

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Cycle A, B & C

Entrance Antiphon: Francis, a man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up.



ENTRANCE HYMN

*Sing a new song unto the Lord,
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.*

1. God's people dance for joy,
oh come before the Lord
and play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.
2. Rise, O children, from your sleep,
your Saviour now has come,
and he has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.
3. Glad my soul for I have seen
The glory of the Lord
The trumpet sounds,
the dead shall be raised
I know my Saviour lives.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

FIRST READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

6:14-18

*Through Christ the world is crucified to me,
and I to the world.*

As for me, the only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-8. 11. R] cf. v. 5

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord, 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand,
I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30

*You have hidden these things from the clever,
and have revealed them to mere children.*

