

St Matthew-in-the-City

3 October 2021

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

WELCOME

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator
The love at our beginning and without end
In our midst and with us

God is with us, here we find new life.

The earth and everything on it
The world and all who live in it belong to God
We live in God's world, we are not alone.

We share this life

With the heavens and the earth,

With the waters and the land,

With trees and grasses,

With fish, birds, and animals,

With creatures of every form,

And with all our brothers and sisters.

Together we form strands in the web of creation

Woven and held together by God our creator.

In the beginning creation was woven,
A beautiful web loved into being,
In which all things are connected,
In which all things need all things:

We are one in the web of creation.

THE SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

'Come to me,
all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Matthew 11:28-30

**Holy Jesus,
give us something of Francis' simplicity,
something of his recklessness,
something of his humility,
and of his love for all creatures. Amen.**

THE READING

Canticle of the Sun, St Francis

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

**All creatures of our God and light,
lift up your voice with all your might;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
you burning sun with golden beam,
you silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**You rushing wind with voice so strong,
you clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise God, Alleluia!
you rising morn, in praise rejoice,
you lights of evening find a voice,
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**You flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your God to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
you fire so powerful and bright,
wonderful source of warmth and light,
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And all forgiven tender hearts,
forgiving others, take your part,
sing praises, Alleluia!
you who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, who knows your ev'ry care.
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Music: arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

For the beauty of the earth

John Rutter (b. 1945)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tatou e to tatou Ariki, ka inoi tatou:

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
kia tapu tōu Ingoa.**

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai

ki runga ki te whenua,

kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane

he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara,

Me mātou hoki e muru nei

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,

me te korōria,

Āke ake ake. Āmine.

THE BLESSING

Go now for the Spirit of God is alive in the land.

Amen. We go in the power of love.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Postlude in C

Henry Smart