

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ❀ October 6, 2024

## Sunday Supplement

Today's Hymns (IOAM Only)		
Opening Hymn	<b>Blue Hymnal #400, verses 1 - 4</b>	<i>All creatures of our God and King</i>
Gospel Hymn	<b>Blue Hymnal #593</b>	<i>Lord, make us servants of your peace</i>
Offertory Hymn	<b>Blue Hymnal #424 (alt. tune)</b>	<i>For the fruit of all creation</i>
Communion Hymn	<b>Sunday Supplement</b>	<i>Eat this bread, drink this cup</i>
Sending Hymn	<b>Blue Hymnal #400, verses 5 - 7</b>	<i>All creatures of our God and King</i>

### 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.

### IOAM: Short Seasonal Reading

*Read by a child, when possible*

The brothers shall keep nothing for themselves, neither a house nor place nor anything. And as pilgrims and strangers in this world, serving the Lord in poverty and humility, let them go seeking alms with confidence. They should not be ashamed to beg, because, for our sakes, our Lord made Himself poor in this world.

*- The Rule of St. Francis*

❀ *Please be seated. We will hold a brief silence at this time.* ❀

### The First Reading: Job 1:1-12

*Reader* A reading from the book of Job.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. He had seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred donkeys, and very many servants; so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east. His sons used to go and hold feasts in one another's houses in turn; and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. And when the feast days had run their course, Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt-offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, 'It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.' This is what Job always did. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the Lord, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' The Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil.' Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Does Job fear God for nothing? Have you not put a fence around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.' The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch out your hand against him!' So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Faith: Psalm 26

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.**

I have hated the company of evildoers;\*

**I will not sit down with the wicked.**

I will wash my hands in innocence, O God, \*

**that I may go in procession round your altar,**

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*

**and recounting all your wonderful deeds.**

O God, I love the house in which you dwell \*

**and the place where your glory abides.**

Do not sweep me away with sinners \*

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

Whose hands are full of evil plots \*

**and their right hand full of bribes.**

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 Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-5, 2:14-18

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? .... Since, therefore, the children [of a family] share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:1-16

*Celebrant* The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them. Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

IOAM: Gospel Hymn: "Lord, make us servants of your peace"

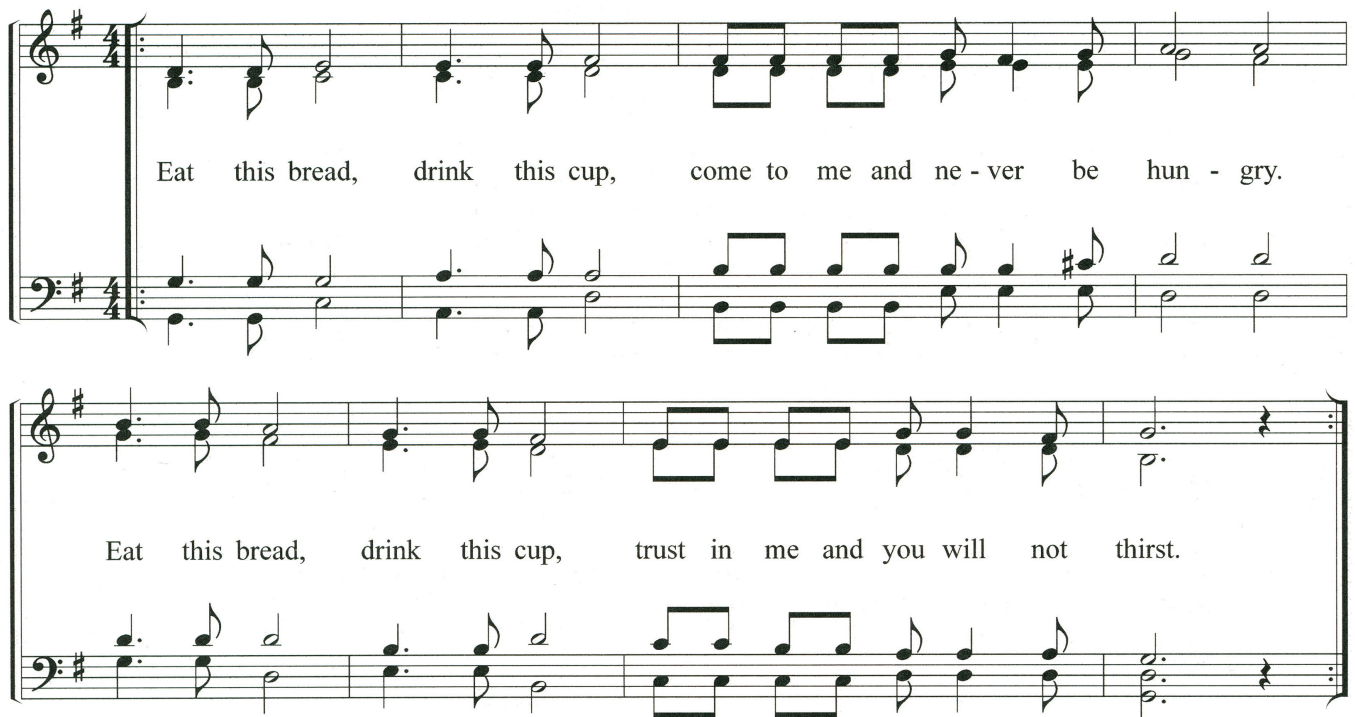
**Blue Hymnal #593**

Sermon

The Rev. Miranda Hassett



Communion Music: "Eat this bread"



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun-gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

## Post-Communion Prayer: A Prayer of St. Francis

*This lovely prayer was probably not actually composed by blessed Francis. However, it reflects his earnest desire to show forth his faith in service to others and to the world.*

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

**Where there is injury, pardon;**

**Where there is doubt, faith;**

**Where there is despair, hope;**

**Where there is darkness, light;**

**Where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek**

**To be consoled as to console,**

**To be understood as to understand,**

**To be loved as to love;**

**For it is in giving that we receive;**

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;**

**It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

### **About St. Francis (feast day: October 4)**

*One of the boldest and most spirited figures in history, it is a shame that Francis is sometimes dismissed as simply a quiet bird-watcher. Actually he was an outspoken and controversial social activist. He was one of the greatest preachers of all time. His concern with poverty and ecology give him a strikingly modern quality. Although he was a wealthy cloth merchant's son, he gave all he had to help the poor and was contented with only the barest necessities for himself. He vigorously opposed the abuse of political power, particularly when it was wielded by the Bishop of Rome. Francis was effective in initiating sweeping social and economic reforms. He was a popular singer, often called "God's Troubador." His most famous hymn, "Canticle to Brother Sun" (#406 in The Hymnal 1982; #400 is a version of the same text), has stood the test of time. Francis founded one of the strongest and most dynamic religious orders in Christendom. Today we find Franciscan Friars in both the Roman and Anglican communions.*

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