



***March 26, 2023***

**St. Francis Anglican Parish**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**(Passion Sunday)**

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**Processional Hymn.....*Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus, p. 12***

**Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures forever.**

**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 Decalogue** (*p. 100 in the Prayer Book*)

*Celebrant* God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.** (*Please repeat this response until the final commandment.*)

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol. ***People respond.***

*Celebrant* You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.  
***People respond.***

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ***People respond.***

*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother. ***People respond.***

*Celebrant* You shall not murder. ***People respond.***

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery. ***People respond.***

*Celebrant* You shall not steal. ***People respond.***

*Celebrant* You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ***People respond.***

*Celebrant* You shall not covet.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.**

## Kyrie Eleison (*sung*)

**Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
Lord have mercy, have mercy.**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And with your spirit.**  
*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

### Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great

army. Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 130 (in unison)**

**Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!  
O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.  
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.**

### **The Second Reading**

**Romans 6:15-23**

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that



them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his



clergy and people of our diocese, Christ Our Hope, and for our parish families at St. Francis and Emmanuel Congregational Christian Church.

*Intercessor* 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.

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in need of spiritual guidance and those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

For all those who departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection [especially\_\_\_\_\_].

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy.

***People* Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer*

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

**The Confession and Absolution of Sin** (*the people kneel as able and pray*)

**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, when present, or the 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.**

## **Peace**

*Celebrant*            The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                **And with your spirit.**

## **Announcements**

## **Trisagion** (*sung*)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy, have mercy on us.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                **And with your spirit.**  
*Celebrant*            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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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. (+) Blessed 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.***

**Agnus Dei** (*sung*)

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.**

**The Prayer of Humble Access** (*Celebrant and People together*)

**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.***

**Holy Communion**.....*Psalm 130, p. 13*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*the people may kneel*)

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

**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.***

**Blessing**

Closing Hymn.....*Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me, p. 14*

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus**

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!  
Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
thou didst free salvation bring.  
*Hail, thou universal Savior,  
bearer of our sin and shame!  
By thy merit we find favor:  
life is given through thy Name*

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
all our sins on thee were laid:  
by almighty love anointed,  
thou hast full atonement made.  
*All thy people are forgiven  
through the virtue of thy blood:  
opened is the gate of heaven,  
reconciled are we with God.*

Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,  
there for ever to abide;  
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,  
seated at thy Father's side.  
*There for sinners thou art pleading:  
there thou dost our place prepare;  
ever for us interceding,  
till in glory we appear.*

Worship, honor, power, and blessing  
thou art worthy to receive;  
highest praises, without ceasing,  
right it is for us to give.  
*Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
all your noblest anthems raise;  
help to sing our Savior's merits,  
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!*

*Hail, thou once despised Jesus*, #495 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790),  
alt. Music: *HYFERDOL* – *Come thou long expected Jesus*

## Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication;  
*If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,*  
**O who shall stand before Thee? O who shall stand before Thee?**

To wash away the crimson stain,  
Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth;  
*No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,*  
**And live alone by mercy; And live alone by mercy.**

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word  
Upholds my fainting spirit;  
*His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;*  
**I wait for it with patience; I wait for it with patience.**

What though I wait the live-long night,  
And 'til the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in His might;  
It doubteth not nor feareth;  
*Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed;*  
**And wait 'til God appeareth; And wait 'til God appeareth.**

Though great our sins and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our upmost need it soundeth.  
*Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free*  
**From all their sin and sorrow; From all their sin and sorrow.**

# Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
***To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.***  
***For my life is wholly bound to his.***  
***Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!***  
***Yet not I, but through Christ in me.***

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side the Savior he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, his power is displayed.  
***To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.***  
***Through the deepest valley he will lead.***  
***Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!***  
***Yet not I, but through Christ in me.***

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
***To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.***  
***Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.***  
***Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!***  
***Yet not I, but through Christ in me.***

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
***To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.***  
***All the glory evermore to him.***  
***When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:***  
***Yet not I, but through Christ in me.***  
*(Repeat from, "To this I hold...")*

***When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:***  
***Yet not I, but through Christ in me.***  
***Yet not I, but through Christ in me.***

## Announcements

- **May we pray for you?** Fill out a card or see a prayer team member at the back of the sanctuary during communion.
- **Choir:** Today at 4:15 a.m.
- **Youth Group:** 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- **Young Women’s Bible Study:** Monday mornings, 8:00 a.m., at Elizabeth McKinnis’ home, 219 N. Gulf Street. Questions? Contact Elizabeth (540) 413-6613.
- **Hands for Him:** Meets at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Midweek Service:** Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.
- **CUOC Food Pantry Drop Off:** Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- **Lenten Midweek Program:** Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. beginning with Evening Prayer followed by dinner and program. Make plans now to attend. Please sign-up.
- **Pre-Easter Church Clean-up (Inside & Out):** Saturday, April 1, 9:00 a.m. Bring tools and equipment.

### Those serving today

Intercessory Prayer .....	Dianna Andrews & Marty Pate
Greeter .....	Bob Nelson
Ushers .....	JJ Cuff & Dana Garrett
Crucifer .....	Matthew Kerley
Gospel Book Bearer.....	Charlie Puckett
Lectors .....	Linda & Scott Bruce
Chalice Bearers.....	Phillip Lloyd & Gordy Reese
Nursery.....	Gina Buswell & Terry Crawley
Godly Play Storyteller .....	Linda Pate
Godly Play Door Keeper .....	Pam Kerley
Coffee Hour .....	The Lewises
Music Director .....	Audrey Hanna
Organist .....	Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild .....	Linda Bruce, Team Coordinator Emily Hewett, Charlene Jeffries, Rhonda Lloyd

### Vestry

Through 2023: Phillip Lloyd; Bill Oberkirsch; Helen Ward, *Junior Warden*  
Through 2024: Jean Dabbs; Mark Mahaffey, *Senior Warden*; Sarah Womack  
Through 2025: Alex Bogaski, Amy Davis, Leslie Hanna

# St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

Carolyn Akinosho	*Brian Haynes	Molly Margaret
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*Bishop Steve	*Ann Hodges	Barry Patterson
Breedlove	Larkin Horton	Edwin Patterson
Chris Brennan	Peggy Hughes	Greg Poe
C. B. & Lynn	James	John Poulos
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*Helen Frechette	Clay Moore	*Charles Wick
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Alex Haynes	*Shelley Nichols	

## **\*Member of St. Francis**

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, contact Peggy Nelson or Gordy Reese.

Names will be removed after three weeks, but you may always contact Peggy or Gordy to extend the time.

**Pray for those serving in our military all over the world:** Corbin Andrews, Alex Bogaski, Roger Buswell, Fortune Egbulefu, Eliza, Ellis, Evan, Katherine Gladd, Jody Gordon, Dan Hardin, Ben Hodsdon, Shane Lawrence, Jim Makepeace, Matthew Pate, William Puckett, Lucas Rees, James Rozak, Dalton Sims, Nick Stavlund, Dan Steiner, Mac Swingle, Trevor, Jason Williams

**Pray for the departed:** Mildred Clapp, Althea Dickinson, Eric Gonzalez, Mary Ann Griffin, Frances Humphrey, Ben Will Tinsley, Albert Wedge, Maggie White

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