.

People

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The time signature is 3/4. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "To Thee, O Lord our God." The melody is simple and melodic, with a final note on a whole note. The accompaniment is a simple harmonic accompaniment with a steady bass line.

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*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.*

*Please be seated.*

### The Welcome and Announcements

*Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:*

*All* **Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# 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

*"The Journey Home" by Craig Courtney*

*St. Francis Choir  
Jay Tilton, cello*

*We walk by faith and not by sight, this life a winding journey home.*

*Although at times the path is dark, we do not travel it alone.*

*There is no cause for fear or dread. The Spirit knows what lies ahead,*

*Remaining faithful by our side, an ever-present help and guide.*

*We know in part; we dimly see as through a darkened glass,*

*Yet we shall know as we are known, our vision clear at last.*

*What waits for us beyond the veil lies hidden from our sight*

*In mystery until the time we cross into its light.*

*Our journey does not go unseen by those who stand on heaven's shore.*

*They do not sleep. They watch and wait, the saints who traveled here before.*

*Like them, we too will run the race and meet the Savior face to face*

*Inside the new Jerusalem, our homeward journey at an end!*

*We walk by faith and not by sight.*

The Offertory Hymn  
Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Hymnal #641

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second staff begins with a measure rest and continues the melody. The third staff also begins with a measure rest and concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - pressed;  
Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;

3  
from harm - ful pas - sions set me free,  
let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be,  
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty

4  
and make me pure with - in.  
and taste thy prom - ised rest.  
point thou the heaven - ly way.

Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt.  
Music: "Southwell," from "Daman's Psalter," 1579; adapt. "Hymnal, 1982".

*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  
 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Hymnal #508

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 Breathe on me, Breath of God, 'till I am whol - ly thine,  
 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

7  
 that I may love what Thou dost love, and do — what Thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do — and to en - dure.  
 'til all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 7  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: "Nova Vita," Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

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

## Humbly I Adore Thee

Hymnal #314



Hum-bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:



lo, to thee— sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
I be - lieve what - e'er— the Son of God hath told;  
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
face to face— thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. "Hymnal 1940"; st. 4,  
tr. "Hymnal 1982." Music: "Adoro devote," French church melody, Mode 5,  
"Processionale," 1697; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.

## Special Offering

*"I Want to Be Ready"*

*Spiritual, arr. James Miller*

*Jill Lynch, soprano & Tony Lowe, tenor*

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

## 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

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

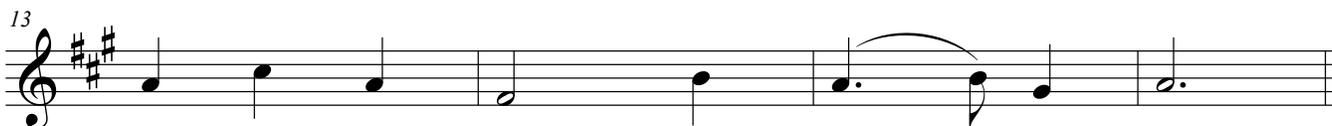
Hymnal #512



Come, gra-cious Spi - rit, heav-en-ly Dove, with light and  
The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us  
Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us  
Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard-ian, thou our guide  
know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in ev - ery heart,  
from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li - ness, the road  
joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our fin - al rest,



o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.  
that we from thee may ne'er de - part.  
that we must take to dwell with God.  
to be with him for ev - er blest.

Text: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt. Music: "Mendon," melody from  
"Methodist Harmonist," 1821; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

*The Postlude*

*Te Es Petrus  
Lenten Postlude*

*Jeanne Demessieux  
Flor Peeters*

# Announcements

## **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](mailto:gina.mcqueen@stfrancispalosverdes.org).

## **Military Outreach Collection – April 11**

St. Francis will once again participate in our quarterly Military Outreach donation drive to support families at Camp Pendleton and Fort MacArthur. Donations will be delivered on Saturday, April 11, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Hawthorne High School. The most needed items right now are diapers and kitchen supplies such as dishes, cookware, and meal preparation tools. We will also continue to accept men's and women's clothing for Fort MacArthur and shoes in very good condition. Please note that we are unable to accept home décor, electronics, large toys, stuffed animals, or car seats unless they are new in the box. Thank you for helping St. Francis support military families in our community. For more info, contact Susie Zimmerman at [susiezimmerman@gmail.com](mailto:susiezimmerman@gmail.com) or or text (310) 316-5941, or visit our website at [stfrancispalosverdes.org](http://stfrancispalosverdes.org).

## **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](mailto: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!

## **Stay in-the-know!**

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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 Vavrin, 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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