

Sunday, March 7, 2021 | St. Francis' Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday in Lent

*Liturgy of the Eucharist
Book of Common Prayer*



Prelude

Welcome from the Vicar

A Penitential Order

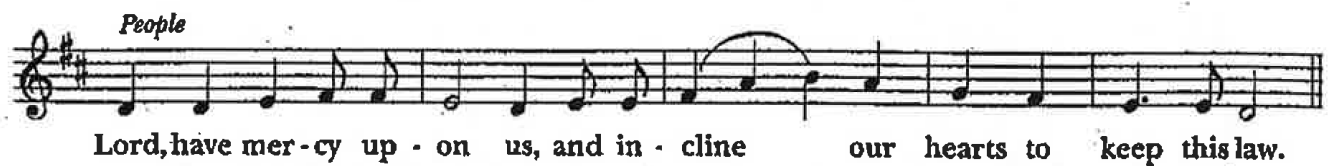
Deacon: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures forever.**

The Decalogue

Deacon: God spoke these words and said: "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me."

Antiphon:



You shall not make for yourself any idol. (a)

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. (a)

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. (a)

Honor your parents. (a)

You shall not commit murder. (a)

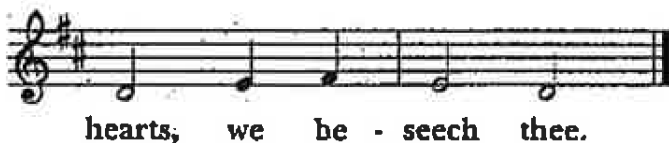
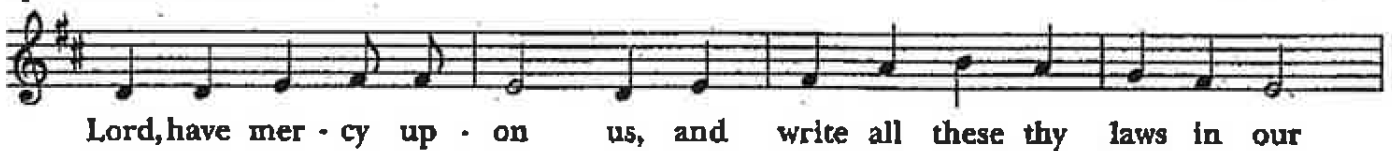
You shall not commit adultery. (a)

You shall not steal. (a)

You shall not be a false witness. (a)

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

After the 10th Commandment



Deacon: Hear what the scripture is saying:

Hebrews 4:14, 16

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Confession of Sin

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

Deacon and People:

**Almighty God,
maker of all things, judge of all people:
We acknowledge and lament our many sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time grievously have committed,
in thought, word, and deed, against your divine Splendor,
provoking most justly your anger and unhappiness with us.
We turn away from these evil thoughts, words and deeds and turn toward you.
We are deeply sorry for our misdoings;
thinking of them grieves us,
the burden of them is horrible.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
for the sake of your Child, our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that from this moment forward we may
serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

People: **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Old Testament

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord.

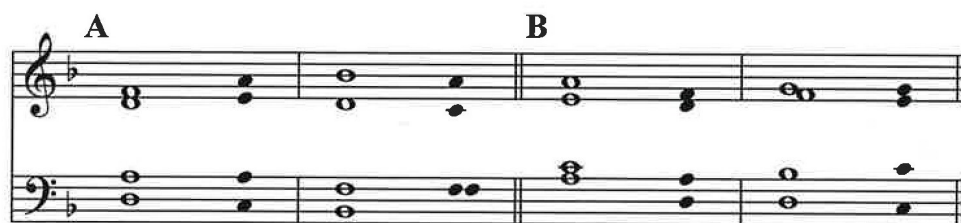
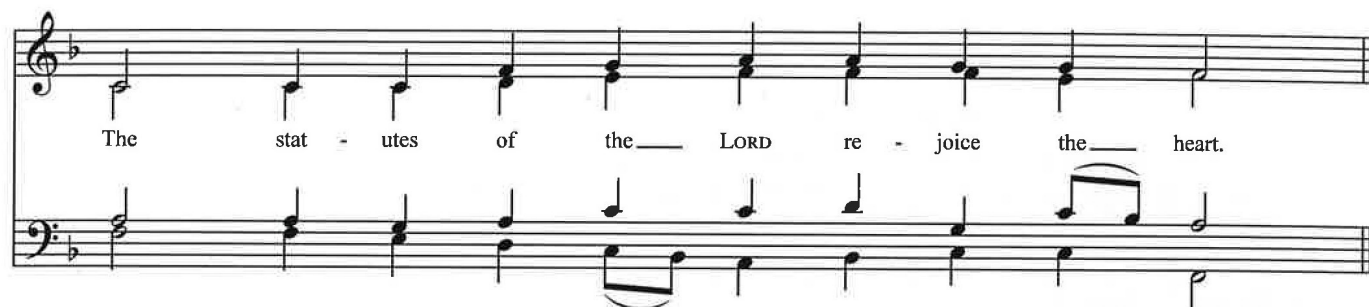
People:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19

Psalm Leaders, Leah Milton and Lynn Grames



- A 1 The heavens declare the glory of God
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- B 2 One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- A 3 Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
- B 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world. (a)
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. (a)
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. (a)
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. (a)
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults. (a)
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. (a)

The Epistle

Reader: A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

1:18-25

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. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

What Wondrous Love is This

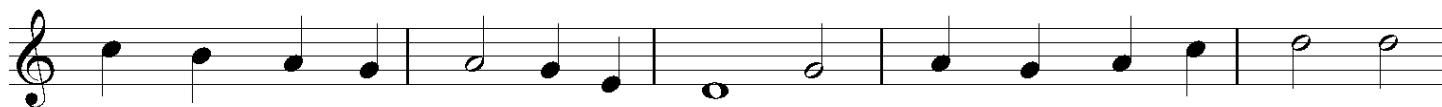
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Hymn Leader, Susan Oris, St. Barnabas'

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

2:13-22

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Whitney Rice

The Nicene Creed

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**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 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 and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

- Deacon: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, and may our response be, "Hear our prayer".
- Intercessor: Incarnate God, through your Word you teach us to be prayerful, and to be thankful for all people. Today, we pray that your Church Universal may continue to be inspired by the Spirit of truth, unity, and peace. And as we confess the holiness of your Name, bring us to live according to your Truth. God of grace,
- People: **Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: Bless all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Deon, our Bishop, Laurie, our Vicar, Rebecca, our Deacon; that their actions and words be reflective of your life-sustaining Teaching, so as to administer your holy Sacraments with a spirit of love and respect. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we the people and ministry of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, and for Mike their rector, Marc their priest associate, and Chester their deacon. God of grace,
- People: **Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: Draw all people into your protective fold, and especially this congregation gathered here; that, we may receive and inwardly digest your life-giving Word of Love, so that we may be united by the Spirit of Christ, and generously serve others in his name. God of grace,
- People: **Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: God of Wisdom, bless those who are charged with the authority of government with a vision of peace and reconciliation. Give them knowledge of your will, regard for your laws, and respect for the whole human family. God of grace,
- People: **Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: God of all Creation, since the beginning you have created all things, and you have invited us to be faithful stewards of your creation. Give to all persons a reverence for our earthly home that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others. God of grace,
- People: **Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: Abiding Spirit of God, we place in your hands those for whom we want to pray: for our parishioners Noel, Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, and Ann; and for those who have asked for our prayers for Sharen, Emily, Ken, Luke, Brittany, Virginia, Lisa, Gigi, Darlene, Carly, and Chris, that they may find comfort in the goodness of your love for their trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or other adversity. We also remember those who are recovering from the severe storms that impacted Texas, and other southern states. God of grace,
- People: **Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor: Eternal Spirit, we pray for all those whom we love but see no longer, especially Ryder Nolen, and Pauline Handschy, grant to them eternal rest where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life that knows no age. May we, following the good examples of Francis and all the saints, and in our own time, come to the joy of your heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
- People: **Amen.**

Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on page 14 of this bulletin, for additional biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed on our website.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

Announcements

Birthday Blessing

Celebrant: Watch over thy children, 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 heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

Instrumental music plays as our ushers collect our offerings to God.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, 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:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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 Maker of all.

Jesus 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:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior. By Christ and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People: **AMEN.**

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

People: **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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant and People:

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. However because of Covid, we cannot all receive from the same cup at the same time, but our cup remains common to us all as a different parishioner receives the cup at each service on behalf of the entire community. If you prefer not to receive Communion, please just cross your hands over your heart when the clergy come to your car.

Hymn Leader, Kathleen McDonald

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed
 whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to
 heal the sin - sick soul. 1 soul. 2

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and____
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you
 think my work's in vain, but____ then the Ho - ly
 can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of
Repeat Refrain
 Spi - rit re - lives my soul a - gain.
 Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of Jesus Christ, our Savior, 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 hearts; Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May this blessing be the road that returns you. Let it be the strength to carry through the wilderness, and in the name of God—Parent, Child and unending spirit—be with you always.
People: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Help Us, O Lord, To Learn

H 628

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor) and a four-part harmony (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass). It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear structure for the three verses. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines, with the first three verses of the hymn and the concluding lines of the hymn.

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Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Lists

Our homebound parishioner: Noel

Our parishioners: Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, and Ann

For those who have asked for prayers: For Sharen, Emily, Ken, Luke, Brittany, Virginia, Lisa, Gigi, Darlene, Carly, and Chris; first responders, healthcare professionals, and educators who continue to work during this pandemic; the manufacturing and equitable distribution of Covid-19 vaccines

For those who have died and those who mourn: For Ryder Nolen, and Pauline Handschy; for those who have suffered loss from natural disasters, especially in Texas and our parts of our southern states; for the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and their families; and for all in St. Louis who have suffered directly from gun violence this year and those whose lives were lost and their families

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For the people and ministry of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, for Mike, their rector, Marc, their priest associate, and Chester, their deacon

For those committed to our ongoing prayers: Deaconess Anne House interns and those discerning a call to ordained ministry; the ministry of the chaplains, staff, volunteers at Episcopal City Mission, and the youth in detention and their families; patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders and those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; those who serve in our military; all whose lives have been impacted by Covid-19

Today's Ministers of Worship

Preacher	The Rev. Canon Whitney Rice
Celebrant	The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
Deacon	The Ven. Rebecca Barger
Music Director	Cheryl Foster
Altar Guild	Jeff Veenstra
Greeter	Linda Doolittle
Ushers	Chris Kinder and Rich Mayfield
Lectors	Michael Booker and Bob Smith
Intercessor	Tracey Oswald
Livestream	Paul Jokerst and Jackie Selle
Tellers	Joe Bernert and Joe O'Reilly

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SINGING

We encourage you to sing along. Mask free is safe while you're in your car; if you exit your car or roll down your windows, please leave your mask on.

RECEIVING EUCHARIST

Everyone is invited to receive. Clergy members will come to the driver's window wearing a mask and hand the driver wafers for everyone in your car. Each wafer is individually wrapped in a sanitized plastic bag.

We will only be receiving in one kind. The bishop's guidelines do not permit the distribution of wine or juice at this time. Our cup remains a common cup by our inviting one parishioner to drink from it at each service.

If no one in the car would like to receive, simply cross your arms over your chest with your car window up.

MASKS

All attendees 2 years and older must wear masks any time you open car windows or step out of your car.

DISTANCE

Please stay within your car's parking spot, whether you remain in the car or sit outside of it. Greet one another with waves for now until we can safely offer hugs and handshakes.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We welcome donations to support the work of St. Francis', whether a payment on a pledge or simply an offering. Ushers have baskets to collect offerings.

