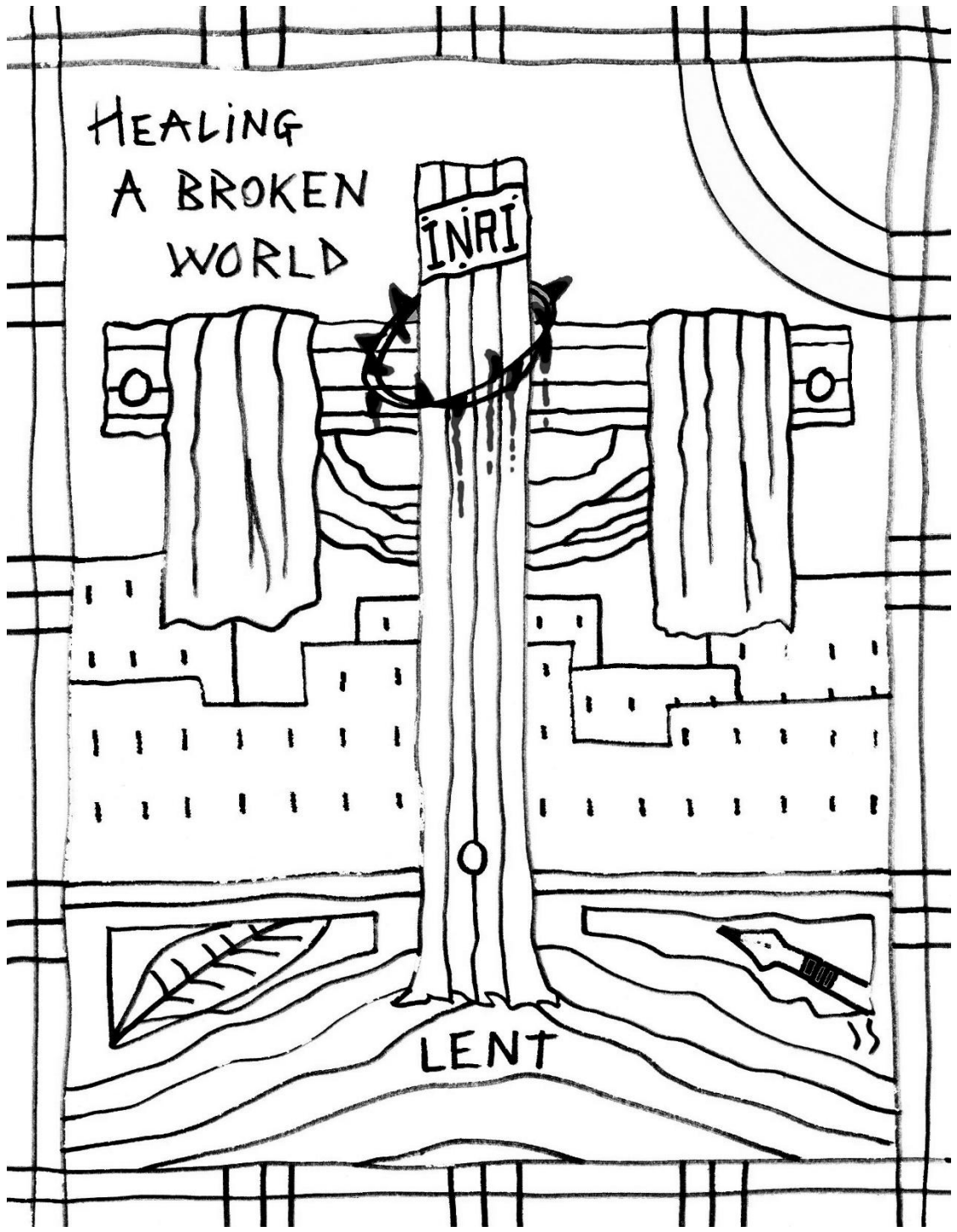


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ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Live on Facebook and YouTube

Welcome to St. Francis-in-the-Fields!

Whether you're a guest or a member, rich or poor, young or old; whatever your political alignment, racial background, gender, ethnicity, or country of origin; no matter if you're a cradle Episcopalian, from another faith expression, or claim no faith at all – we're glad you've joined us for worship today. Please help us get to know you by completing the Guest Card in the rack at each end of the pew and placing the detachable part in the offering plate. There is a welcome table in the narthex (foyer) where you can receive more information about our parish, along with a small gift. Our clergy and greeters look forward to meeting you after the service.

Worship: Our liturgy follows the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), found in the book rack, with some material from *Enriching our Worship* (EOW). Our hymns come from the blue and green hymnals in the pews, along with other resources. All text for the service is printed in the bulletin. You are invited to prepare your soul for worship by kneeling silently in your pew before the service begins.

Children: We welcome all young children in our worship services, and ask you not to worry if your child is active or makes noise. “Busy Bags” for kids are available from the Ushers. Our “Children’s Room” in the office hallway is available if at any time your infant or child needs a change of scenery.

Accessibility: At different times during worship, the congregation may stand or kneel according to custom. Those who suffer physical discomfort are invited remain seated, or stand or kneel as they are able. During Communion, please notify an Usher if you are unable to come forward and we will bring Communion to you. Gluten-free communion wafers are available.

Facilities: Two public restrooms are located in the office hallway.

*(Congregational words and responses are in **bold** text.)*

The Altar Flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory and thanksgiving of all whose lives have touched and blessed us.

EUCCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE: Romance from Three Characteristic Pieces

Clara Schumann

THE GREAT SILENCE

After the bell rings once, please observe a time of silence.

When the bell rings three times, please stand as able for the opening and procession.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: I heard the voice of Jesus say

Hymnal 692 (Sung to KINGSFOLD)

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
and in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till pilgrim days are done.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

His mercy endures forever.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Jesus spoke this to his disciples and said:

Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man...
for surely your reward is great in heaven.

But woe to you who are rich
for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for so were the false prophets received.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

CONFESSIO

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

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.

ABSOLUTION

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.**

KYRIE

Hymnal S96

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. (2x)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from the Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders

of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches
Thanks be to God

PSALM 95

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.

They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."

So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

ANTHEM: Credo

John Purifoy

*We believe in one God, the Maker of everything.
The new earth, the bright sky, things seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus the Christ, the Son,
God from God, Light from Light, the only begotten One.
We believe that through Him all good things were made for us,
A full life free from death, a Savior to trust.
We believe He came from Heaven conceived by the Spirit of God.
And traveled the lonely paths that we also have trod.
Becoming flesh and blood and tears and breath,
And with His love conquering our fears, He even conquered death.
Crucified, dead and buried, the third day rose from the dead.
Seated at the right of the Almighty.
From there He will judge the quick and dead.*

*We believe in one God, the Maker of everything.
The new earth, the bright sky, things seen and unseen.
We believe in one God. Amen.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person~ though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we

were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN: Rock of ages, cleft for me

Hymnal 685 (v. 1&2)

- 1 Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood from thy wounded side that flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
- 2 Should my tears for ever flow, should my zeal no languor know,
all for sin could not atone: thou must save, and thou alone;
in my hand no price I bring, simply to thy cross I cling.

THE GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria

A brief time of silent meditation follows the sermon

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
 “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples. For Daniel, our Bishop, Kevin, our Priest, Diane, our Deacon, Joe, our music director and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania; the Delaware Deanery, especially Christ Church, Media; Brandywine Deanery & Trinity Church, Coatesville; and for our congregation at St. Francis-in-the-Fields, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the President of the United States and leaders of all nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Willistown Township, our various communities, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it. For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially John, Tessa, Zachary, and Walter. In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our all members of our Worship ministries, that they may help our church render abundant thanks and praise.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, offered now silently or aloud.

The congregation observes a period of silence, after which spontaneous prayers are invited.

Silence

Celebrant: God of Peace, whose only Son our Lord commanded us to love our enemies and renounce hatred, guide our nation now in the ways of peace. Grant wisdom and restraint to our governing authorities in the exercise of their power. Safeguard our military leaders and law enforcement officers from resorting to unnecessary violence. Send your Holy Spirit upon them that they may seek wisdom through consultation, attend to the concerns of the community, and act with reasoned and deliberate care. In all disharmony and discord, foreign and domestic, sow seeds of understanding, discernment, and love among all your children, through the saving power of our Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
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.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL ENTRANCE: *(Please welcome our children to church from church school.)*
(He's got the whole world in his hands / He's got the wind and the rain in his hands)

MEDITATION MUSIC

THE HOLY COMMUNION

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (2x)

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.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S164

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 Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, all who feel called to a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those unable to come forward may signal an Usher to receive communion in their seat.

During Communion, our prayer ministers will be waiting in the north (left) transept. Anyone desiring individual prayer is encouraged to visit them for intercession.

COMMUNION HYMN: Come and fill

Jacques Berthier

COME AND FILL

Jacques Berthier



Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no



You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts
quo - ni - am bo - nus. Con - fi - te - mi - ni



with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!
Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Almighty and ever living God, 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, Creator, 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 for ever. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Keepest this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Jesus, lover of my soul

Hymnal 699

- 1 Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.
- 2 Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.
- 3 Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from every sin;
let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee:
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

DISMISSAL

The "house" microphones are still on! Please take any post-service conversations into the Narthex so those who wish, including our streaming audience, can enjoy the organ postlude.

POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Aberystwyth"

Brenda Portman

Music in Ministry

by Mr. Joe Perry, Music Director

This Sunday's prelude was composed by one of music history's most successful composers and performers. Clara Schumann was a child prodigy, a virtuosic pianist, and a published composer. She married composer Robert Schumann at the age of 21, had eight children, and still worked as one of Europe's most popular performers. Clara encountered several tragedies including her husband's mental collapse and death. During that time she was comforted by the music world's most popular figures. Johannes Brahms, my personal favorite, developed a lifelong bond with Clara. Clara even championed Brahms's major piano compositions. Clara would also have a hand in training the next generation of musicians through her educational work at Germany's finest conservatories.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 8, 2026

Easter Flowers

Flowers to decorate the church for Easter in memory/thanksgiving/celebration of a person or event are available for a donation of \$30. The form is in the Narthex, website or by calling the church office at 610-647-0130. The deadline for the donation and the form is Friday, March 27, 2026.

Contemplative Prayer

Our Contemplative Prayer circle will be held in the Library each Sunday night during Lent, beginning at 6:10pm. The service includes simple Psalm chanting followed by 20 minutes of Centering Prayer. Everyone is welcome.

March 12: Birth and Continuity: A Buddhist View

St. Francis will be hosting this presentation on birth and birth rituals March 12 at 7 pm, next in a series organized by the Interfaith Action Community of Chester County. Ven. Amy Miller was ordained in 2000 after working as a political fund-raiser, a staffer for Mother Jones magazine, and a hospice counsellor during the AIDs epidemic. Fr. Kevin and the Rev. John Woodcock have also been presenters in this series. All are welcome.

Women's Small Group Opportunity

The Women's Small Group offers a warm and supportive space for meaningful fellowship, Scripture, and spiritual growth, and is welcoming new members as it reconvenes this Spring. Please consider joining us March 17, April 21, and May 19 from 5:45-8:00 pm; light refreshments provided. Contact Meridith Ridington (mridington@gmail.com or 610-883-3499) by March 13 to learn more or reserve your spot.

Sign up for Spring Supper Six!

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for the Spring 2026 Supper Six. Supper Six is designed to help parish members get better acquainted with one another and to give new members a way to meet other members. Participants are placed into groups of six, with one person or couple hosting an evening of dinner and fellowship at their house, on a date agreed upon by the group. A new member is invited to join the group. If you are able, please volunteer to be one of the hosts. Please sign up by Sunday, March 22 if you'd like to participate in the Spring Supper Six. Feel free to contact Judy Culver at jkculver26@gmail.com or 610-724-1322 if you have any questions. Thank you!

Brown Bag Lunch – Tuesday, March 24 at Noon

How do our theological commitments shape how we live out our faith? **Join us on Tuesday, March 24, at noon**, when our speaker, Meredith Whitnah, will share insights from her new book, *Faith and the Fragility of Justice*, which examines how Christians in South Africa have responded to injustice and violence. The book explores the responses of three Protestant South African organizations that see a theological mandate to challenge apartheid but vary in their responses to gender-based violence. Meredith is a sociologist, teacher, and speaker, and a lifelong Episcopalian. She and her husband, Chris, were married at St. Francis in December 2024. She is excited to return to St. Francis and share her work. Her book will be available for \$20, and she will gladly sign a copy. Please invite your friends and family, **and arrive by 11:45 AM**. Thank you!

Church School

Church School meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays until summer. Our Church School uses the *StoryMakers NYC* curriculum, encouraging children to use their imagination to explore the world of the Bible through activities, crafts, and storytelling. We welcome your children and/or grandchildren to be part of our growing group of young disciples! Our Church School Leader is Mrs. Sherri Lewis.

Services of Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week is right around the corner! Please plan on walking the *Via Dolorosa (The Way of Suffering)* with your St. Francis family this year, beginning with Palm Sunday, and continuing through the Triduum, the three days from the Last Supper through the Great Vigil of Easter.

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday	Holy Eucharist @ 10am (Nave) Choir Concert @ 4pm (Nave)
Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday	Agape Feast @ 7pm (Parish Hall)
Friday, April 3 – Good Friday	Solemn Vigil @ 12pm (Nave)
Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday	Prayer Vigil @ 12pm (Cemetery) Great Vigil of Easter @ 8pm (Nave)
Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday	Holy Eucharist @ 8am & 10am

Confirmation

In the Episcopal Church, *Confirmation* is “the sacramental rite in which the candidates express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop’ (BCP, p. 860).” All mature Episcopalians are expected to affirm their faith through the rite of Confirmation. If you would be interested in attending a Confirmation class in preparation for the next opportunity to be confirmed, please contact Fr. Kevin or the Parish Office.

Church Farm School Clothes Closet

Spring is around the corner! The Griffin Clothes Closet could use the following items: Raincoats, socks, caps and boots. They can also use sport jackets, black and brown shoes, both casual and dress, black and brown belts (small and medium), deodorant, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Donated items can be put in the bin located in the narthex. Thank you! For more information about donating please contact Cindy VanHefter.

This week we also pray for: Alice, Debbie Bachman, Carol Estornell, Leslie Fant, Tom Grady, Gretchen Hall, Bridget Herrighty, Jojo, George & Jackie Kennedy, Dorothy Langton, Diane Lemon, Alejandro Morales, Matt, Ryan & the Newman family, Barbara McCoy, Barbara Pearse, Shirley Powell, Ryan, Larry Schroepfer, John Smith, Jock Sommese, Julie Sommese, Nancy Kent Sowa, Bill & Mary Alice Spane, Georgeanne Speaker, Linton Warren.

Birthdays: John Healey, Tessa Vankoski, Zachary Jones, Jr., and Walter Underhill.

Our Ministries: In the Parish Prayer Cycle we pray for our all members of our Worship ministries, that they may help our church render abundant thanks and praise.

Our Diocese: The Delaware Deanery, especially Christ Church, Media; Brandywine Deanery (Our Deanery) & Trinity Church, Coatsville. In our Deanery, please pray for Holy Trinity, West Chester and St. Peter's in the Great Valley as they each proceed in their search process for new Rectors.

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The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez, *Bishop*; The Very Rev. Kevin Dellaria, *Rector*;
The Rev. Diane Faison, *Deacon & Parish Administrator*; Joe Perry, *Music Director*

Our Vestry:

Roberta Torian, *Rector's Warden*; Lisa Buono, *Accounting Warden*; Tom Neely, *Secretary*;
Ed Damerau, John Groch, Carol Forte, Laura O'Brien, John McGovern, Susan Nangle

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP & SERVICE

	March 8	March 15
Acolytes	Charlotte Goff, Luca Barbato Tim Kelly	Skye Dellaria, Josiah Dellaria
Altar Guild	Roberta Torian Meridith Ridington	Sherri Lewis, Susan Thomas
Flower Guild	Shelley Steel	Mer Groch
Flower Delivery	Lynd Meyer	Susan Thomas
Intercessor	Carol Cashion	Dave Dutton
Readers	Steve Castellan, Charlotte Goff	Jim Crowley, Skye Dellaria
Coffee Hour	Sarah & John McGovern	
Greeter/Usher	John McGovern, Mike Quinn	Sherri Lewis, Virginia Webb
Audio/Visual	John Groch	Greg Kopia
Front Sign	Ed & Ellen Simek	Mark & Liz Hansler
Counters	Karen Richards	Judy Culver
Linen Schedule	Meridith Ridington	Meridith Ridington
Sacred Bread	Cindy VanHefter	Cindy VanHefter
Front Sign	Ed & Ellen Simek	Mark & Liz Hansler
Vestry Member of the Month	John McGovern	John McGovern

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