

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
2. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one:
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

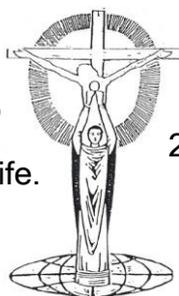
The Gospel of the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Bread and wine we bring to you, Lord
Work of the hands of men
Soon to become your body and blood
Jesus yourself
May all who share this meal divine be one.
2. Humbly we bring ourselves to you, Lord
Take our hearts, take our wills
All that we have and all that we do
We give to you
All for you, our Saviour and our God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness ever joy.
3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.
4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.



5. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace!

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*Jesus meek and humble of heart,  
Make my heart like yours.*

1. Come to me you who are heavily broken  
And I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke and learn from me  
I am meek and humble of heart.
2. Come to me you who are thirsting for water  
And I will give you drink  
Come and stay beneath my cross.  
From my heart flows living streams.
3. Follow me why do you walk in the darkness?  
When I'm the light of life?  
Come to where my Father dwells  
I'm the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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1. Blest are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs;  
Their soul is Christ's abode.
2. The Lord, who left the heavens  
Our life and peace to bring,  
To dwell in lowliness with us  
Our pattern and our King.
3. Still to the lowly soul  
He doth Himself impart;  
And for His cradle and His throne  
Chooseth the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we Thy presence seek;  
May ours this blessing be;  
Give us a pure and lowly heart,  
A temple meet for Thee.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Lord, we pray for golden peace,  
peace all over the land,  
may all men dwell in liberty,  
all walking hand in hand.  
*Banish fear and ignorance,  
hunger, thirst and pain.  
Banish hate and poverty,  
let no man live in vain,  
let no man live in vain.*
2. Keep all men for ever one,  
one in love and in grace.  
and wipe away all war and strife,  
give freedom to each race.