

Bulletin October 4

Feast of St. Francis

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Prelude

The Swan - from the Carnival of Animals Camille Saint-Saens
Alex Roesler, cello & Jae Park, piano

*The congregation is invited to say the words together **in bold**. Please sing along with us! To prepare for worship, you may want to place a candle or two in the place where you worship, to light during the opening prayer.*

Welcome

The ushers and the rector welcome the congregation. If you are new to us, consider filling out our ["get connected"](#) form, let us get to know you better.

Opening Rite: Liturgy of Light

All stand, and the Officiant greets the people with these words.

Dear friends in the risen Christ, we gather today to celebrate the Lord's Day, and for a time to be united in prayer and praise with each other and those who have gone before us. Sunday has been called the Lord's Day because it was on this day that Jesus conquered sin and death and rose to new life. As we gather online, let us be united in the spirit of Christ with the Church around the world and celebrate our redemption in Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

Silence may be kept for a time.

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake. For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4: 5-6)

Candles will now be lit in the church. You are invited to light candles at home, as we pray the following prayer:

May the light of Christ gloriously risen dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
May this simple flame of love and hope be found still burning by the Morning Star; the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ our Savior, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever. Alleluia! Amen.

Confession

As we worship we ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone and things done on our behalf so that we are reconciled to God and each other.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
**that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 Collect of the Day

The Officiant continues with the prayer appointed for the day called the collect. The collect is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the readings of the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scripture of the day.

God is with you.

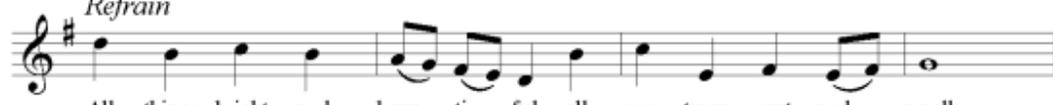
And also with you.

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.**

Opening Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful Hymnal 405

Refrain



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



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



1. Each lit - tle flow'r 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



He made their glow - ing col - ors, and made their tin - y 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. **D.C. al Fine**

The Readings

We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Reading and commenting on scripture goes back to the earliest services of Christianity. Following the pattern of Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set pattern for what will be read when. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read.

THE FIRST READING:

A Reading from the book of Job (Job 31:1-18)

Do you know when mountain goats give birth; do you observe the birthing of does? Can you count the months of pregnancy; do you know when they give birth? They crouch, split open for their young, send forth their offspring. Their young are healthy; they grow up in the open country, leave and never return.

Who freed the wild donkey, loosed the ropes of the onager to whom I gave the desert as home, his dwelling place in the salt flats? He laughs at the clamor of the town, doesn't hear the driver's shout, searches the hills for food and seeks any green sprout.

Will the wild ox agree to be your slave, or will it spend the night in your crib? Can you bind it with a rope to a plowed row; will it plow the valley behind you? Will you trust it because its strength is great so that you can leave your work to it? Can you rely on it to bring back your grain to gather into your threshing floor?

The ostrich's wings flap joyously, but her wings and plumage are like a stork. She leaves her eggs on the earth, lets them warm in the dust, then forgets that a foot may crush them or a wild animal trample them. She treats her young harshly as if they were not hers, without worrying that her labor might be in vain; God didn't endow her with sense, didn't give her some good sense. When she flaps her wings high, she laughs at horse and rider.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

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 GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness. "My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."

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The Sermon: The Rev. Mike Angell

Anthem: Celtic Alleluia



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains two measures of music with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!". The second staff contains two measures of music with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!". The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Affirmation of Faith

Originally the entire service was viewed as our confession of faith. However, since the Sixth Century, the church has recited either the Nicene Creed or the Apostle's Creed at the Eucharist. The word creed comes from the Latin credo for "I believe" or "I lend my heart to."

Do you believe in God?

We believe in God the Father the almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgive- ness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

I invite your prayers for the church throughout the world. For our companion relationships with [Cristosal](#) and the people and church in El Salvador; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for **The people and ministry of The Church of the Transfiguration in Lake St. Louis**. Pray for the Church.

I invite your prayers for our nation, for the upcoming election. I invite your prayers for all those in authority in our own communities and across this world. Pray for justice and good governance.

I invite your prayers for the earth that God has given us, that we might steward and protect the land and all its inhabitants. Pray for the earth.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving. Shield the joyous, especially those who are celebrating a birthday this week: Valarie Wilson, Tricia Anderson, Audrey Fiorello, Tom Rose, and Matt Chapman. And for those celebrating anniversaries: Jillian and Anthony Smith, and Robert and Shannon MacGregor. For what do you give thanks to God?

I invite your prayers of petition for those in any need or trouble, for all affected by the coronavirus. Pray for your own needs, and those of others.

I invite your prayers for that whole cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in faith. Pray for those who have died, especially Rose Shannon.

O God our strength and salvation, hear all our prayers this day, and grant that we may live in the joy of the Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the way Christ taught us, and in the language of our hearts.

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre;
venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro
pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a
los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación, y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre.
Amén**

Announcements:

Announcements are shared

[See announcements](#)

Final Prayers

Loving God, you created all things. We thank you for the gift of cats and dogs, birds and reptiles, rabbits and fish, and all the animals who share our homes.

We remember those pets who have died. We grieve the loss of the love and companionship our pets have given us. Comfort us as we remember them. Help their memory stir us to deeper love and care for your creation.

We pray for your created world in which we live, for its fragile resources, and for a will to conserve our earth. Give us courage to work for changes in our society, that we might turn back the effects of climate change and learn to live together sustainably. Help us to live, like St. Francis, with simplicity and a willingness to put the needs and rights of the suffering of the earth at the forefront of our life and work. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace is then exchanged.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Peace is then exchanged. Consider sending a text, a message on Facebook, or even writing a letter or email to someone who could use some peace.

Final Hymn:

All Creatures of Our God and King Hymnal 400
 Thanks to all who sent in photos of your animals!

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es,
 2. Great rush - ing winds and breez - es sort, you clouds that ride the
 4. Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings
 5. All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
 7. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

let us sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 heav'ns a - loft, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 on our way, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flow'rs that
 take your part, O sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams,
 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

REFRAIN

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

The Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Let us Bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

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