

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (observed)  
October 3, 2021

Welcome & Silence

Gathering Hymn: "All creatures of our God and King"  
*Based on some of the writings of St. Francis of Assisi.*

Hymn #400

**1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing: alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
Pale silver moon that gently gleams,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
You clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O praise him, Alleluia!  
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;  
Stars nightly shining, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
You give to us both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**7 Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Opening Verse, Confession & Absolution

*Officiant* Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, that God may come and rain righteousness upon us. Amen.  
*(Hosea 10:12)*

Let us examine our lives in the presence of God, humbly confessing our sins and opening our hearts. I invite you to bow your head, or take some other posture of humility before God.

*A brief silence for reflection follows.*

*Officiant* God the Creator and Source, Ruler of creation,

*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* God the Incarnate Word, through whom all things were made,

*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* God the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth,  
*People* **have mercy upon us.**  
*Officiant* Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, creating and saving God,  
*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Priest*

God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to abundance of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise - September

*Hymnal #412, verses 2 & 5*

2. **Hail, wind and rain, loud blowing snowstorms, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Flowers and trees, loud rustling dry leaves, sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things;  
I too shall praise God with a new song!**
  
5. **Classrooms and labs, loud boiling test tubes, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Athlete and band, loud cheering people, sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things;  
I too shall praise God with a new song!**

The Collect of the Day

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* 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.**

Introduction to the First Reading

The First Reading: Job 1:1 - 2:10

**READER** A reading from the book of Job.

A man named Job lived in the land of Uz. Job was honest, a person of absolute integrity; he feared God and avoided evil. He had seven sons and three daughters, and owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred pairs of oxen, five hundred donkeys, and many servants, so that he was wealthier than all the people of the east.

Each of his sons hosted a feast in his own house on his birthday. They invited their three sisters to eat and drink with them. When the days of the feast had been completed, Job would send get up early in the morning to make burned offerings to God for each of his children.

**VOICE 1** Perhaps, while they were celebrating, my children have sinned and then cursed God in their hearts.

**READER** Job did this regularly. One day the divine beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and the Adversary also came among them. The Lord said to the Adversary,

**VOICE 2** Where did you come from?

VOICE 1 From wandering throughout the earth.

VOICE 2 Have you thought about my servant Job? Surely there is no one like him on earth, a man who is honest, who is of absolute integrity, who reveres God and avoids evil?

VOICE 1 Does Job revere God for nothing? Haven't you blessed the work of his hands so that his wealth covers the whole countryside? Stretch out your hand and take all he has. Then he will certainly curse you to your face.

VOICE 2 Do as you will. All he has is within your power. Only don't harm him.

READER So the Adversary left the Lord's presence. One day not long after that, a messenger came to Job.

VOICE 1 The oxen were plowing, and the donkeys were grazing nearby, when raiders took them and killed the young men with swords. I alone escaped to tell you!

READER While this messenger was speaking, another arrived and said:

VOICE 2 A raging fire fell from the sky and burned up the sheep and devoured the young men! I alone escaped to tell you.

READER While this messenger was speaking, another arrived and said:

VOICE 1 Enemy soldiers raided the camels and took them, killing the young men with swords. I alone escaped to tell you!

READER While this messenger was speaking, another arrived and said:

VOICE 2 Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, when a strong wind came from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It fell upon the young people, and they all died. I alone escaped to tell you!

READER Job arose, tore his clothes, shaved his head, fell to the ground, and worshipped.

VOICE 1 Naked I came from my mother's womb; naked I will return to dust. The Lord has given; the Lord has taken; bless the Lord's name.

READER In all this, Job didn't sin or blame God. One day the divine beings came to present themselves before the Lord. The Adversary also came among them. The Lord said to the Adversary,

VOICE 2 Where have you come from?

VOICE 1 From wandering throughout the earth.

VOICE 2 Have you thought about my servant Job? - for there is no one like him on earth, a man who is completely honest, who reveres God and avoids evil? He still holds on to his integrity, even though you talked me into ruining him, for no reason.

VOICE 1 Skin for skin—people will give up everything they have in exchange for their lives. But stretch out your hand and strike his own bones and flesh. Then he will definitely curse you to your face.

VOICE 2 There he is—do what you want; only preserve his life.

READER The Adversary left the Lord's presence and struck Job with severe sores from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. Job took a piece of broken pottery to scratch himself and sat down on a mound of ashes. Job's wife said to him,

VOICE 2 Are you still clinging to your integrity? Curse God, and die!

VOICE 1 You're talking like a foolish person. Will we receive good from God, but not also the bad?

READER In all this, Job didn't sin with his lips. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 26, selected verses

Give judgment for me, O God, for I have lived with integrity; \*

**I have trusted in you and have not faltered.**

Test me, O God, and try me; \*

**examine my heart and my mind.**

For your love is before my eyes; \*

**I have walked faithfully with you.**

I have not sat with the worthless, \*

**nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

Do not sweep me away with sinners \*

**nor my life with those who thirst for blood.**

As for me, I will live with integrity; \*

**redeem me, O God, and have pity on me.**

My foot stands on level ground; \*

**in the full assembly I will bless you, O God.**

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:1-9, 13-16

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children. I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it." Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

## The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray, using the prayer Jesus taught us. You may unmute yourself if you choose, and you may pray using any version of this prayer that is in your heart.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Send prayer requests to to [prayers@stdunstans.com](mailto:prayers@stdunstans.com).*

*Officiant* Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.

Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for all those in authority.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for all nations and peoples.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for our local communities.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: .... You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.

*The people may offer additional names.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.

*The people may offer additional names.*

*Officiant* Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

*Priest* Eternal God, creator and ruler of heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Sharing of Blessings

### Passing of the Peace

*Celebrant* You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. The peace of the Lord be always with you!

*People* **And also with you!**

*Celebrant* Let us speak Christ's peace to one another. ...

### The Blessing & Dismissal

*Celebrant* Holy God, your mercy is over all your works,  
and in the web of life each creature has its role and place.  
We praise you for ocelot and owl, cactus and kelp, tide and topsoil.  
Give us humility to recognize all creatures as your beloved ones,  
And share the bounty of creation with all our neighbors.  
And may the blessing of the Holy and Undivided Trinity be upon us, now and always.  
**Amen.**

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Song: "For the Beauty of the Earth," selected verses

Hymnal #416

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