

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 26, 2025

#### Acclamation

Celebrant I will make you as a light for the nations,

**People** That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

## **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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Officiant 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**.

## First Reading Nehemiah 8:1-12

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he 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. And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita,

Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And 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 as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

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

#### **Psalm 113**

Praise the LORD. Sing praises, you servants of the LORD;

O praise the Name of the LORD.

Blessed be the Name of the LORD,

From this time forth for evermore.

The LORD's Name be praised

From the rising up of the sun to the going down of the same.

The LORD is high above all nations,

And his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, who has his dwelling so high,

And yet humbles himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?

He takes up the lowly out of the dust,

And lifts up the poor out of the ashes.

That he may set them with the princes,

Even with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home to dwell in,

And makes her to be a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD.

## Second Reading....... I Corinthians 12:12-27

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear

should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Leader A holy day has dawned. Adore the Lord, you nations.

For today a light has come on the earth!

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

Hymn ...... Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above, p. 11

Homily Fr. Matt Garrison

#### 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** (*Prayer list is on page 16 of your bulletin.*)

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 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, especially those in Maldives. Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Lists are found on 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Lists are found on 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.)

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**

## **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 (The Sursum Corda)

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

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

CelebrantPeopleLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.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, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light. 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**

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, for ever 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.

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

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

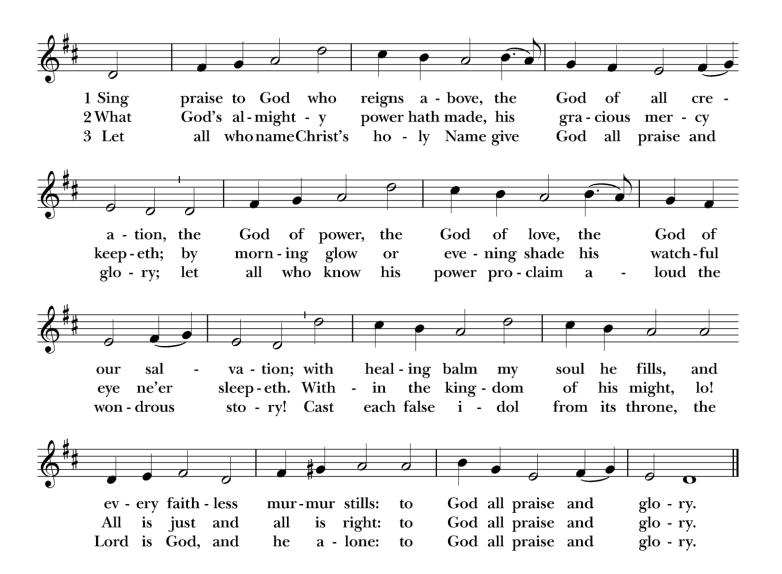
The Dismissal

# **Christ for the World We Sing**



Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886). Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1892).

## Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



## The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea. And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls. I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won:
The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word. When winter fades, I know spring will come:

The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak. I know His grace will renew these days: The Lord is my salvation.

Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won:
The Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach the final day,
He will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, He will call me home:
The Lord is my salvation.
Glory be to God the Father!
Glory be to God the Son!
Glory be to God the Spirit!
The Lord is our salvation.

## Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,

The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;

Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,

Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;

Sin would reduce me to utter despair;

But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive,

And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,

Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;

Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,

And weep for the praise of the mercy I found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own;

And the covenant love of Thy

And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;

All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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## 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

## **Announcements**

- 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.
- ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY: We have an online church directory to help us get to know one another better. If you have been attending St. Francis, we would love to include you. Please fill out the CONNECT card in the pew holder then put it in the collection plate or give it to Gordy Reese (usually standing in the back corner wearing a Prayer Team nametag during communion). If you have a favorite picture of yourself (and family?), please email it to Gordy (greese.sfap@gmail.com) or ask her to take your picture after church. You will get an email next week inviting you to sign into Breeze. It can be a great help in getting to know the names and faces of all our members.

## **Mark Your Calendars**

- **YOUTH GROUP:** Meets at 6:00 p.m. in the Emmanuel Room.
- WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY~KNOWING THE BIBLE: *PROVERBS*: 10:00 a.m. upstairs.
- MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST: Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

## **Adult Bible Studies**

- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
  - DISCOVERING THE OLD TESTAMENT by Stephen F. Noll with Erika Moore: Marty Pate and Roger Buswell teach this class. The book is about \$30 including shipping. We ordered 5 and will have them on hand in the classroom or you can order directly from Trinity Anglican Seminary - tas.edu (choose About, Bookstore, Books or Foundation for Christian Ministry Series).
  - o "THE CHOSEN" class meets in the room downstairs just past the nursery and Fr. Matt's office. Peggy Nelson and Frs. Matt and Dan lead this class.
- **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** at 10:00 a.m. 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.

## Those serving today

Intercessory Prayer	Dana Garrett
Greeter	Gary Jackson
Ushers	Tom Reese & Larry Wicker
Crucifer	Lily Buswell
Gospel Book Bearer	John Bonner
	Marty & Linda Pate
Chalice Bearers	.Dana Garrett & Mark Mahaffey
Nursery 8:45 a.m	Kathy Kolodziej
Nursery 9:45 p.m	Gina Buswell
	Pam Kerley
Godly Play Doorkeeper	Danielle Bass
Coffee Hour	The Bonners
	Audrey Hanna
Organist	Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild	Linda Bruce, Team Coordinator
Emily Hewett,	Charlene Jeffries, Rhonda Lloyd

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## Vestry

Through 2025: Carol Collins, Amy Davis, Leslie Hanna Through 2026: Roger Buswell; Jimmy Washburn, *Jr. Warden;* Larry Wicker, *Sr. Warden* Through 2027: Dana Garrett, Pam Kerley, Rhonda Lloyd

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## St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

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

Bob Alwine	Alex Haynes	Mark Rice
Raylan Andrews	*Brian Haynes	Stephanie Sellers
Bernadine Anzelmo	Dorothy Headen	Jack Sharpe
Jerry Boles	Erwin Hinson	Hannah Shutt
Ian Bristow	Jimmy Holt	Ester Siler
*Doug Champaigne	Margaret Hubbard	Brent Smith
Hailley Chapman	Sam Jackson	Karen Smith
Gay Colavito	Joey Jervis	Jackson Snipes
Jeff Cummings	Scott Keller	Jack Snover
*Georgette Dempster	Charline Kugler	Cherry Stanley
*Paul Dempster	Liz Lazzaro & baby	Eddie Stanley
*Mary Ann Dusenbury	Michelle Leonhardt	*Sandra Stewart
Mark Egbulefu	Hannah Lindsey	*Mackenzie Stinson
Betty Field	*Elliot Mann	The Sullivan Family
Frannie	Judy Mashburn	Charley Swing
*Roland Frechette	Clay Moore	Jan Talbott
Candice & Micah	David Nave	*Jennifer Tatum
Garrod	Sandra Norris	*Jimmy Tatum
Lisa Gunter	Edwin Patterson	*Jayne Taylor
*Joe Hanna	Barbara Perry	*Brian Teeter
Vickie Harrison	Greg Poe	Kristin Vernon
Ruby Hart	Raleigh	Jane Wesley
Lee Hawley	Bill Ray	Cindy White
Ronnie Hawley	* Tom Reese	*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, Joshua Carpenter, Fortune Egbulefu, Eliza, Ellis, Evan, Katherine Gladd, Noah Gibson, Garrett Hill, Ben Hodsdon, Shane Lawrence, Jim Makepeace, Isaac Owensby, Matt Pate, William Puckett, Fr. Lucas Rees, Devan Siler, Fr. Nick Stavlund, Fr. Dan Steiner, Mac Swingle, Trevor, Brent Turpin, Jason Williams

**Pray for the departed:** Nellie Baker, Chuck Calhoun, Bill Hamilton, David Puckett, Sophia Staltz, Mary Zeph

**The altar flowers** are given by Richard E. Shaw, Emily Shaw Hewett and Rebecca Shaw Thompson to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Gertrude C. Shaw and Richard E. Shaw, Sr.