

Welcome to St. Francis Church

We are happy to welcome you! Masks are strongly encouraged for all, and required for unvaccinated persons while indoors. We recommend properly fitting medical-type (not cloth) or K/N95 masks. We also recommend that masks be worn while entering and exiting the church, singing, and during the distribution of communion. Please take advantage of our online worship to stay home if you are feeling unwell in any way.

The altar flowers are given by Albert and Susie Zimmerman to the glory of God, and for all the women, mothers, sisters & friends who are in our lives.

Celebrant/Preacher:The Rev. Jerry Sather

Deacon:The Rev. Celeste Stump

Prelude: *The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation* *John Rutter*

Processional Hymn – Alleluia!, *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* Hymn #208, v. 1-5

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

8 Verses

The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

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ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
le - gions hath dis - persed; let shouts of ho - ly
glo - rious from the dead; all glo - ry to our
heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live and

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has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Latin, 1695. "Victory", Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapt. and arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Opening Acclamation.....Book of Common Prayer, p. 323
(this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer—the red book in the pew rack in front of you)

The Gloriap. 324

The Collect of the Day.....p. 173

The First LessonActs 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Response: Psalm 23 p. 612

The Second Lesson.....Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the
Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Holy Gospel John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Sermon The Rev. Jerry Sather

The Nicene Creed p. 327

The Prayers of the People p. 328

The Peace..... p. 332

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Great Thanksgiving p. 333

The Sanctus p. 334

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.

Post Communion Prayer p. 339

Blessing and Sending Forth p. 339

Closing Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Hymn #366, v. 1-4

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Ho - ly God, we praise thy name, Lord of all we bow be - fore thee;
Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit Three we name thee,

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all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phin, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing;
pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs tol - low;
while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;

in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord.
and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
then, a - dor - ing bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.

Postlude: Pasticcio Jean Langlais

Never miss a thing!—scan the code to join our electronic mailing list.



Welcome!

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome *all* people into our community – without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here.

With blessings and peace from the community of St Francis Church.

Donate Men's Long White Socks and Underwear

The Breakfast and Showers Program for the Homeless at St. Luke's needs these items: Long white "tube" socks, men's boxers or boxer briefs, size Medium or Large, Women's sports bras, bras, and panties size 5-9. We have a basket in the Narthex, or you can drop items off at the office on or before May 15. **Questions?** Email Our Outreach Shepherd - gaylentaylor@gmail.com. *And thank you!*

Next Sunday—May 15

Recommission our Rector Search Committee. The Rev. Bob Honeychurch will be our guest preacher.

Save the date! Gala Party - Saturday, June 18, 5-9 p.m.

All you loved about the Gala without the dealers: food, wine, plants, baked goods and silent auction. Tickets \$40 a person or \$50 at the door. Hope to see you there! Your help with set up, clean up, food and wine donations will be gratefully accepted. **Contact annatkozaki@gmail.com** for questions.

Prayers for the Military

As a part of Military Appreciation Month, we want to update our list of military personnel. If a member of your family is serving in the military, please call the office or Rev. Jerry.

Weekly Worship

Sundays

8am—Rite I Holy Communion, Chapel

10am- Rite II Holy Communion, Main Sanctuary

Ongoing

Bible Study on Zoom—Contacts: Jack Hailwood, john.w.hailwood@outlook.com or Suellen Eslinger, suellesl@verizon.net

Yoga—Mondays from 11:15am -12:45pm, Wednesdays 9:00-10:15am, Thursdays - 9:30am (free-will offering). For full details contact: Jill, jillfenskelynych@gmail.com

Meditation—Thurs 9:30-10:30am—library. Contact: Kristina Pelá, krab3@yahoo.com;

AA—Thursdays & Sundays 7:30pm, **Al-Anon**—Thursdays 7:00pm

Clergy

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The Rev. Celeste Stump, Deacon, Chaplain at The Canterbury, cstump@thecanterbury.org

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.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble:

Andrea, Amy Clute, Matthew, Pauline Duley, Daniel, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, Frances Hailwood, Sally Hill, Anna and Gabriel Alan Kurth, Mick Mohuchy, Anne Marie and Greg Morris, Marjorie Morris, Bruce Shaefer and Christa, 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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