

Third Sunday after the Epiphany:

Sunday, January 26, 2025 ❖ 10:00 am



Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby
Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

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. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Shelly Zak and in thanksgiving for the wonderful members of the St. Francis Parish family and their support throughout her term as Sr. Warden.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, Jan. 26

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:20 am Annual Meeting

Monday, Jan. 27

- 6:00 pm St. Anne's meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Jan. 28

- 7:00 pm Taizé Service and Reception

Wednesday, Jan. 29

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Blue Bin sorting
- 5:00 pm Good Grief

Thursday, Jan. 30 – 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Saturday, Feb. 1 – Chinese New Year Celebration and Auction

Sunday, Feb. 2

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Chapel
- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar:
<https://bit.ly/stfranciscalendar>

The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Processional Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

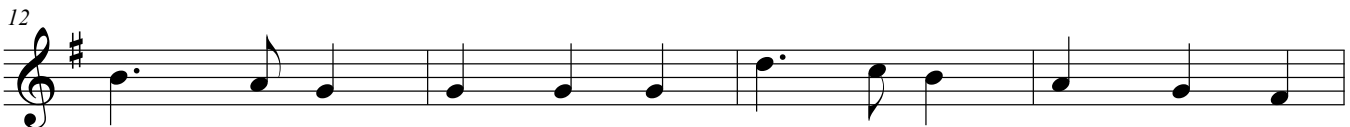
Hymnal #537



Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring



with lov-ing zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and
 with fer-vent prayer; the way-ward and the lost, by rest-less
 with one ac-cord: with us the work to share, with us re-
 with joy-ful song; the new-born souls, whose days, re-claimed from



o-ver-borne, sin-sick and sor-row-worn, whom Christ doth
 pas-sions tossed, re-deemed at count-less cost from dark de-
 proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our
 er-ror's ways, in-spired with hope and praise, to Christ be-



heal.
 spair.
 Lord.
 long.

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 harm. "The New Hymnal," 1916, based on "Hymns Ancient and Modern," 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that
 we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through
 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please remain standing as able and join in singing.

The Gloria

Gloria

WLP #900

13 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'ly King, al-

25 might-y God and Fa-ther, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

40 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin

56 of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For

70 you a-lone are the Holy One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the mosthigh, Je-sus Christ

with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Nehemiah.

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their

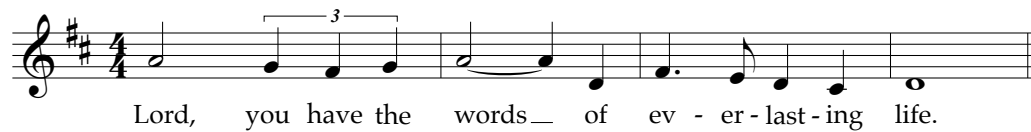
hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.
8So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

9And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. 10Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 19

Reader Let us read from Psalm 19 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).



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- 1The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.

Refrain

Refrain

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *

**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Refrain

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Reader A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹²Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

The Sequence Hymn
O God of Gentle Strength

WLP #771



O God of gen-tle strength, your love em - bra - ces
Your wa - ters of re - birth have claimed us as your
And when life's chal-len - ges e - clipse our minds with
Where will the jour-ney lead? The path may be ob -



me. With - in the sure - ness of your care my heart rests will-ing -
own. As mem-bers of one bod - y, we shall nev - er be a -
doubt, let ho - ly wis - dom spark a flame to drive the dark-ness
scure. But prom - ised hope of things un - seen will keep our foot-ing



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Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹⁴Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jason Shelby

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing as able.

The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in **bold**)

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Deacon Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please kneel or sit as able.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy + on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

All **Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loves us, bring offerings of praise and thanksgiving to his table.

The Offertory Anthem

"One Bread, One Body" by John B. Foley, arr. Lloyd Larson

Refrain

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we serve one Lord,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

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Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

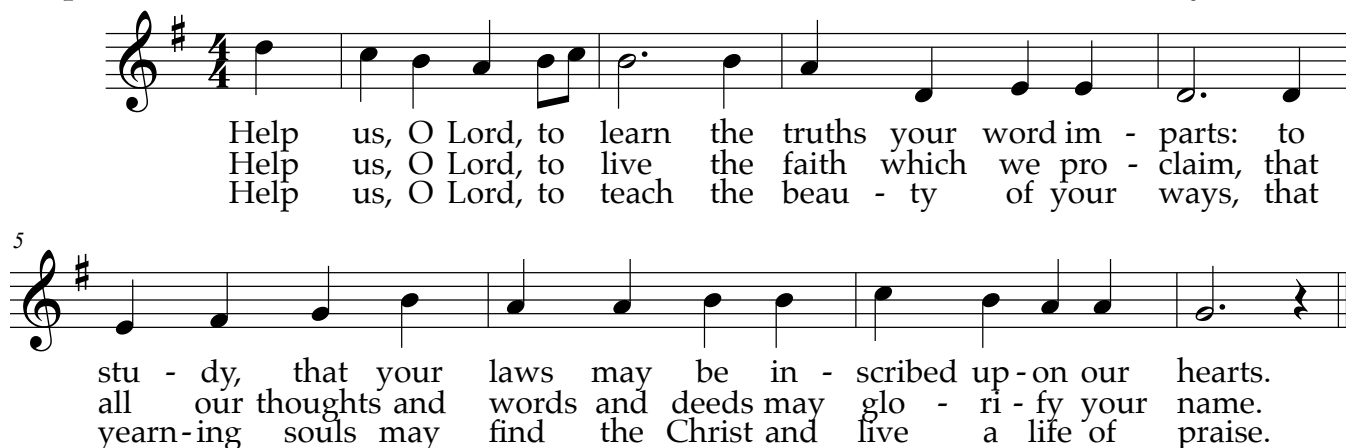
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

Refrain

St. Francis Choir

The Offertory Hymn
Help Us, O Lord, to Learn

Hymnal #628



Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that
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stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your name.
yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

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Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

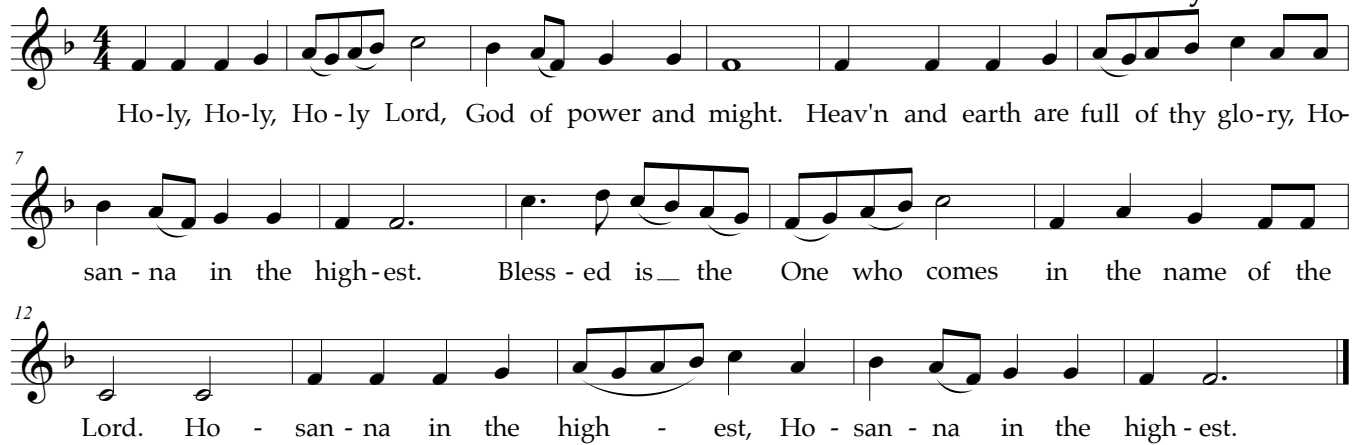
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Hymnal #S-78



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry, Ho-

san - na in the high-est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: "Forest Green," English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Celebrant And now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

The Fraction Anthem

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Hymnal #513

Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

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 chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as - sem - bled, to her
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

7
 new flame's ea - ger might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 midst as gift and sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

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The Invitation

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God, Holy gifts, for Holy people.

For our online community: an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.

The Communion Song

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Hymnal #581

Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
 For - give we now each oth - er's faults as we our faults con - fess;
 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;
 Love can ex - clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;

8
 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
 and let us love each oth - er well in Christ - ian ho - li - ness.
 as mem - bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.
 8
 our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Fath - er is the same.

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Please kneel or stand as able as able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

People **Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

Celebrant And, the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Please stand as able and join in singing.

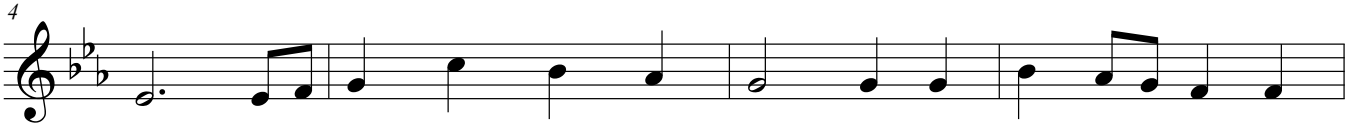
The Closing Hymn

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Hymnal #632



O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on
The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di -
O - make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of - pur - est



high, O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark
vine, and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to
gold, to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of



sky; we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip-ure's
shine. It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing
old; O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to



page, a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to
sea, mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to
trace, till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to



age.
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face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: "Munich," melody from "Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meinigisches Gesangbuch," 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

The Postlude

O Clap Your Hands

John Rutter



SATURDAY
February 1, 2025

St. Francis Parish Hall
6:00 to 8:00 PM

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C.S. Lewis on Joy and Suffering and Inbetween
Tuesdays beginning January 21

This discussion-based course explores C.S. Lewis's insights on joy, suffering, and the human experience. We will look at works such as, *Surprised by Joy*, *The Problem of Pain*, *Mere Christianity*, and other essays and talks. We will explore questions of why we suffer, what joy truly is and how we can find meaning in both. We will engage with Lewis's reflections, consider our own perspectives, and explore how joy and suffering shape our lives.

When: Tuesdays beginning January 21

Time: 7:00pm - 8:15pm

Where: Board Room

Leader: Dale Westervelt

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St. Luke's Breakfast Update

St. Francis will be preparing and serving breakfast to the homeless at St. Luke's in February and March this spring, not January. If you wish to help, please keep these dates in mind:

Feb. 14 and 15 (prep at St. Francis, serve at St. Luke's)

March 14 and 15 (prep at St. Francis, serve at St. Luke's)

Contact Gayle Taylor (gaylentaylor@gmail.com) if you wish to help.

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Albert, Andrea, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Charlotte Baker, Chris, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jayne, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Sally Hill, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Deley, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

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

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