

THE NOON SERVICE

Sunday, October 2nd

The Feast of St. Francis & Proper 22, Year C RCL

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WELCOME

Community responses are in bold.

GATHERING SONG *(Please stand.)*

"I Am Here in the Heart of God" by Chanda Rule

I am here I the heart of God
God is here in the heart of me
Like the wave in the water and the water in the wave!

I am here in the breath of God
God is here in the breath of me
**like the wind in the springtime
and the springtime in the wind!**

I am here in the soul of God
God is here in the soul of me
Like the flame in the fire and the fire in the flame!

I am here in the mind of God
God is here in the mind of me
Like the earth in my body and my body in the earth!

OPENING PRAYER

Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon by Francis of Assisi

THE LESSONS *Please be seated.*

You can find the readings insert of your bulletin.

A Reading from the book of Habakkuk (1:1-4, 2:1-4)

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;



I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Hear what the Spirit is saying in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the book of Psalms (37:1-10)

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

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A Reading from Second Timothy (1:1-14)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ

Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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ALLELUIA *(Please stand, if you are able, for the singing of Alleluia and the reading of the Gospel)*

The Gospel according to Luke (17:5-10)

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of Christ, Holy One in our midst. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNITY REFLECTION

Please be seated after the reading. Now, a brief reflection is offered and all are welcome to share. Seek to listen without judgment. Seek to speak with compassionate integrity. Seek to respond (rather than react) to the ideas others have shared and make connections. Seek to be curious and find common threads. Seek to befriend the silence between spoken words. If we disagree: may we disagree gracefully; may we be challenged and yet inspired; may we be uncomfortable and yet awakened; and may the Spirit guide us.

PRAYERS of CONFESSION

O God, your fertile earth is slowly being stripped of its riches,

Open our eyes to see.

Leader: O God, your living waters are slowly being choked with chemicals,

Open our eyes to see.

O God, your clear air is slowly being filled with pollutants,

Open our eyes to see.

O God, your creatures are slowly dying and your people are suffering,

Open our eyes to see.

God our maker, so move us by the wonder of creation, **That we repent and care more deeply.**

So, move us to grieve the loss of life, **That we learn to cherish and protect your world. Amen.**

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION *based on Colossians 1:15-20*

Let us pray for the church and for the world:

O Christ, your cross speaks both to us and to our world. In your dying for us you accepted the pain and hurt of the whole of creation.

The arms of your cross stretch out across the broken world in reconciliation.

You have made peace with us.

Help us to make peace with you by sharing in your reconciling work.

May we recognize your spirit disturbing and challenging us to care for creation and for the poor who most feel the effects of its abuse.

O Christ, the whole of creation groans. Set us free and make us whole.

Officiant: We pray specifically for those in our community who have requested prayer. We pray for [...]. We also invite this community to name anyone they are holding in prayer this week... (silently or aloud).

All: God, Creator, bring us new life. Jesus, Redeemer, renew us. Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us. Amen.

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

In the tradition of our ancient faith, and as a prophetic practice for our bodies and for the world, we offer peace and reconciliation to each other as we prepare to break bread together. You are invited to shake hands and say "The peace of Christ be with you" or something similar.

It is not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a half-hearted peace, but the very peace of the Lord Jesus Christ that is with us now. Let us share it with each other...

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the COMMUNITY

TIME of OFFERING and SONG

By this practice, we embody a creative and collective economic practice in our community. The basket will be passed but it is already filled. If you need money, know someone who does or want to go find someone who does, please take some. The invitation is to give OR receive. If you do put cash in, know that it will be in this basket for someone who needs it.

"Holy Holiness" *by Ellen Allard*
**All around, everywhere,
All around, everywhere,
holy holiness**

**highest sky, deepest sea...
in our hearts, in our souls...
all we do, all we are...
every step, every breath...
as with me, so with you...**

THE DOXOLOGY *(Please stand to sing the Doxology)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise (Father/Mother), Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In your love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all people to yourself. Through Christ you gather us, newborn in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you. Therefore, with the saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, and with all creation, joyfully we praise you singing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

All glory to you, Giver of life, sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me."

All: Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we now pray:

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 forever. Amen.

INVITATION

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

BREAKING of the BREAD

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread. *(Please be seated)*

COMMUNION and SONG

All are welcome to this table, for real, we mean everyone! The gifts of God are free and for you. If you wish to receive the bread and wine, please come forward and you will be served. If you do not wish to receive, no problem. Feel free to use this time as you choose in your seat. Gluten free wafers are available-just ask.

"Brother Sun, Sister Moon" by Donovan

**Brother sun, and sister moon
I seldom see you, seldom hear your tune.
Preoccupied, with selfish misery.**

**Brother wind, and sister air,
open my eyes, to visions pure and fair.
That I may see, the glory around me**

**I am God's creature, of him, I am part.
I feel his love, awakening my heart.**

**Brother sun, and sister moon,
I now do see you, I can hear your tune!
so much in love, with all that I survey**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand)*

This we know, the earth does not belong to us,
we belong to the earth.

This we know, all things are connected,
like the blood that unites one family.

This we know, we did not weave the web of life,
we are merely a strand in it.

This we know, whatever we do to the web,
we do to ourselves.

Let us give thanks for the gift of creation, for the gift of this table.
Let us give thanks that all things hold together in Christ.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG *(Please stand.)*

“Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee” by Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace to find Christ in all the world! **Amen!**



Please join us for lunch directly following the service!
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Most of today's liturgy was adapted from Iona Worship 2001, Creation Liturgy