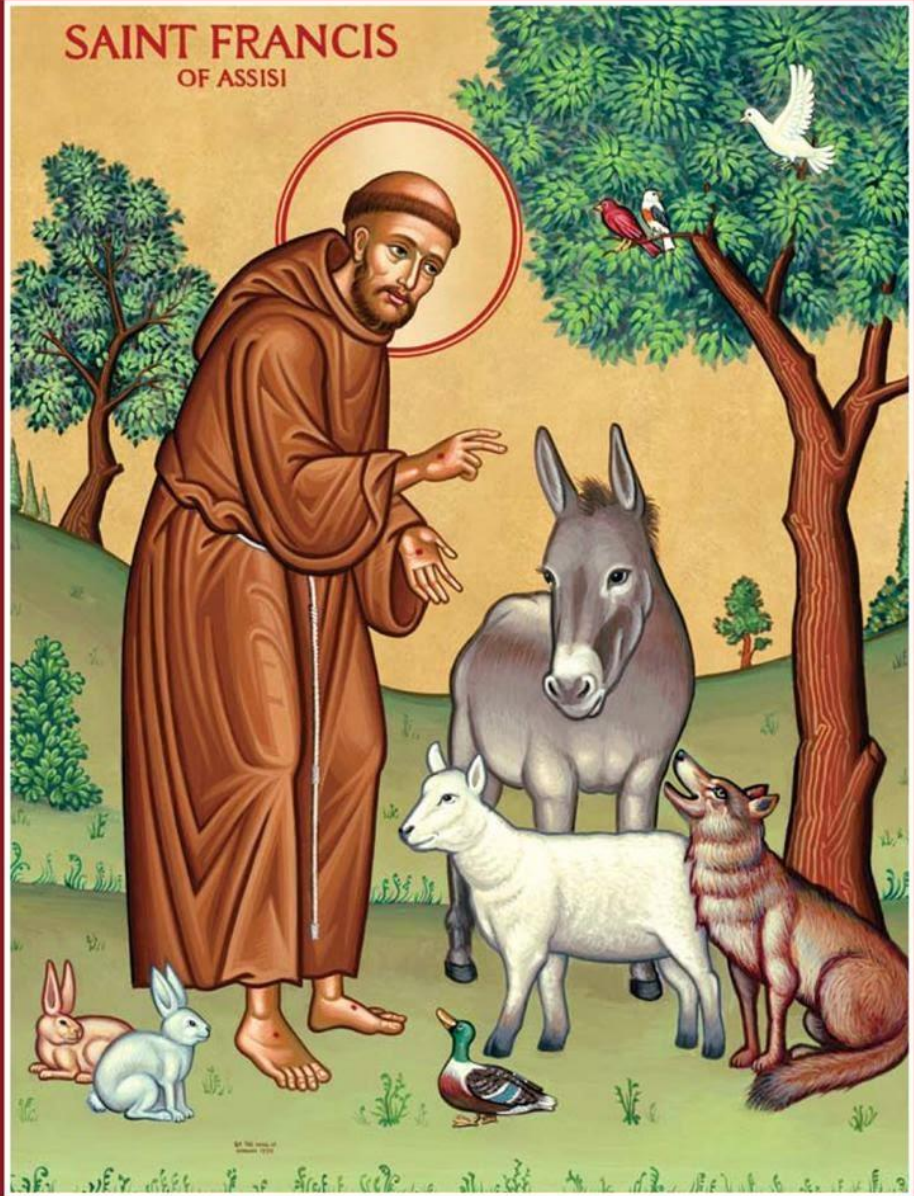


SAINT FRANCIS
OF ASSISI



Our Order of Worship

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi – October 3, 2021

*We are an emergent church,
practicing an ancient faith in new ways;
a church of inclusivity where ALL ARE WELCOME -
+Peter*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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 (Lord Have Mercy)

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.

Gloria

**Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth**

(Last time: A-men, A-men, A-men!)

**1. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)**

**2. 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. (Refrain)**

**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.**

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

please be seated

First Reading from

the book of the Prophet 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!"**

Second Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (8:15-23)

Gospel Acclamation *please stand*

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:

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

Al le lu ia. Al le lu ia.

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**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts - Preparation of the Altar

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever!

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our cup of salvation.

All: Blessed be God forever!

The Giving of our Gifts

Song at the Offertory: THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

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.**

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)

Prayer Over the Gifts

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 GOD'S NAME, FOR OUR GOOD
AND THE GOOD OF ALL GOD'S CHURCH.**

Eucharistic Prayer Introductory Dialogue Preface

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 Eucharistic Prayer continues.....

The Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, 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

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory,
until you come in glory.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, then concludes with:

Doxology & Great Amen

**Through him, with him, in him,
O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever.
Amen! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!**

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace; grant us 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.

Celebrant: May the body and blood of Christ.....ALL: AMEN

*Communion Song: **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

**6. Praise for our death that makes our life real,
the knowledge of loss that helps us to feel;
the gift of yourself, your presence revealed
to bring us home.**

Refrain

CONCLUDING RITE

Communion Meditation

Prayer after Communion

Dismissal

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

Verse 2:

**May we follow in their footsteps; keepers of the faith,
servants of the Gospel, victors in the race.
Praise to the Father, Praise to the Son**

Praise to the Spirit, God Three In One Refrain

Quotes from Saint Francis of Assisi

"While you are proclaiming peace with your lips,
be careful to have it even more fully in your
heart."

"Where there is charity and wisdom,
there is neither fear nor ignorance."

"Start by doing what's necessary;
then do what's possible;
and suddenly you are doing the
impossible."

"If you have those who will exclude
any of God's creatures from the shelter of
compassion and pity, you will have those
who will deal likewise with their fellow human being."



Have a Blessed Week!