

ST. FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH

3401 Oak Creek Drive • Austin, Texas • 78727 512.472.7514 • www.StFrancisAustin.com 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 <u>holyaustin1959@gmail.com</u> 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@stfrancisaustin.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	
Today	After each service, Healing Prayers at the Altar Rail.
August 8	Monday, 6:00 p.m., Vestry Meeting via Zoom
August 9	Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Bible study on Proverbs via Zoom only
August 10	Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Catechism Class, via Zoom
August 11	Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Evening Prayer, via Zoom or in-person
August 12	Friday, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Lectionary Bible Study at the McCown's house,
	To join a meeting via Zoom, email <u>info@stfrancisaustin.org</u>

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

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- **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.

Birthdays this week: (9th) Susan Jones; (10th) Leanne Read, Tibet Pollard

Readings for next week, 8/14- The 9th Sunday After Trin	<u>IITY</u>
<u> 1979 BCP Lectionary, Year C, Proper 15</u>	
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

Procession (hymn at 11:00 only)



Collect for Purity (kneel)

<u>Priest</u>: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

<u>All</u>: Amen.

Summary of the Law

<u>Priest</u>: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

<u>Kyrie Eleison</u>

Priest:Lord, have mercy upon us.AllChrist, have mercy upon us.PriestLord, have mercy upon us.

<u>Collect</u>

<u>Priest</u>: O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

<u>Priest</u>: The Lord be with you.

<u>All</u>: And with thy spirit.

<u>Priest</u>: Let us pray.

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

¹After 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." ²But 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?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, thou hast given me no offspring; and a slave born in my house will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; your own son shall be your heir." ⁵And 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." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness.

PSALM 33: 12-14, 17-21

- ¹² 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.
- ¹³ The LORD looketh down from heaven, and beholdeth all the children. of men; * from the habitation of his dwelling, he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁴ He fashioneth all the hearts of them, * and under- -standeth all their works.
- ¹⁷ Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, * and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
- ¹⁸ To deliver their soul from death, * and to feed them in the time of dearth.
- ¹⁹ Our soul hath patiently tarried for the LORD; * for he is our help and our shield.
- ²⁰ For our heart shall re- -joice in him; * because we have hoped in his holy Name.
- ²¹ Let thy merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us, * like as we do put our trust in thee.

HEBREWS 11:1-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the men of old received divine approval. ³By 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. ⁴By 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. ⁵By 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. ⁶And 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. ⁷By 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. ⁸By 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. ⁹By 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. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city

which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³These 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. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But 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] ³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell 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. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ³⁵"Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, ³⁶and 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. ³⁷Blessed 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. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But 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. ⁴⁰You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour." *Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ*

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God: Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic

Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. **<u>AMEN.</u>**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (OPTIONAL)

BIRTHDAY PRAYER (OPTIONAL)

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 there heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERMON HYMN (HYMN AT 11:00 ONLY)



GEORGE HEATH, 1781

<u>Sermon</u> <u>Offertory Sentence</u> <u>Offertory</u>

Doxology and America (at 11:00)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above the Heavenly host Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of Liberty, To thee we sing, Long may our land be bright With Freedom's holy light, Protect us by thy might Great God, our King.

Prayer for Christ's Church (kneel)

<u>Priest</u>: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers

of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

<u>All</u>: Amen.

Exhortation

<u>Priest</u>: Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

General Confession

<u>All:</u> Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<u>Absolution</u>

<u>Priest</u>: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

<u>All</u>: Amen.

Comfortable Words

<u>Priest:</u> Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. [St. Matt xi. 28.]

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everliving life. [St. John iii, 16.]

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. [I Tim. i. 15.]

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. [I. St. John ii. I, 2.]

<u>Sursum Corda</u>

<u>Priest</u>: Lift up your hearts.

<u>All</u>: We lift them up unto the Lord.

<u>Priest</u>: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

<u>All</u>: It is meet and right so to do.

<u>Priest</u>: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Proper preface

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying.

<u>All:</u> Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Glory be to thee, O Lord most High; Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Consecration

<u>Priest</u>: All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

<u>All</u>: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say.

<u>All:</u> 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.

Prayer of Humble Access

<u>All</u>: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

<u>Angus Dei</u>

<u>Priest:</u> O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, <u>All</u>: have mercy upon us. <u>Priest</u>: O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, <u>All</u>: have mercy upon us. <u>Priest</u>: O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

<u>All</u> grant us thy peace.

Spiritual Communion Prayer (at 9:30 only)

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 com spiritually into my heart. I unit 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 fullness of thy strength, in the perfection of thy ways, and in the holiness of thy spirit, and rule over every hostile power in thy 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.

Communion of the People

Post-Communion Prayer (kneel)

Priest: Let us pray.

<u>All:</u> Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

<u>Gloria in Excelsis</u>

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Benediction (kneel)

<u>Priest:</u> The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

<u>All</u>: Amen.

Recessional (stand, hymn at 11:00 service only)



Refrain

FREDERICK WILLIAM FABER, 1849, alt.

<u>Closing Prayer</u> Response: Thanks be to God.