

ST. FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH

3401 Oak Creek Drive ● Austin, Texas ● 78727 512.472.7514 ● www.StFrancisAustin.com 3rd Sunday in Lent March 12, 2023



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 liturgy 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.

St. Francis is currently searching for a Rector. Until then, Fr. Rogers Meredith will celebrate Communion on most Sundays, and as the Interim Rector, will provide pastoral care as needed. Do not hesitate to contact him at holyaustin1959@gmail.com or call 970-629-8778. He has a stack of business cards on the table in the entry hall. Please include our search committee and this process in your prayers. We are looking for God's will to be accomplished.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

- Palm Sunday April 2: 9:30 said service and 11:00 am with music (beginning with Palm Cross liturgy in the fellowship area).
- Maundy Thursday April 6, 7 pm, Holy Communion with music and the stripping of the altar.
- Good Friday Liturgy- April 7, 7 pm. Holy Communion will be from the reserve.
- Easter Sunday April 9, 9:30 am (said service) and 11:00 am (with the flowering of the cross and music).

ST. FRANCIS EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	9:15 am - 12:45 pm - Nursery for young children After each service, Healing Prayers at the Altar Rail 9:45 am - Sunday School for youth, upstairs 10:00 am - Choir practice, upstairs. 12:45 pm - Confirmation Class, in the Nave 12:45 pm - Lectionary Bible Study, upstairs.
March 13	Monday, 6:00pm – Vestry Meeting via Zoom
March 14	Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Bible study via Zoom only
March 15	Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Catechism class
March 16	Thursday, 7:00 pm, Evening Prayer, in-person and via Zoom
March 17	Friday, Noon, Mothers' Prayer Group, Fellowship area
	For information, email info@stfrancisaustin.org

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 located in the back of the church to submit your request. You may also email Becky Hunt at PrayerList@stfrancisaustin.org.
- **Prayer Service for our Nation**: *Exalt the Lord who has established us!*. You are welcome to join us on Saturday April 1 in the Fellowship area at 10 am The service will include hymns, prayers both read and extemporaneous –on the seven centers of prayer.
- **Mothers Prayer Group**: Meets on Mar. 17 at noon for an hour of extemporaneous prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, confession, and supplication in the fellowship area. All mothers are welcome to join us.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Adult Catechism class Wednesdays, 7:00 to 7:30 pm, All are welcome to join us as we work through the questions list in the book: "To Be a Christian". If you are interested in attending, please email info@stfrancisaustin.org. The class is discussing the commandments.
- **Youth Christian Education:** the youth attend the first part of the 9:30 service and leave at the announcements to attend class upstairs. Missy Bernard leads the program and teaches the younger class, along with Adriane Kristo-Reinking as the occasional substitute. Doug Cooper leads the older class.
- **Bible study for adults:** Tuesdays, 7:00 pm via Zoom. and the 2nd and 4th Fridays (from 7:30 to 9:00 pm) and Sundays (from 1 to 2 pm).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Are you or your child (age 13 or older) interested in being confirmed? If so, please contact Fr. Rogers. Bishop Reed is scheduled to visit St. Francis on June 11, 2023. Confirmation classes will be held today after the 11:00 service. More will be scheduled if the need arises.
- **Ongoing Lenten Food Drive:** The food drive benefitting the food pantry at St. Louis the King Catholic Church is ongoing through Palm Sunday. List of food items needed are on the stand near the front door. Leave your donations with the other food under the window.
- **Prayer Volunteers needed!** 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Campaign: During Lent now through April 2.. Consider giving an hour of your time during Lent to stand in front of one of the two abortion clinics in Austin to pray to change hearts and end abortion. Sign-up online at visit CentralTexasCoalition.com, or call the Coalition for Life office at (512) 296-2071. Thanks to those from St. Francis who are participating.
- **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 Senior Warden, Doug Cooper. If you wish to become a pledging member, complete a Pledge Card and drop it in the collection plate. It is that easy.

Birthdays this week: (Today) Ganne McCullough; (15th) Shirley Ellis, Missy Bernard

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, 4th SUNDAY IN LENT

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:1-14, John 9:1-38

Bishop: The Rt. Rev'd Ryan S. Reed Celebrant: The Reverend Andrew Brummett

9:30 Acolyte & Lector: Arthur Woodgate; Usher: David Kristo-Reinking / Dan Harrison 11:00: Acolyte: Gideon Hatley • Lector: Doug Cooper • Ushers Cliff Collins / Bill Palmer

Organist: Elisante Msengi

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

COLLECTS OF THE DAY

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost

EXODUS 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Reph'idim; but there was no water for the people to drink.

²Therefore the people found fault with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink."

And Moses said to them, "Why do you find fault with me? Why do you put the LORD to the proof?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people?

forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Mer'ibah, because of the faultfinding of the children of Israel, and because they put the LORD to the proof by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

PSALM 95

O come, let us sing | unto• the LORD;

- * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.
- ² Let us come before his presence with | **thanks**giving;
 - * and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.
- ³ For the LORD is a | **great** God;
 - * and a great | King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are all the corners | of the earth; * and the strength of the hills is | **his also**.
- ⁵ The sea is | his, and• he made it; * and his hands pre- | -pared the **dry** land.
- ⁶ O come, let us worship and | **fall** down, * and kneel before the | LORD our **Ma**ker.
- ⁷ For he is the | Lord our God;
 - * and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of his hand.

ROMANS 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. ⁶While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.



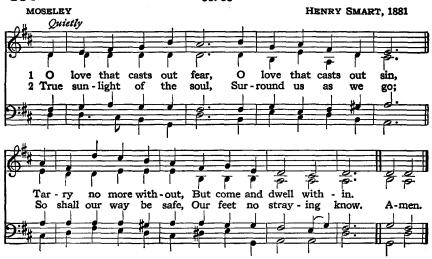
- ⁸ To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden | not your hearts
 - * as in the provocation, and as in the day of tempt- | -ation in the wilderness;
- ⁹ When your fathers | tempted me,
 - * proved | me, and saw my works.
- ¹⁰ Forty years long was I grieved with this gener- | -ation•, and said,
 - * It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they | have not known my ways:
- ¹¹ Unto whom I sware | in my wrath,
 - * that they should not | enter •into• my rest.

⁷Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man - though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. ⁸But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

JOHN 4:5-42

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. 5 Jesus came to a city of Samar'ia, called Sy'char, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷There came a woman of Samar'ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar'ia?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the

hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, ²⁹"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30They went out of the city and were coming to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." 32But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." 33So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. 35Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. ³⁶He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." 40So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves. and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world." Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ



- 3 Great love of God, come in!
 Wellspring of heav'nly peace;
 Thou Living Water, come!
 Spring up, and never cease.
- 4 Love of the living God,
 Of Father and of Son;
 Love of the Holy Ghost,
 Fill thou each needy one. Amen.
 HORATIUS BONAR, 1861



JAMES MONTGOMERY, 1825, alt.

General Hymns

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MATTHEW BRIDGES, 1848, alt.

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