

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Feast of Francis of Assisi

October 2, 2022

The Word of God

The Prelude: Rise and Shine

Anonymous

The Opening Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Job 39:1–18

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. "Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. "Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? "The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 *Read responsively by half verse.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; * **from where is my help to come?**

My help comes from the LORD, * **the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved * **and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * **shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

The LORD himself watches over you; * **the LORD is your shade at your right hand,**

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * **nor the moon by night.**

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; * **it is he who shall keep you safe.**

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * **from this time forth for evermore.**

The Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, 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."

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

The Homily

The Reverend Kevin Lloyd

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. 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.

The Prayers of the People

Please read together the names on our prayer list, when prompted.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea; **We thank you, Lord.**

For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers; **We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of humans; **We thank you, Lord.**

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life; **We thank you, Lord.**

For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees; **We thank you, Lord.**

For the trust you have shown in giving us our beloved pets; **We thank you, Lord.**

That each pet here may be treasured with care; **We pray to you, Lord.**

That we may love and honor all your works, O God; **We pray to you, Lord.**

That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation; **We pray to you, Lord.**

For those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Together we pray for: **Anne, Bob, Bruce, Donna, Ellie, Erin, Hilary, Jackie, Jeanie, Judy, Karen, Ken, Melissa, Mike, Pat, Ralph, Rebecca, Sandy, Stephanie, Susie.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Charlotte Law, Linda Leap, Trudy Patch, and for all the departed. **To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord Christ. Amen.**

The Annual Giving Collect

Gracious God, you bless us with gift upon gift: our families, our friends, our church, our planet, and your merciful love. Help us to see your grace in action in our lives. But don't stop there—help us to BECOME your grace in action through our generosity and love for others. In the merciful name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

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Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Hymn: A Place in the Choir

Bill Staines

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. To utilize our text-to-give option, simply text "ALBANS" to 73256.

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer C

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The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

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Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant and People

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

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Ministration of Communion

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The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

This prayer is meant to be prayed by those who are unable to attend in-person worship for any reason.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Communion Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful

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The Post Communion Prayer: The Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Celebrant and People

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King, Verses 1 – 4, & 7

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The Dismissal

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Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude and Blessing of the Animals: The Unicorn

Shel Silverstein

As the choir sings the postlude, please bring your pet forward and share their name with clergy.

In Remembrance

Lazzy Landry-Slawson

Breezje Edwards

Dave The Girl Dog Kratt-Taylor

God, the refuge and strength of all who mourn: Hear our prayers for all who grieve the death of a beloved pet. Bring comfort in loneliness, peace in distress, and joy in remembering; and lift their hearts in thanksgiving for the gift of companionship they have known. **Amen.**