



Welcome to St. Francis Church

We are glad you are here.

Newcomers and visitors, please see page 3 for information to help you get acquainted with St. Francis.

It is our parish custom to observe silence in the Church prior to the start of the Eucharist.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

8:00 A.M. - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

Celebrant/Preacher:The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

Prelude: *Christmas Pastorale*Corelli

Processional Hymn – *Angels from the Realms of Glory* Hymn #93

The Opening Acclamation..... p. 323

(This and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer)

The Gloria Powell

7 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace — to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al -
13 might-y — God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
19 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
26 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our
32 prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most
High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God — the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day..... Setting by Robert Powell S-280 The Hymnal 1982 p. 161

The First Lesson Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to
spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of
the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Response: Psalm 147:13-21 *Laudate Dominum* p. 805

The Epistle Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing

Gospel Procession: "Gloria" from Hymn #96

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The Holy Gospel John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Please join in singing "Gloria", as the procession returns.

The Sermon..... The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic
 The Nicene Creed p. 327
 The Prayers of the People p. 328
 Let us say together our Mission Statement:

All We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.

The Confession..... p. 330
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Offertory Hymn— Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Hymn #324

Offertory Prayer All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee

The Great Thanksgiving p. 333

The clergy will carry the Sacrament to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward for Holy Communion. Please inform one of the ushers if you would like to be served at your seat. Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

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Recessional Hymn— It Came Upon a Midnight Clear..... Hymn #89

Postlude: Variations on “Joy To The World”



WELCOME

If you are new to our parish community, here are a few notes to help you get acquainted.

1. **PLEASE TAKE A “WELCOME” CARD** from the pew rack in front of you, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our clergy after the service. We will be happy to contact you in the week ahead and help you however we can.
2. **JOIN US AFTER THE SERVICE FOR COFFEE** and other refreshments so we can welcome you more personally. Coffee hour is on the Chapel Patio (turn right as you exit the Chapel). We promise we won't leave you standing in the corner, staring at your shoes! When raining or cold, we gather in the Parish Hall (turn left when you exit the Chapel and head for the green doors).
3. **STOP BY THE WELCOME TABLE** at the Chapel doors or the rolling bulletin board near the Main Church entrance, browse the information there, and pick up our most recent “Get Connected” brochure. This brochure contains information about becoming a member, details about our outreach, ministries, classes, groups, and events. It provides a one-stop guide to help you “get connected” – to God, to the inclusive community that is St. Francis, and to many opportunities to make a difference in the world.
4. **IF YOU HAVE COME WITH CHILDREN**, please know that children of any age are always welcome to stay with you during the worship service. We have found that sitting toward the front helps children feel they are more “a part of the action”. Pew bags are available at the Chapel doors with child-friendly worship aids.

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, that they may be kept from harm's way.

Those who are ill or recovering from surgery: Andrea, Aidan and Lorcin, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Stephanie Bezner, Howard Dale, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Nathan Reddall, Shelley Reece, Gwynne Shaw, and Steve Smith, that they may know your healing power.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.



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