

# St. Francis Day

## October 3, 2021

### 3:00 pm

All stand, as able.

HYMN 400

All creatures of our God and King



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
 \*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
 \*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
 2 loft, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

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#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

- Celebrant:** Blessed be the God of all creation.  
**People:** **And blessed be God's holy Name forever.**  
**Celebrant:** Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.  
**People:** **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**  
**Celebrant:** Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.  
**People:** **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**  
**Celebrant:** Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.  
**People:** **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**  
**Celebrant:** Bless your Creator, all children of God.  
**People:** **With all of creation, we praise your name.**

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 perfect joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*All sit for the lessons*

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:20–22a, 24–26a, 28, 31a

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:10-25

You, LORD God, send the springs into the valleys; \*  
they flow between the mountains.  
All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, \*  
and the wild asses quench their thirst.  
Beside them the birds of the air make their nests \*  
and sing among the branches.  
You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; \*  
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.  
You make grass grow for flocks and herds \*  
and plants to serve humankind;  
That they may bring forth food from the earth, \*  
and wine to gladden our hearts,  
Oil to make a cheerful countenance, \*  
and bread to strengthen the heart.  
The trees of the LORD are full of sap, \*  
the cedars of Lebanon which God planted,  
In which the birds build their nests, \*  
and in whose tops the stork makes a dwelling.  
The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, \*

and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.  
 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, \*  
 and the sun knows the time of its setting.  
 You make darkness that it may be night, \*  
 in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.  
 The lions roar after their prey \*  
 and seek their food from God.  
 The sun rises, and they slip away \*  
 and lay themselves down in their dens.  
 People go forth to their work \*  
 and to their labor until the evening.  
 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
 in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

SECOND LESSON

Job 12:7-10a

A reading from the Book of Job.

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing.

The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

WLP HYMN 812

Here I am Lord

The musical score is for the hymn 'Here I am Lord' (WLP HYMN 812). It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of a piano introduction, a unison vocal line with three verses, and a piano accompaniment. The piano introduction is in 4/4 time and consists of four measures. The unison vocal line begins with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The lyrics are: '1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my'; '2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my'; '3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the'. The piano accompaniment follows the vocal line, with the right hand playing chords and the left hand playing a bass line. The score ends with a final chord in the piano part.

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,  
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*  
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

heard you call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord,

if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple in my

heart. heart.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE HOMILY

The Rev. Toni Belhu

*Silence may be kept after the homily.*

## LITANY FOR ALL CREATION

Presider: Call out the names of those animals for whom we care. Call out the names of those animals who are no longer with us.

*Silence*

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Grant that all your creatures may serve you with thanksgiving;

**Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;

**Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Open our eyes to the wonder of creation, that we may see you in all your works;

**Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Stir in us the desire to care for your creation;

**Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Make us wise and faithful stewards of creation,  
caring for the earth, the waters, the air, and all that live therein;

**Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Forgive us who waste and pollute your creation and strengthen us to restore what we have disregarded;  
**Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Look with compassion on those that are abused and mistreated, show us their dignity in your creation;  
**Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Remember those creatures that have died yet remain dear to us that, that they may rejoice in your new creation;  
**Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

*Celebrant:*

Holy Immortal One: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. **Amen.**

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant:* Let us confess to God our sins against creation.

*Silence may be kept. Minister and People*

**God of compassion, we confess that we have squandered your creation, and mistreated those you give into our care. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for all that you have made, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

*The Priest alone says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

*Presider*

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis' love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

*Those who bring animals for blessing hold or place their hands on their animals in blessing. They are blessed by name by the Presider, using these or other words. If animals are not present, the Presider joins in prayer with those who come remembering them.*

*Presider*

N., May God who created and preserves you bless, defend, heal, and keep you, this day and always. **Amen.**

When all have been blessed the Presider prays:

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

God of all creation: we give you thanks and praise. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in all creation. May your bountiful blessing be upon us all, God our Redeemer, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*All stand, as able*

WLP HYMN 797

It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord

It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer;—  
It's me,  
— It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer. — **Fine**  
It's me,  
1. Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord,  
2. Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's me, O Lord,  
stand-in' in the need of prayer, not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's  
stand-in' in the need of prayer, not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's  
**D.C.**  
me, O Lord, stand - in' in the need of prayer.  
me, O Lord, stand - in' in the need of prayer.

*All stand, as able, as the offering is presented, singing together the Doxology.*

THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Prayer A

*The people remain standing.*

*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.**

*Then the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

PROPER PREFACE

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

*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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

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

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please come forward to the altar rail receive Holy Communion, coming forward one pew at a time. When waiting in the center aisle, stand to the right to give space to those returning to their pew. On the right-hand side, a minister will offer you the consecrated bread. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest. Then, on the left-hand side, a minister will offer you a disposable cup of consecrated wine. For safety reasons, we will not share the common cup of wine at this time. Once you have received the wine, place the disposable cup on the tray held by the usher, and then return to your pew through the center aisle.

HYMN 325

Let us break bread together on our knees



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

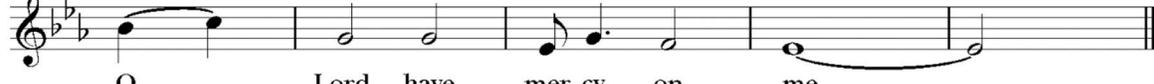


let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN 405

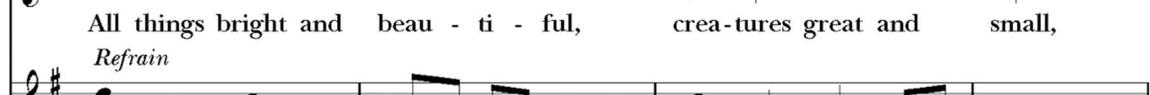
All things bright and beautiful

*Descant*

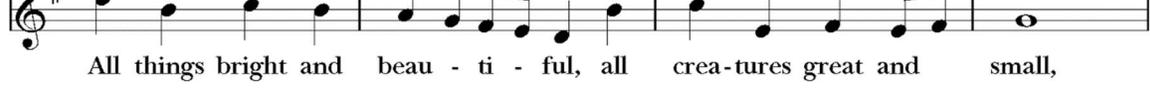


All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

*Refrain*



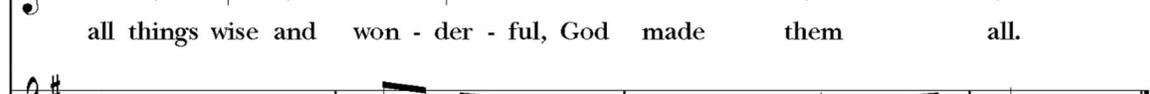
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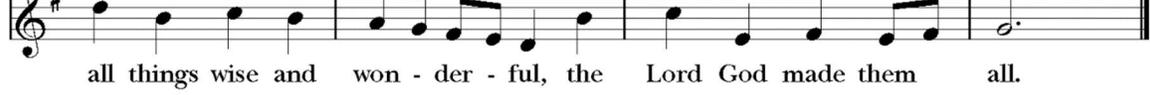
all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



*Repeat Refrain*



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*The flowers on the altar are given to  
the Glory of God and in loving  
memory of Judy Scott  
by Gordon & Scooter.*

