



Welcome to St. Francis Church

We are happy to welcome you! For your health and safety, we strongly recommend all persons be vaccinated against COVID and influenza. Masks are not required, but encouraged, particularly for unvaccinated and immunocompromised persons. Please take advantage of our online worship to stay home if you are feeling unwell in any way.

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

Prelude: *Allegro*..... Theodore Dubois

Processional Hymn—My Faith Looks Up to Thee Hymn #691, vv. 1-3

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

5 Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

10 guilt a-way; O let me from this day be who - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a-way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: "Olivet," Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

A Penitential Order.....Book of Common Prayer, p. 319

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

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The First LessonGenesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Response: Psalm 121, *Levavi oculos* p. 779

The Second Lesson.....Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

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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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 Closing Hymn: How Firm A Foundation, Ye Saints Of The LordHymn #636, vv. 1-5



How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, is
 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed! For
 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, the
 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie, my
 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose, I
 laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word! What
 I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll
 riv - ers of woe - shall not thee o - ver - flow; for
 grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the
 will not, I will not de - sert to its foes; that
 more strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -
 I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless, and
 flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy
 soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake, I'll
 you held that for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
 sanc - ti - fy to right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 dross to con - sume, and thy deep - est dis - tress.
 nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's "Selection," 1787. Music: "Foundation,"
 melody from "The Sacred Harp," 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Postlude: Allegro Theodore Dubois

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.

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, 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, Daniel Drayling, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, Sally Hill, Mick Mohuchy, Marjorie Morris, Anne Marie Morris, Greg Morris, Mike Morris, Bruce Schaefer, Patricia Stewart, and Stephen.

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

Lenten Supper series

March 8, 15, 22, and 29, Parish Hall, 5:30pm supper, 6:15pm program, 7pm end with Compline

Enjoy a delicious, home-made supper prepared by our Friars (mens' group) will , before a program which this year will be led by Rev. Jason. **Cost for the meal is \$xxxx pp, or \$xxxxx per family. I'm waiting for details.** Free childcare will be available from 6pm until the end of Compline.

Stations of Cross—The South Bay, 6pm Fridays In Lent

On Fridays in Lent Episcopalians from across the South Bay are joining together for the Stations of the Cross. We'll be at St. Francis on Mar 10th, 6pm. For much more information please see our weekly enews.

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