

# St Francis of Assisi 4 October 2020



Francis of Assisi, friar, preacher, and founder of the Franciscan Order (1181-1226)

## **Eucharist**

## Gathering in God's Name

Prelude: Récit. Louis Marchand (1669 - 1732).

Hymn 100 All creatures of our God and King (1-3)



- 1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
  - alleluia, alleluia!
  - O burning sun with golden beam, and silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

- 2. Swift-rushing winds that are so strong, and clouds that sail in heaven along,
  O praise him, alleluia!
  Fresh-rising morn, in praise rejoice, and lights of evening, find a voice:
  O praise him ...
- 3. O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
  O fire, so masterful and bright, providing us with warmth and light, O praise him ...

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In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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 assistant introduces the confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love

## and obey you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The celebrant pronounces the absolution

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 





The celebrant reads the prayer of the day Generous God, whose hand is open to fill all things living with plenteousness: make us ever thankful for your goodness, and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# The Ministry of the Word

## A reading from the Book of Genesis 1: 20-25.

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.** 

#### Psalm 148

1 Praise the Lord.

- Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,

- 6 and he established them for ever and ever he issued a decree that will never pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
- 8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,
- 9 you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
- 10 wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,
- 11 kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,
- 12 young men and women, old men and children.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,for his name alone is exalted;his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
- 14 And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the Lord.

# A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6: 14-18.

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God** 

## Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom **Alleluia!** 

## The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew 11: 25-30

#### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Father Revealed in the Son

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

This is the Gospel of the Lord **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.** 

Sermon Fr Jan Joustra

## The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church

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, 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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 worshipped 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.

# Prayers of the People

*After each section:* Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

And at the end:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us. The peace of the risen Lord be always with you. And also with you.



#### Hymn 100 All creatures of our God and King (4-7)



4. Dear mother earth, who day by day unfold rich blessings on our way,O praise him, alleluia!All flowers and fruits that in you grow,let them his glory also show;O praise him ...

5. And everyone of tender heart,forgiving others, take your part,O praise him, alleluia!All who long pain and sorrow bearpraise God and on him cast your care;

O praise him ...

6. And you, most kind and gentle death, waiting to hush our latest breath,O praise him, alleluia!You lead to heaven the child of God, and Christ our Lord the way has trod:O praise him ...

7. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia!

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Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Blessed be God for ever** 

# The Great Thanksgiving

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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:



Merciful God,

we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,

and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them

may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;

and when he had given you thanks he broke it,

and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat.

This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup,

and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,

"Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:



As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.** 



The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Anthem: "Thou Visitest the Earth". Maurice Greene (1696 - 1755). ed. Mark Ardrey-Graves. Psalm 65: 9,12.

## The Sending Out of God's People

Let us pray.

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

#### Father,

## we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

#### In the name of Christ. Amen

*Postlude: Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BuxWV* 224. Dieterich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707).

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- To grow substantially in faith and numbers
- To create an inter-generational culture that values all age groups children and adults equally
- To express our faith in active engagement within and beyond our own community
- To deploy our property and financial assets in strategic support of the ministry needs of the parish for the long term
- To become more open to change as we learn to grow

