

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024

Items in bold type are **spoken** or **sung** in unison. (†) indicates you may make the sign of the cross.

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: (†) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, 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.**

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, (†) Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

CelebrantPeopleAnd with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end.

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

Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I put my trust. O my soul, you have said unto the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." All my delight is upon the saints who are on the earth, and upon those who excel in virtue. But those who run after another god shall have great trouble. Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, neither make mention of their names with my lips. The LORD himself is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; vou shall maintain my lot. The boundaries have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. I will thank the LORD for giving me counsel; my heart also chastens me in the night season. I have set the LORD always before me; he is at my right hand; therefore I shall not fall. Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices. My flesh also shall rest in hope. For you shall not leave my soul in the grave, neither shall you allow your Holy One to see corruption. You shall show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy, and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Second Reading......Hebrews 10:31-39

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Refrain	Alleluia,	alleluia!	Alleluia,	alleluia!
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Leader The Word of the Lord lasts forever. What is the Word that is living?

It is brought to us through his Son Jesus Christ.

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Deacon or Priest The Holy Gospel (†) of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house, to take anything out, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that it may not happen in winter. For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be. And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days. And then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand."

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

Music for Worship.....Leslie Hanna

Homily Fr. Dan Hardin

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son 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.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Stephen, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America; Alan, Steven and Quigg, our bishops; for all the clergy and people of our diocese, Christ Our Hope, and for our parish family at St. Francis. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, praying especially for Christians in Jordan. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service [especially ______(p. 16)]. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in need of spiritual guidance and those in trouble, sorrow, need,

For all those who are in need of spiritual guidance and those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____(p. 16)]. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the (†) resurrection, [especially _____(p. 16)] in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sin (the people may kneel)

The deacon or other person appointed says the following:

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *Silence*

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 Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Announcements (See p. 15)

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Offertory

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord, **People** And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And with your spirit.Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer Of Consecration (the people may kneel)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace. On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us (†) also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 Fraction

Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your 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.

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All baptized Christians who know Christ as their Savior and believe that He is present in this celebration of the Eucharist are welcome to partake with us. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please come forward with your arms across your chest.

The Post Communion Prayer (the people may kneel)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing	
Recessional Hymn	
The Dismissal	

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

O Christ, the Word Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

The Church from our dear Master received the word divine, and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.

It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea, mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold, to bear before the nations thy true light as of old;

O teach thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

O Christ, the Word Incarnate, #632 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

Until He Comes Again

By this, we remember in faith, As we gather with bread and wine, we remember, Until He comes again

By this, we remember in hope, As we gather with bread and wine, we remember, Until He comes again.

When He comes again, like a thief in the night.
When He comes again, all the wrongs will be right.
All the earth lifted up as heaven comes down,
We remember, until He comes again.

By this, we remember in love, As we gather with bread and wine, we remember, Until He comes again.

When He comes again, like a thief in the night.
When He comes again, all the wrongs will be right.
All the earth lifted up as heaven comes down,
We remember, until He comes again.

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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong. Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess: Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood. Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess: Christ our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives, Christ He lives!" And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed, And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess: Christ our hope in life and death.

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O Day of Radiant Gladness



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Those Serving Today

Greeter
Crucifer
Book Bearer Samuel Bonner
LectorsMarty & Linda Pate
Chalice BearersDianna Andrews & Dana Garrett
Nursery 8:45 a.m Trina Garrison
Nursery 9:45 a.m Trina Garrison
Godly Play Linda Pate & Pam Kerley
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Announcements

- TOYS FOR TOTS: We have containers in the Emmanuel Room and the foyer to collect new, unwrapped toys for the U. S. Marine Corps' annual toy drive to be sure children in the community have something special to open at Christmas. Let's fill a number of boxes in honor of JJ Cuff and his work with Toys for Tots.
- FALL PARISH CLEAN UP DAY: Saturday, November 23, at 8:30 a.m. See the weekly email for link to sign up for specific tasks.
- WOMEN'S ADVENT QUIET DAY: Saturday, November 30, 10:00 a.m., Emmanuel Room.
- **MEALS ON WHEELS** needs an additional driver or drivers to deliver meals on Tuesdays. Pick up is at 10:30 a.m. at the hospital. You should be finished by noon. Contact Betsie Wilkinson to volunteer (919)770-7783.
- WOULD YOU LIKE PRAYER for yourself or others? Please see a prayer team member (folks at the back of the church with red badges) during communion or fill out a beige card and drop it in a red prayer box by the back or side door of the sanctuary after church.

Mark Your Calendars

- **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Today at 4:15 p.m.
- YOUTH GROUP: Meets at 6:00 this evening at the Hannahs' (498 Bridges Road) for a bonfire, games and supper.
- MENS GROUP: Monday, November 18, 6:00 p.m. at Jon Kerley's, 427 Hawk Road.
- BIBLE STUDY~KNOWING THE BIBLE: *PROVERBS*: Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
- MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION: Wednesday at11:30 a.m.
- FALL PARISH CLEAN UP DAY: Saturday, November 23, at 8:30 a.m. See the weekly email for link to sign up for specific tasks.
- BIBLE STUDY~THE GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN: will resume January 7.
- WOMEN'S ADVENT QUIET DAY: Saturday, November 30, 10:00 a.m., Emmanuel Room.

Adult Bible Studies

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- o Studying J. I. Packer's *Knowing God* in the big room upstairs. Bruce Ledford and Jimmy Washburn lead the study.
- o Discussing "The Chosen" in the room just past the nursery and Fr. Matt's office. Peggy Nelson and Frs. Matt and Dan lead this class.
- TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY OF JOHN will resume January 7.
- **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** at 10:00. We are studying the J. I. Packer, *Knowing the Bible Series* on *Proverbs*. Even if you can't make all the classes, come for all you can attend.

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

For the concerns weighing on the hearts and minds of members of this congregation:

Bob Alwine	Jimmy Holt	Mark Rice
Jerry Boles	Sam Holt	Stephanie Sellers
Ian Bristow	Margaret Hubard	Jack Sharpe
Hailley Chapman	Joey Jervis	Hannah Shutt
Gay Colavito	Chris Johnson	Brent Smith
Jeff Cummings	Scott Keller	Karen Smith
*Georgette Dempster	Raymond Kerley	Jackson Snipes
*Paul Dempster	Alice Kern	Moses Snipes
*Mary Ann Dusenbury	Scott King	Cherry Stanley
*Helen Frechette	Charline Kugler	Eddie Stanley
*Joe Hanna	Michelle Leonhardt	*Sandra Stewart
Ruby Hart	Hannah Lindsey	*Mackenzie Stinson
Lee Hawley	*Elliot Mann	Charley Swing
Ronnie Hawley	Clay Moore	Jan Talbott
Alex Haynes	Sandra Norris	*Jayne Taylor
*Brian Haynes	Edwin Patterson	*Brian Teeter
Dorothy Headen	Barbara Perry	Kristin Vernon
Charlotte Hill	Greg Poe	Jane Wesley
Erwin Hinson	Bill Ray	*Charles Wick

*Member of St. Francis

We remove names after three weeks, but you may always contact Peggy or Gordy to extend the time. To add or remove a name from the prayer list, contact Peggy Nelson or Gordy Reese.

Pray for those serving in our military all over the world: Corbin Andrews, Alex Bogaski, Roger Buswell, Fortune Egbulefu, Eliza, Ellis, Evan, Katherine Gladd, Noah Gibson, Dan Hardin, Garrett Hill, Ben Hodsdon, Shane Lawrence, Jim Makepeace, Isaac Owensby, Matt Pate, William Puckett, Lucas Rees, Devan Siler, Nick Stavlund, Dan Steiner, Mac Swingle, Trevor, Brent Turpin, Jason Williams

Pray for the departed: Linda Cochran; Paul Cronk; Palmer Farrington; Dorothy Felix; Aubrey Ford, Jr.; Mary Frazier; Frances Harmon; Clinton Ledford; Athena Morris; Warren Schaeffer; Elizabeth Von Canon

The altar flowers are given by Marty and Linda Pate to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Lt. Colonel Matthew Pate and all who serve and have served our nation in the military.