

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2020

The 29th Annual Meeting

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In the Anglican Tradition

Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:15 A.M.

Lectionary Year A Daily Office Year 2

Welcome!

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- Before you leave, please pray for us as we carry out the ministry of the love of God and service in our communities.

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Readings for next Sunday, February 2, 2014

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

The First Lesson: Malachi 3: 1-4

Psalm 24: 7-10

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14-18

The Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Prelude

The Word of God

Gathering Hymn

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness
All verses

Hymnal 381



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own
4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.

Greeting and Collect for Purity

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity.

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 Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Hymn of Praise Glory to God in the Highest Hymnal S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the notes for 'Christ, on - ly', 'Lamb of God', and 'take a - way'.

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer (Collect) for the Day

BCP 215

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Prayer for God's Will in Seeking a new Vicar

All together say

Loving God, we pray that your will for us and for St. Francis' Church be done. Rid our minds of personal goals and expectations, doubts and fears so that we may be vessels for your will and your expectations. We pray that your will for our

new Vicar be made manifest to us; and give us the courage to carry out your will whatever it is. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who always lived out your will in his life. Amen.

The people sit.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 *Dominus illuminatio*

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I / fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be a / fraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I / seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my / life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the / LORD *
and to seek him in his / temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his / shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a / rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my / head *
above my enemies round a / bout me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great /
gladness; * I will sing and make music to the / LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I / call; *
have mercy on me and answer / me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my / face." *
Your face, LORD, will I / seek.

12 Hide not your face / from me, *
nor turn away your servant in dis / pleasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not a / way; *
do not forsake me, O God of my sal / vation.

The Second Lesson

I Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from the Letter to the Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,^{*} by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

The people stand.

Hymn before the Gospel Take up your cross, the Savior said Hymnal 675
All Verses



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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During the singing of the hymn the Deacon carries the Gospel Book through the church symbolizing bringing the Word of God to God's people.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**Deacon
People**

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

Children's Homily & Annual Message

Fr. Alfred Jewson

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All together say

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.

Prayers of the People

The Deacon calls the people to prayer

Let us offer prayers to God who shows the glory of Christ in all the world.

The Intercessor leads the petitions and the People respond

By the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah in this Epiphany Season.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Wayne our Bishop, Deon our Bishop elect, Alfred our priest and Rebecca our deacon. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church, Central West End, Jon their Rector and Harry their Deacon. In our companion Diocese of Lui we pray for Dibani Parish, and Emmanuel their priest. For all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our Discernment Team, for those discerning a call to ordained ministry, for Deaconess Anne House interns, for the ministry of the chaplains, staff and volunteers at Episcopal City Mission and the children in detention and their families, and in thanksgiving for all believers who put their trust in the Incarnate

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our political leaders and all in authority that their leadership may be in the best interest of all the people of this nation and for peace and justice.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We remember first responders, those in the military, especially Kyle, those working abroad, especially Ryan and Lauren and those traveling.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We lift up the oppressed, those in prison, patients, families, and communities affected by substance use disorders and those suffering from untreated and undertreated pain and chronic diseases.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We remember those on our Prayer Rota: homebound parishioners Darla, Noel & Jack; weekly prayer rota Jerry & Bob Smith, Max Starbuck, & Lara and Ryder Thomas, the sick, the suffering, special intentions and especially those who have asked for prayers. For parishioners: Roger, Annie, Tracey, Sylvia, and Cheryl. For others who have asked for prayer: Virginia, Charlie, Kristine, Bob and Sarah. Please name those you wish to remember, either silently or aloud.

Pause For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the ministry of Friends of St. Francis Childcare Center, especially students: Bella, Hadlie, Hudson, Priceless, Savannah, Tanner, Tyson and teachers: Bethany, Abby, Maddie, & Chloe. O God, we give you thanks for this ministry.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We remember Chet and all who have died. Please name those you wish to remember, either silently or aloud. *Pause* Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People To you, O Lord.

Celebrant God of the stars of night, accept the prayers we offer on this day. Fill our hunger with your word of truth and summon all who thirst to the banquet of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Confession of Sin

EOW 56

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

EOW 56

The Celebrant says

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

People Amen.

The Peace

EOW 56

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ. First welcome the visitor, then greet new friends, then greet old friends.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant begins the offertory with these words

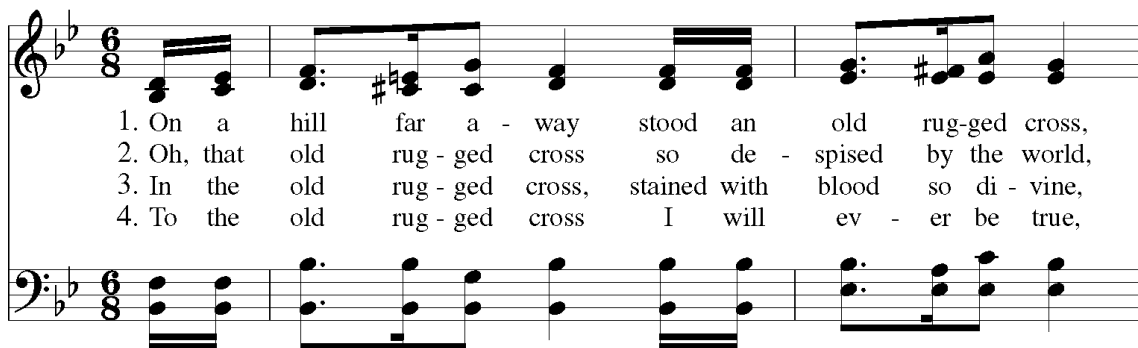
Sisters and brothers present yourselves as living sacrifices to the Lord.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine to the celebrant.

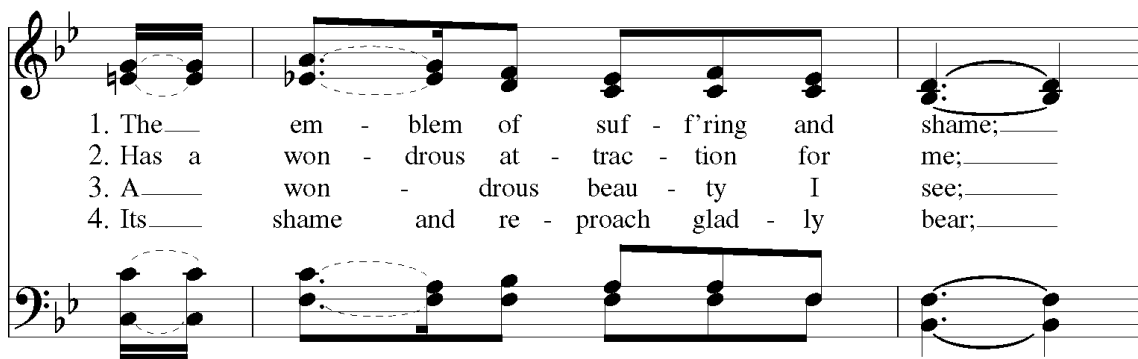
Offertory Hymn

The old rugged cross All verses

LEVAS 38



1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,
2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,



1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
3. A won - drous beau - ty I see;
4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,
3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 2. To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 3. To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

old rug - ged cross
 So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

Till my tro - phies at last I lay down;

old rug - ged cross,
 I will cling to the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

And ex - change it some day for a crown._____

The Celebrant invites all to stand.

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.

Sung to the tune of Hymn 380

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is inserted

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

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:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Hymnal S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. _____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with lyrics underneath. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second staff continues with 'might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff has 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff concludes with 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____'. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over the notes 'ly', 'ry.', and 'est.' in the second, third, and fourth staves respectively.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and people

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Francis, Isaiah the Prophet, St. Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

People AMEN.

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

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 Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Hymnal S154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All Baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion the Celebrant will give you a blessing.

Communion Hymn

They cast their nets in Galilee Hymnal 661
All verses



1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just
2 Con - tent - ed, peace - ful fish - er - men, be -
3 Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home -
4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but



off the hills of brown; such hap - py,
fore they ev - er knew the peace of
less, in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who
strife closed in the sod. Yet let us



sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.
God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too.
hailed the teem - ing net, head - down was cru - ci - fied.
pray for but one thing— the mar - velous peace of God.

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The Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

After the ablutions (washing) of the vessels used for Holy Communion, the Deacon sends Eucharistic Visitors forth to bring Holy Communion to the homebound and infirm

The Deacon says

In the healing name of Jesus, you the members of St. Francis' Church send forth *name* bearing these holy gifts of bread and wine that *name* may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we share one bread,
one cup.

Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All together say

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Epiphany Blessing

BOS 24

The Celebrant blesses the People

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Sending Hymn

Lift high the cross
All Verses

Hymnal 473

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Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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Announcements

Dismissal *The Deacon sends the people forth.*

Deacon May Jesus be the heart of your Epiphany Season! Go in joy and peace in the name of Christ.

People We will go and spread the Good News! Amen.

Worship has ended—now our service begins!

Bible Study Questions

Isaiah 9:1-4

1. Who are the people who waked in darkness in verse 2? Are they the Israelites or Gentiles or both? Explain.
2. How does the New Testament interpret what this prophecy means? Look at Matthew 4:12-17, Luke 1:32, and John 8:12.
3. How has God shattered some of the “yokes” of your “burden”?

1st Corinthians 1:10-18.

1. What divided the church at Corinth? What did Paul do to undercut this division?
2. Who was Apollos (see Acts 18:24-19:1)? Who was Cephas (see John. 1:42 & Mt. 16:17-19)?
3. Who has been a "hero" of the faith for you?

Matthew 4: 12-23.

1. What message was Jesus preaching in this passage? What is the relation between repentance, the kingdom of heaven, and the light?
2. How has coming to know Jesus been like moving from darkness to light for you?
3. Spiritually are you still preparing the nets? Leaving the boat? Following hard after Jesus?

Prayer Rota

Members of the congregation for whom we are asked to pray this week.

Darla Becker, Noel Choweller, Jack Doerr, Jerry & Bob Smith, Max Starbuck, & Lara & Ryder Thomas

Prayer List

Parishioners: Roger Reese, Annie Rayman, Tracey Oswald, Sylvia Ahmad and Cheryl Foster

Parish and Diocesan related requests: St Francis' Discernment Committee and Friends of St. Francis' Childcare Center, especially students: Bella, Hadlie, Hudson, Priceless, Savannah, Tanner, Tycen and teachers: Bethany, Abby, Maddie & Chloe. For those working abroad: especially Ryan & Lauren Smith. For Deaconess Anne House interns, for the children in the juvenile justice system and their families and the ministry of Episcopal City Mission's chaplains, staff and volunteers who bring them hope and healing. For those discerning a call to ordained ministry. For patients, families and communities affected by substance use disorders. For those suffering from untreated and undertreated pain and chronic diseases.

Diocese: For the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church, Central West End, Jon their Rector and Harry their Deacon.

Companion Diocese: For Dibani Parish and Emmanuel their priest.

For those who have asked for prayers: Virginia Stemme, Charlie Ray, Kristine Hildebrandt, Bob Kenny & Sarah for those deployed to Iran, especially Kyle Buchanan, friend of Maddie, teacher at FOSF.

For those who have died: Chet Cooper, friend of Kathleen & Joe O'Reilly.

St. Francis' Church is a Two Rule Church:
Love God, Love Each Other!

United Thank Offering Ingathering

The Annual UTO Ingathering continues through February 23. Our offerings for the blessings we receive are turned into grants to help others.

Every household will be given a blue UTO box. Each day, families remember what blessings they've received and add coins or bills to the box. On February 23rd we'll gather all the boxes and send a check to UTO for the amount we have collected. The Diocesan and National UTO teams will offer grants to churches in need for special projects.

Kathleen McDonald has taken charge of this ministry.

Something to Think About

How can we withhold anything from our wonderful God? "Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well."

Psalm 139:1,12, 13

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Adult Forum

On Sunday, February 2, Jackie Selle will present information about the Tutoring Program offered at St. Francis' Church on Wednesday evenings during the school year.

Church Cleaning

Help Wanted! Come and help clean St. Francis' Church. Our cleaning equipment has a universal fit, so both men's and women's hands will fit mop, toilet brushed and vacuums. The fun starts at 10:00 am on Wednesday, January 29th. Please see Donna Bernert for further details.

Father Jewson away

Al and Dayna will travel to Houston, Texas to visit their son, Joe and his family in their new home. He will be away from January 30—February 3 and return to work on February 4.

Supply Priest

The Rev. Nathaniel Pyron will supply on February 2 at both the 8:00 am and 10:15 am Holy Eucharist celebrations.

Pastoral Emergency

Please contact Deacon Rebecca for any pastoral emergency in the absence of Fr. Al.

Business Office

The business office will be closed from Thursday, January 30 to February 4.

This Week at St. Francis' Church

<p>Sunday, January 26 Third Sunday after the Epiphany</p> <p>Annual Meeting Sunday</p>	<p>9:00 am 10:15 am 11:45 am</p>	<p>Choir Practice Holy Eucharist Potluck & Annual Meeting Elections to Bishop's Committee and Delegates. Reports of Committees and Opportunity to sign up for Ministries.</p>
<p>Monday January 27</p>	<p>5:00 pm</p>	<p>Evening Prayer & Intercessions</p>
<p>Tuesday January 28</p>	<p>8:30 am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Morning Prayer <i>Al Anon—Children's Room</i> Discernment Committee—Children's Room <i>Overeaters' Anonymous – Com. Rm.</i></p>
<p>Wednesday January 29</p>	<p>1:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Crafternoon – Community Room Centering Prayer Tutoring-Community Room</p>
<p>Thursday January 30</p>	<p>6:45 pm</p>	<p><i>No scheduled Morning Prayer</i> <i>AA—Community Room</i></p>
<p>Friday January 31</p>	<p>10:00am 10:00am</p>	<p>Bible Study – Community Room <i>OPEN OA Group—Children's Room</i></p>
<p>Saturday February 1</p>	<p>7:00 am 10:00 am</p>	<p><i>AA—Community Room</i> Diocesan Deacon Meeting—Com. Rm.</p>
<p>Sunday, February 2 Presentation of our Lord in the Temple</p>	<p>8:00 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 11:45 am</p>	<p>Holy Eucharist Choir Practice Holy Eucharist Adult Forum—Jackie Selle</p>

Today's Ministers of Worship

Celebrant	The Rev. Alfred Jewson
Deacon	The Ven. Rebecca Barger
Musician	Cheryl Foster
Choir Director	Max Starbuck
Christian Formation	Kathy Regnier
Altar Guild	Doris Schaefer
Greeter	Sue Schmidt
Usher	Michael Booker
Acolyte	Rich Mayfield
Lectors	Kathleen & Joe O'Reilly
Intercessor	Sally Hader
Torchbearers	Doris & Bob Schaefer
Eucharistic Minister	Jeff Veenstra
Eucharistic Visitor	Paul Jokerst
Tellers	Suzanne Jones & Arlene Underwood
Announcements	Donna Bernert

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of time.

--Matthew 28:19-20

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