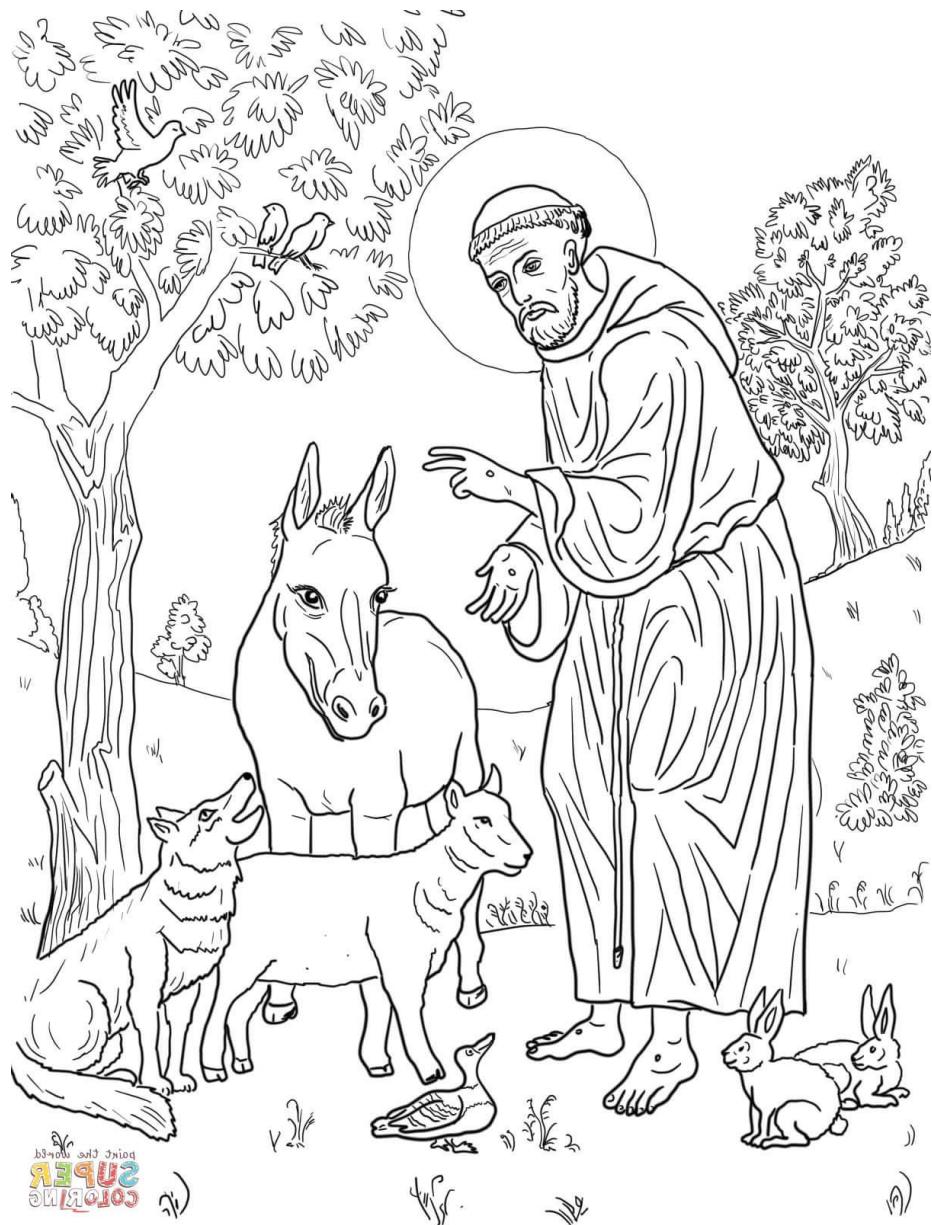


Season of Creation

October 2, 2022

10 o'clock Eucharist



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Opening Hymn

**1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.**

Refrain:

**Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]
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**3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]**

**4 For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven.
[Refrain]**

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

And Blessed be God's Kingdom, both now and forever. Amen

The Collect for Purity (said in unison)

– 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.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,**

we praise you for your glory.

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

**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.**

Collect for St. Francis Day 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.**

The Creation Collect for the Day

All-loving and timeless God, you are always more ready to give than we are to receive: Pour upon us your abundance of contentment with simple, faithful living; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen..**

FIRST READING *Galatians 6:14-18*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

Brothers and sisters:
May I never boast except in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
through which the world has been crucified
to me,
and I to the world.
For neither does circumcision mean
anything,
nor does uncircumcision,
but only a new creation.
Peace and mercy be to all who follow this
rule
and to the Israel of God. From now on, let
no one make troubles for me;
for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with
your spirit,
brothers and sisters. Amen.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Response**The Canticle of the Creatures**

Francis of Assisi, 1225

Most High, Almighty and All-good Lord!
All blessings, praise, all glory and honor
are Yours!

**Only to You, Most High, do they
belong, And no one is worthy to say
Your Name.**

:Be praised, my Lord, through all Your
creatures! Brother Sun is the first. With
him, you give us light of day.

**For he is beautiful and radiant, he is
full of splendor; He is the symbol of
You, Most High!**

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon
and all the Stars! You placed them in

the sky; And made them bright and
lovely and fair.

**Be praised, my Lord, for Brother
Wind and Brother Air, Cloudy, clear
and all weather, By which You
nourish all creatures.**

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water!
How useful she is, how humble; She is
precious and chaste.

**Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire,
With him, You make bright the dark!
He is beautiful, he is merry, He is
powerful and strong.**

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth!
She is the mother who governs us and
gives us food. For us, she makes all
kinds of fruits; All colors of flowers, and
sweet herbs.

**Be praised, my Lord, for those who
forgive because they love you; For
those who bear sickness and trials.**

They are happy, who accept all in
peace, For they will be crowned by You,
Most High!

**Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Death!
No mortal can escape her kiss.**

Woeful are those who die in mortal sin.
But happy are those who do Your will,
For the Second Death will not harm
them.

**Praise and bless my Lord; Thank
Him, And serve Him with great
humility.—**

The Second Reading is A Reading from Kallistos of Diokleia:

We humans are bound to God and to one another in a cosmic covenant that also includes all the other living creatures on the face of the earth: 'I will make for you a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the creeping things of the ground.' We humans are not saved from the world but with the world; and that means, with the animals. Moreover, this cosmic covenant is not something that we humans have devised, but it has its source in the divine realm. It is conferred upon us as a gift by God. Here ends the reading.

The Gospel Luke 12:22-32

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Christ

He 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.²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.²⁴ 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!²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,²⁸ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.²⁹ 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!³⁰ And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.³¹ For it is the nations³² of the world that seek all these things, and your

Father knows that you need them.³¹ Instead, seek his³² kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was
buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the
Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Priest: Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, "Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace."

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the

environment from which they come, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the needs and hopes of all those on our parish's prayer list, and those we now name silently or aloud...*pause...* And so we pray
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Priest: Creating God, your name is written on every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. We praise and worship you for the magnificence of your creation. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Hear the words of our Savior Jesus Christ 'How often have I longed to gather you children, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,' says the Lord, 'but you would not come to me.'

Let us as wayward children return to God and confess our sins.

Silence is 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 you, forgive you ...

The Peace of the Lord be with you always **And also with you**

**The Great Thanksgiving (EOW1,
prayer2)**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our

God

**It is right to give him thanks and
praise**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

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.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete
upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.
On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, 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.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
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."
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
with Mary and John the Baptist and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.
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**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,
All: Our Father...

*Priest: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!***

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Meditation All Good Gifts

Prayer after Communion

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

Go forth now to care for God's world. Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all. And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen**

The Closing Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam:
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Tend the earth, care for God's good
Creation; as you have received freely, so
give freely... Go in Peace to love and
serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

We Pray for the Healing & Support:

We pray for Georgiana Ketcham, Jane Babinski and Doris Schultz Barbara Brigham and their continued recovery. and we continue to pray for Cindy Belt's sister Susan Belt Hartson

We pray for Ukraine, for peace and for safety

For those who have lost loved ones, in the Pandemic, for those who are ill, for all those who serve, for all those who are anxious or fearful, and for...

Sara Mundy, Jean Adams, Kathy Cogan, Jim Fancher, Diane & Nancy Fickett, Bob Fisher, Sharon Gibbs, Kathryn James, Halle Kneeland, Virginia Springsteen, Vita Stellke, Linda VanArdale, Beth Wagner, Georgia and Rod Griffis, Betianne Morritt's great granddaughter Eliana, Louie Cicero, Barbara Allen Lieblein's grandsons, Kristopher and Alexander, and Bill Lieblein's grand daughter's husband, Matt Grzesik, who has Lou Gehrig's disease, Hermance Canning, Dr. Barbara Phillips-Cole and her son Matthew Cole, who has been diagnosed with inoperable cancer, Sr. Joy Wright, and all our parishioners living with cancer, known or undetected & for all those who participate in a 12 step group here at St. Mary's

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