



Parish Eucharist
for
Creationtide
1st September - Feast of St Francis

During Covid 19

4th October 2020
St Francis of Assisi



Welcome and introduction

The Greeting

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hymn/song (no singing in church – Zoom or online only)

Saying sorry to God

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the
misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have
used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget
that you have given them to us.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but
ignore the cry of the hungry.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world
you have made.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

May almighty God have mercy on *us*, forgive *us our*
sins, and bring *us* to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

*We keep a short period of silence and then read the Collect
prayer together*

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the childlike
and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the
blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world
as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him
crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Readings

Micah 6: 6-8 *NRSV*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself
before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt
offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be
pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of
rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told

you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

At the end of the Old Testament the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Psalm and response

Psalm 100

Refrain: *The Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting.*

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **R**

Galatians 6:14-end *NRSV*

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which[£] the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry

the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters.[£] Amen.

At the end of the New Testament reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 12:22-34 *NRSV*

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as

well. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

We keep a short time of silence after the sermon

The Creed

All 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 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 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

We sit or kneel for prayer, each prayer ends with either;

Lord, in your mercy or Lord hear us

All hear our prayer. Lord graciously hear us

And at the end

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

We share the peace by nodding or waving

Preparation of the table

The table is prepared, and the gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation: through Your goodness we have this bread to set before You, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation: through Your goodness we have this wine to set before You, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer G

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image, and made us stewards of your good creation. Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air, the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin, giving him to die upon the cross and to rise again for our salvation.

Through him, you begin your work of new creation, as we look for a new heaven and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels, and give voice to every creature under heaven, for ever praising you and *saying*:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and 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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are

satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with The Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before

you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

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

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

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

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

We receive Christ's most precious gift to us, his body and his blood, as we make our spiritual communion

The president and people in church receive communion (only the presiding priest receives the wine)

A general 'words of distribution' will be said before distribution of the bread.

Prayers after Communion

Let us pray...

Merciful God, who gave such grace to your servant Francis that he served you with singleness of heart and loved you above all things: help us, whose communion with you has been renewed in this sacrament, to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared

your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body both physically and spiritually live his risen life; we who drink his cup both spiritually and physically bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Notices

Hymn/song (no singing in church – Zoom & online only)

The Blessing

This or another seasonal blessing is said

The Lord bless *you* and watch over *you*, the Lord make his face shine upon *you* and be gracious to *you*, the Lord look kindly on *you* and give *you* peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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