



**October 4, 2020**  
**The Feast of Saint Francis**  
**&**  
**The Blessing of the Animals**

*Gathering Song:* **ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
 Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
 Thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
 O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
 Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
 O praise Him! Alleluia!  
 Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
 Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
 O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

*Greeting      Penitential Rite      Opening Prayer*

*Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**ALL: AMEN.**

*Priest: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion  
 of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

## PENITENTIAL RITE

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ.....Lord, have mercy!

**All: Lord, have mercy!**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ..... Christ, have mercy!

**All: Christ, have mercy!**

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ..... Lord, have mercy!

**All: Lord, have mercy!**

Presider: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting.

**All: Amen!**

### The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest  
And peace to all people on earth.**

**1. Lord God, Heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father  
We worship You We give You thanks  
We praise You for Your glory.....**

**2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father  
Lord God, Lamb of God  
You take away the sins of the world Have mercy on us  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father. Receive our prayer.....**

**3. 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! Amen!.....**

### ***Opening Prayer***

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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**1st Reading: Isaiah (9:1-9)**

### **Psalm Response:**

**"LET ALL THE EARTH CRY OUT,  
CRY OUT TO GOD WITH JOY".  
LET ALL THE EARTH CRY OUT,  
CRY OUT TO GOD WITH JOY!"**

**2nd Reading: Romans (8:15-23)**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, The Gospel**

**In the beginning was the Word of God  
and the Word was with God and was God..  
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us  
and we beheld His Glory.**

**Alleluia! The Gospel of the Lord has come to us.**

**Al le lu ia. Al le lu ia.**

**The Gospel Reading**

**Deacon/ Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew  
(5:1-12)**

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

**The gospel is read. When the reading is over:**

**Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**All:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**ALL SING above**

***Homily***

***Blessing of the Animals***

## THE NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in fulfillment of 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

Prayers of the Faithful

Sign of Peace

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song: **THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS**

*Verse 1:*

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

*Verse 2:*

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness only light,  
And where there's sadness ever joy.**

*Refrain:*

***Oh Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.***

*Verse 3:*

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.  
(Refrain to verse 1 as needed)**

### **Presentation of the Gifts**

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation..... It will become for us the bread of life. **All: Blessed be God forever!**

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.....  
It will become our cup of salvation. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

*Presider: Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice.....*  
**ALL: MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR HANDS,  
FOR THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY OF HIS NAME,  
FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL HIS CHURCH.**

*Presider: The Lord be with you. ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.*

*Presider: Lift up your hearts. ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.*

*Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

*ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.*

### The Holy

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord.  
God of power God of might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

### *Words of Consecration:*

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT. THIS IS MY BODY WHICH  
WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."**

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT.  
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW  
AND EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND  
FOR ALL SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN. DO THIS IN MEMORY  
OF ME**

### The Memorial Acclamation

**Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life.  
Lord, Jesus, we're waiting for you to come in glory.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, then concludes with:*

### Doxology & Great Amen

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.....**

## COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

#### Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us your peace.

*Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they to be called to this supper.*

**ALL: LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT ONLY SAY THE  
WORD AND I SHALL BE HEALED**

### On Spiritual Communion by Mother Diane Smith

Spiritual Communion has been experienced by the people of God for centuries during times when coming together as community for Mass has not been possible. Together we are in such a difficult time right now. Our most loving acts to one another can occur by staying apart. Christ's loving presence can be known by each of us while we are absent one from another unable to physically receive Communion.

God loves us so much that He reaches out to us in Spiritual Communion. St. Teresa of Avila, mystic and doctor of the church, says, "When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a Spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."

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

Communion : CANTICLE OF THE SUN

*Refrain*

**THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND ALL CREATION IS SHOUTING FOR JOY.  
COME, DANCE IN THE FOREST,  
COME PLAY IN THE FIELD  
AND SING, SING TO THE GLORY OF THE LORD.**

**1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,  
he carries the light of the Lord in his rays;  
the moon and the stars  
who light up the way unto your throne.**

*Refrain*

**2. Praise the wind that blows through the trees,  
the seas' mighty storms, the gentle breeze;  
they blow where they will,  
they blow where they please to please the Lord.**

*Refrain*

**3. Praise for the rain that waters our fields,  
and blesses our crops so all the earth yields;  
from death unto life her myst'ry revealed springs forth in joy.**

*Refrain*

**4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light,  
the warmth of the sun to brighten our night;  
he dances with joy, his spirit so bright, he sings of you.**

*Refrain*

**5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow,  
the creatures you made to let your life show;  
the flowers and trees that help us to know the heart of love.**

*Refrain*



## CONCLUDING RITE

*Closing Song:* LET US REJOICE IN THE LORD

### **Refrain:**

**Let us rejoice in the Lord with all the saints and the animals.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let us rejoice in the Lord with all the saints and the animals.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Verse 1:**

**The example of their story, their love for humankind  
give God all praise and glory with strength of heart and mind.  
They lived their lives for justice. They lived their lives for peace,  
rooted in the Gospel with prayers that never cease.**

### **Refrain**