

THE FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
October 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m.



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The Word of God

Prelude

A most hearty welcome today to our new organist, David Knight!

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Processional Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn #400 vv 1, 4-5, 7

The Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

All 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.

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Jeremiah 22:13-16

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness,
and his upper rooms by injustice;
who makes his neighbours work for nothing,
and does not give them their wages;
who says, "I will build myself a spacious house
with large upper rooms",
and who cuts out windows for it,
panelling it with cedar,
and painting it with vermilion.
Are you a king
because you compete in cedar?
Did not your father eat and drink
and do justice and righteousness?
Then it was well with him.
He judged the cause of the poor and needy;
then it was well.
Is not this to know me?
says the Lord.

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant/Preacher: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

Deacon: The Rev. Jude Lyons

Please remain seated, and join in singing,

The Response

Psalm 148

AZMON

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The Second Lesson Galatians 6:14-18

2nd Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

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.

2nd Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able, and join in singing,

The Gospel Procession

Order My Steps

Burleigh

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The Holy Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

† Deacon 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."

Deacon **The Gospel of the Lord.**

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please join in singing "Order my Steps".

Please remain seated for
† The Sermon
There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,
The Affirmation of Faith

(from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

All **You, O God, are supreme and holy.**
 You create our world and give us life.
 Your purpose overarches everything we do.
 You have always been with us.
 You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
 good beyond all measure.
 You came to us before we came to you.
 You have revealed and proved
 your love for us in Jesus Christ,
 who lived and died and rose again.
 You are with us now.
 You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
 You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
 You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.



The Prayers of the People

The People join in reading the words in bold.

Sustaining God, you invite us to gather the world's needs into our hearts and to trust your compassionate Presence.

For the people of God throughout the world, for those in civil and religious leadership, and for us gathered as your church family. God of wisdom, **let us fulfil your vision entrusted to us.**

For goodwill among nations, for the well-being of all people, and for boldness in confronting issues of inequality, hatred, greed, violence, and prejudice. God of justice, **let us be an authentic light in our world.**

For all who serve in our civil services, especially first responders, and in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. God of peace, **let us be strong to help and serve.**

For the poor, the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, those in prison or afraid. Let us pray for all facing challenges, especially: Andrea, Barbara, Stephanie Bezner, Howard Dale, Ceri Falk, Jill Lynch, Amalia Fraker, Mary Louise Gordon, Sally Hill, Jake Madrid, Marjorie Morris, Bob Pilmer, Marylen Ruston, James and Reiko, Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers silently or out loud).*

God of all healing, **let us become whole and holy.**

For all those killed or injured from acts of terrorism, from violence and abuses in our country and around the world, from the consequences of natural disasters, homelessness, unemployment and underemployment, and for those who struggle in fear and darkness.

God of protecting love and strength, **let us be instruments of your peace and protection.**

For all who anticipate birthdays, anniversaries, and joyful events...*(please add your own prayers silently or out loud).*

God of all we have, **let us be grateful for moments of blessing.**

For those we love but see no longer, for all those who have died, especially those we name to you now...
(please add your own prayers silently or out loud).

God of comfort and grace, **let us live for you all the days of our lives.**

Celebrant Thank you, Gracious God, for always doing more than we could ask for or even imagine.
Help us be faithful to our calling.

**People We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other,
and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.**

The Confession

(from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

Deacon We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be, and do, as members of Christ's body.

Silence

Celebrant In God there is forgiveness. Let us pray:

Please stand or kneel as able

**All Loving and all-seeing God,
forgive us where we have failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.
Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions have been
contrary to yours.
We ask your forgiveness.**

† Celebrant God loves you and forgives you; be at peace. **Amen.**

Please stand as able for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

All God's Critters Got a Place In the Choir

Bill Staines

*All God's critters got a place in the choir; some sing low, some sing higher, some sing out loud on the telephone wire,
and some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now!*

*Listen to the top where the little birds sing on the melodies with the high notes ringing.
The hoot owl hollers over everything and the jaybird disagrees!*

*Singing in the night time, singing in the day, the little duck quacks, then he's on his way, the possum ain't got much to say,
and the porcupine talks to himself!*

All God's critters...

*Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus moans and groans with a big t'do,
and the old cow just goes Moo!*

*The dogs and the cats, they take up the middle while the honey bee hums and the cricket fiddles,
the donkey brays and the pony neighs and the old coyote howls.*

All God's critters...

*It's a simple song of living sung everywhere by the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,
the grumpy alligator and the hawk above, the sly raccoon and the turtle dove.*

All God's critters...

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

Offertory Hymn

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

Getty

6 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove; Whose wis - dom is my
12 per - fect peace, whose ev' ry thought is love. For ev' - ry day I have on earth is gi - ven by the
King. So— I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Please remain standing for,

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues. The People read the parts in **bold**.

Creator God, it is our joy to give you thanks and praise, always and everywhere, for you are the source of all that is. You are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and all creation, we lift our voices in an unending song:

Sanctus Holy, Holy, Holy David Poole

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high est! Blest is the One, blest is the One, blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

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Please **STAND or kneel**, as you are able, or feel most comfortable. **The People join in reading the text in bold.**

Blessed are you, Gracious God, creator of all the universe and giver of life and author of our salvation history.

You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. You blessed us with the sign and promise of the rainbow and led us through the desert into a land of promise.

But we have not always acknowledged your saving help, and have been blind at times to your image in one another and in ourselves.

You have always cared for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through our ancestors you called us into covenant with you. In the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

"Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your Creation this bread and this wine.

† By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring all of us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Francis and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Be Known To Us, Lord Jesus

David Poole

Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. Be bread.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.***

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

**Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.*

Communion Music

O Sacrum Convivium

Bradley Ellingboe

O sacred and holy feast, in which Christ is received, we recall the memory of our Savior's passion, and our minds are filled with grace and the future glory that is coming to us. Alleluia.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of all Life, we have seen with our own eyes and touched with our own hands the Bread of Life, this precious gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you, in love for one another, and in love for all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

✠ Celebrant May the peace of Christ 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.**

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Recessional Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

Hymn #397

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude