



ST. FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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GREETINGS

Welcome to our warm and friendly setting for true, Christ-centered worship. A traditional Anglican Church and a parish of The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, under the oversight of Bishop Ryan Reed, St. Francis' liturgical standard is the 1928 Book of Common Prayer – a document that is orthodox in its expressions of the Christian faith, based on prayers that have been part of catholic worship for 2000 years. Please stay to visit in the fellowship area after the service. Also, sign the guestbook in the entry hall if you would like to receive more information about St. Francis.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ whose mission it is to spread that Gospel in what we preach and in the way we live.

We are called to know the Word of God, to act on it in our lives and to share it with our brothers and sisters in the world.

We are determined to uphold the ancient faith of our ancestors in the Anglican tradition, to offer traditional Christian values based on the Holy Word of God and to be faithful witnesses to the person of Jesus in the Austin Community.

St. Francis parish is dedicated to the presence of Christ in the lives of the poor, the needy, the sick, to each other and to all those to whom Jesus comes to minister in his life on earth.

As a community of believers, we intend to entrust our growth in love, in faith and in resources to the generosity of God.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Healing Prayers: Each Sunday after the service concludes at the Altar Rail.

Evening Prayer: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to worship with laity-led sung Evening Prayer at the church. You may attend virtually via Zoom. [Here is the link to join.](#)

Ascension Day: Thursday, May 13 marks the 40th day after Easter when our Lord ascended into heaven. There will be a Holy Communion Service with a sermon at noon on this holy day. Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to come. In-person only.

PRAYER GROUPS

St. Francis Prayer Group: If you would like to place a name on the list distributed to our active prayer group members, please use the prayer intention box at the left side at back of the church to submit your request. You may also email Fr. Len at rector@stfrancisaustin.org.

Prayer Service for our Nation: *Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty.* You are welcome to join us on Saturday, June 5, in the Fellowship area at 10 a.m. and via Zoom. The service will include hymns, prayers – both read and extemporaneous – and Bible readings on the seven centers of prayer: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church, and Family. Contact Amy Crandell for more information.

Mothers' Prayer Group: Meets monthly at noon with the next meeting on Friday, May 21. Join this group of mothers as they pray extemporaneous prayers in the ACTS form of adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication, which includes prayer for each other's families. Contact Charlotte Ready with any questions. Every mother is welcome to attend.

ST. FRANCIS EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	10:30 a.m., Healing Prayers at the Altar Rail 10:45 a.m., Choir Practice
May 4	Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home group meets via Zoom.
May 5	Wednesday, 7 p.m., Adult Catechism Class via Zoom
May 6	Thursday, 7 pm, Evening Prayer in-person and via Zoom .
June 6	Bishop Ryan Reed will be at St. Francis for his pastoral visit.

Email info@stfrancisaustrin.org if you would like to join any of the above via Zoom

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School classes for children and youth. In-person classes are ongoing. The youth attend the service up to the announcements and then go upstairs for class. Missy Bernard and Sue Orr work with the younger group and Doug Cooper with the older youth.

On Wednesday, May 5, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., the Catechesis Class will begin via Zoom. The book to be used is [To Be a Christian An Anglican Catechism](#) which is available on Amazon This will be the [Zoom link](#) to participate in the class. Doug Cooper is part of the team and will lead the first discussion. The class will continue each week on Wednesdays until we finish the book. Take a look at the first two chapters. Doug will cover what he can in 30 minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Note! Beginning in 3 weeks on the Day of Pentecost, May 23, St. Francis will return to having two services: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. The early service will be without music and the late service with the normal music before the pandemic struck. Sunday school will still be at 9:30 a.m. Many St. Francis members have commented that a later service is needed, and the Vestry hopes that attendance will increase and be more consistent with the late service added back.

The May newsletter was emailed to everyone on the email list and mailed to those on the mailing list. Extra copies are in the entry hall.

St. Clare's Guild is a group of women whose ministry is dedicated to serving our parish family in times of celebration, need, illness or loss. If you should find yourself and/or your family in one of these life situations, please contact Eileen Cole.

If you are not a member of St. Francis Anglican Church but would like to be, simply complete a registration form found on the table near the front door and give it to the Rector. If you wish to become a pledging member, complete a Pledge Card and drop it in the collection plate. It is that easy.

Anniversary this week: (5th) Tristan and Regina DeBord • **Birthdays this week:** (4th) Cathy Stevenson; (8th) Veronica Armstrong

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, MAY 9TH, 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Acts 11:19-30, Psalm 33:1-8, 18-22, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:9-17

Bishop: The Rt. Rev'd Ryan S. Reed
Organist: Jim Crandell

Rector: The Rev. Canon Len Giacolone
Acolyte: Arthur Woodgate

PROPERS FOR TODAY

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (PG 36 OF THE PRAYER BOOK)

ACTS 8:26-40

²⁶But an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert road. ²⁷And he rose and went. And behold, an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a minister of the Can'dace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of all her treasure, had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless some one guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture which he was reading was this: "As a sheep led to the slaughter or a lamb before its shearer is dumb, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken up from the earth." ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, pray, does the prophet say this, about himself or about some one else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this scripture he told him the good news of Jesus. ³⁶And as they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What is to prevent my being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught up Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip was found at Azo'tus, and passing on he preached the gospel to all the towns till he came to Caesare'a.

PSALM 66: 1-11

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands; * sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

² Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works! * through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies bow down unto thee.

³ For all the world shall worship thee, * sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

⁴ O come hither, and behold the works of God; * how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

⁵ He turned the sea into dry land, * so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.

⁶ He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: * and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.

⁷ O praise our God, ye peoples, * and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

⁸ Who holdeth our soul in life; * and suffereth not our feet to slip.

⁹ For thou, O God, hast proved us; * thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

¹⁰ Thou broughtest us into the snare; * and laidest trouble upon our loins.

¹¹ Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads; * we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

1 JOHN 3:14-24

¹⁴We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. ¹⁵Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

JOHN 14:15-21

Response: Glory be to thee, O Lord

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Watch over thy *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever they may be, keeping *them* unspotted from the world. 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. *Amen.*

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DOWN AMPNEY

R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, 1906

Moderately slow

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek thou this soul of
 2 O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly pas - sions
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will

mine, And vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 turn To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 long, Shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, With - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess its grace, Till he be - come the place

And kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes his dwell - ing. A - men.

BIANCO DA SIENA, *d.* 1434; *Tr.* R. F. LITLEDALE, 1867

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Easter

8 8 8, with Alleluias

G. P. SANTE DA PALESTRINA, 1588,

adapted with Alleluias by WILLIAM H. MONK, 1861

VICTORY

With dignity

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Org. p

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, The vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their
3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, He ri - ses

ry of life is won; The song of tri - umph
le - gions hath dis - persed: Let shout of ho - ly
glo - rious from the dead: All glo - ry to our

has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

4 He closed the yawning gates of hell,
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!
Alleluia!

5 Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia! Amen.

Latin, pub. Cologne, 1695; Tr. FRANCIS POTT, 1861, alt.

Fr. Len says these prayers with those watching online.

Act of Reception

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in thy servant in the fulness of thy strength, in the perfection of thy ways, and in the holiness of thy spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of thy Spirit, and to the glory of thy Father. Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

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