



**ST. FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
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The 8th Sunday after Trinity  
August 7, 2022



### 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](mailto:holyaustin1959@gmail.com) or call 970-629-8778. He has a stack of business cards on the table in the entry hall. Periodically, another Priest will celebrate Communion. The vestry, under the direction of senior warden, Doug Cooper is the search committee. Please include them and this process in your prayers. We are looking for God's will to be accomplished.

### 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.

### 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@stfrancisaustrin.org](mailto:PrayerList@stfrancisaustrin.org).

**Prayer Service for our Nation:** *Exalt the Lord who has established us!* You are welcome to join us on Saturday, September 3 in the Fellowship area at 10 a.m. The service will include hymns, prayers – both read and extemporaneous – on the seven centers of prayer.

**Mothers' Prayer Group:** Meets monthly at noon with the next meeting on Friday, August 19. 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

<b>Today</b>	After each service, Healing Prayers at the Altar Rail.
<b>August 8</b>	Monday, 6:00 p.m., Vestry Meeting via Zoom
<b>August 9</b>	Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Bible study on Proverbs via Zoom only
<b>August 10</b>	Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Catechism Class, via Zoom
<b>August 11</b>	Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Evening Prayer, via Zoom or in-person
<b>August 12</b>	Friday, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Lectionary Bible Study at the McCown's house, To join a meeting via Zoom, email <a href="mailto:info@stfrancisaustin.org">info@stfrancisaustin.org</a>

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Adult Catechism class Wednesdays, 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.,** All are welcome to join us as we work through the questions list in the book: "To Be a Christian". An email will be sent out with the link to the Zoom meeting on Wednesday morning.

**Bible study for Adults:** 1) Tuesday from 7:00 -8:15 p.m. on Zoom - studying Proverbs; 2) Friday from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the McCown's house

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fr. Rogers Meredith** is celebrating Communion today and Fr. Andrew Brummett will return next week. Thanks to both for taking the time to prepare a sermon and to celebrate at two back-to-back services.

**Sermon recordings are available on our website** to listen to or to download as an MP3 file. Almost all the sermons delivered since 2002 - yes, over 20 years' worth! - are available for listening.

**A Donation Station is setup in the Nursery** for supplies for our outreach projects - Trotter House and Mobile Loaves and Fishes. Please look at what is needed and consider donating.

**The prayer shawl ministry provides shawls to people who are in need of** comfort and prayer. We welcome anyone who would like to participate either by knitting/crocheting these shawls or by helping with the purchase of yarn and supplies. Contact Charlotte Ready.

**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.

<b>Birthdays this week:</b> (9th) Susan Jones; (10th) Leanne Read, Tibet Pollard
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**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, 8/14- THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

*1979 BCP LECTIONARY, YEAR C, PROPER 15*

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 12:1-14

Luke 12:49-56

*Bishop:* The Rt. Rev'd Ryan S. Reed

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Rogers Meredith

9:30 *Acolyte & Lector:* Arthur Woodgate; *Ushers:* John Goodrich / Dan Harrison

11:00: *Acolyte:* Gideon Hatley • *Lector:* Cliff Collins • *Ushers:* Mike Ready / Bill Palmer

*Organist:* Jim Crandell

**THE COLLECT**

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us

all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GENESIS 15:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."  
<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what wilt thou give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Elie'zer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, thou hast given me no offspring; and a slave born in my house will be

my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; your own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**PSALM 33: 12-14, 17-21**

<sup>12</sup> Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord JEHOVAH; \* and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him, to **be** his inheritance.  
<sup>13</sup> The LORD looketh down from heaven, and beholdeth all the children• of men; \* from the habitation of his dwelling, he considereth all them that **dwel**l on the earth.  
<sup>14</sup> He fashioneth all the hearts of them, \* and under- -standeth all their works.

<sup>17</sup> Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, \* and upon them that put their **trust** in his mercy;  
<sup>18</sup> To deliver their soul from death, \* and to feed them in the time of dearth.  
<sup>19</sup> Our soul hath patiently tarried for the LORD; \* for he is our **help** and our shield.  
<sup>20</sup> For our heart shall re- -joice in him; \* because we have hoped in his holy Name.  
<sup>21</sup> Let thy merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \* like as we do put our trust in thee.

## **HEBREWS 11:1–16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the men of old received divine approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear. <sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he received approval as righteous, God bearing witness by accepting his gifts; he died, but through his faith he is still speaking. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was attested as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, took heed and constructed an ark for the saving of his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness which comes by faith. <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which

he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go. <sup>9</sup>By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. <sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received what was promised, but having seen it and greeted it from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

## **LUKE 12:32–40**

*Response: Glory be to thee, O Lord*

[Jesus said to his disciples] <sup>32</sup>"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. <sup>35</sup>"Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are

those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the householder had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ*

LEONI

Traditional Melody,  
arr. MEYER LYON, c. 1770*With vigor; may be sung in unison*

1 The God of A - braham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: I on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, The Lord, our Right - eous - ness,

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, And God of love;  
I shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend:  
Tri - umph - ant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace;

To him up - lift your voice, At whose su - preme com - mand  
I shall be - hold his face, I shall his power a - dore,  
On Si - on's sa - cred height His king - dom he main - tains,

From earth we rise, and seek the joys At his right hand.  
And sing the won - ders of his grace For ev - er - more.  
And, glo - rious with his saints in light, For ev - er reigns. A - men.

4 The God who reigns on high  
The great archangels sing,  
And "Holy, Holy, Holy," cry,  
"Almighty King!

Who was, and is, the same,  
And evermore shall be:  
Eternal Father, great I AM,  
We worship thee."

5 The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
They ever cry;

Hail, Abraham's God and mine!  
I join the heav'nly lays;  
All might and majesty are thine,  
And endless praise. Amen.

*Jewish Doxology; Para. THOMAS OLIVERS, c. 1770; alt.*

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HEATH

MASON and WEBB'S  
Cantica Laudis, 1850*In moderate time*

1 My soul, be on thy guard; Ten thou-sand foes a - rise;  
 2 O watch and fight and pray! The bat - tle ne'er give o'er;  
 3 Ne'er think the vic - tory won, Nor lay thine ar - mor down:  
 4 Fight on, my soul, till death Shall bring thee to thy God!

A host of sins are press - ing hard To draw thee from the skies.  
 Re - new it bold - ly ev - 'ry day, And help di - vine im - plore.  
 Thy ar - duous work will not be done Till thou ob - tain thy crown.  
 He'll take thee, at thy part - ing breath, Up to his blest a - bode.

GEORGE HEATH, 1781

ST. CATHERINE

*With vigor*HENRI F. HEMY, 1864;  
and JAMES G. WALTON, 1870

1 Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still In spite of dun - geon,  
2 Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! faith and prayer Shall win all na - tions

fire, and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
con - science free: And tru - ly blest would be our fate,  
un - to thee; And through the truth that comes from God,

*Refrain*

When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word:  
If we, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
Man - kind shall then in - deed be free.

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

4 Faith of our fathers! we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife:  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,  
By kindly deeds and virtuous life.

*Refrain*FREDERICK WILLIAM FABER, 1849, *alt.*

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