

# **The Feast of St Francis in the Season of Creation Orange Shirt Sunday**

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THE  
**ABBEY**  
CHURCH



**The Burning Bush**  
Ex 33:12

**Listen to the  
Voice of creation**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

*Come as you are,  
Beloved companions in the Spirit -  
offering our lives  
in the beautiful struggle of faith...*



# **We Gather**

## **Opening Loop (Announcement)**

### **The Children/Youth Toll the Bells**

### **Welcome, Announcements and Land Acknowledgement with łəkʷəŋən from elder Butch Dick**

*Bell x3*

## **Invocation/Painting: Lord, Have Mercy**

*Refrain:* Lord, have mercy (x4)

Holy Spirit rest upon us -

lead us in the way of your justice

Holy Spirit rest upon us -

Teach us how to serve in your weakness (Refrain)

Holy Spirit rest upon us - teach us how to tend to creation

Holy Spirit rest upon us

- guide us from our path of destruction

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## **Opening Responses**

We gather in the name of the Creator

**Who is a community of love.**

We gather in the name of the Redeemer

**who reconciles all of creation.**

We gather in the presence of the Life Giver

**Who inspires new life and renews it.**

Come. Let us worship the Triune God!

## **Poem and Collect**

When Francis preached love to the birds

They listened, fluttered, throttled up

Into the blue like a flock of words

Released for fun from his holy lips.

Then wheeled back, whirled about his head,

Pirouetted on brothers' capes.

Danced on the wing, for sheer joy played

And sang, like images took flight.

Which was the best poem Francis made,

His argument true, his tone light.

*St. Francis and the Birds by Seamus Heaney*

Let us pray. Most high, omnipotent, good God. Grant your beloved community the grace to renounce privilege and power over others; that, following the way of Saints Francis and Clare, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole beloved creation with joy; through Jesus Christ our sibling and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*During this next song, Abbeykids come forward to set the table.*

**Song: All Creatures Worship God Most High!**

All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound every voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright,  
sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear sister water, useful, clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear: Alleluia...

Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;  
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,  
praise God in colors bright and rare: Alleluia...

All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain or sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
still make your song amid the tears: Alleluia...

And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the  
night that leads us home. Alleluia...

O Siblings, we now take our part,  
and worship God with humble hearts: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the \*Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit Three in One: Alleluia...

St. Francis of Assisi/Augsburg Fortress/ELW835/OneLicense \*Or, "Source, The Son"

# We Proclaim

## **Psalm 148** *(selected verses)*

Praise the Almighty! Praise the Exalted from the heavens;  
praise her on the heights!

**Praise her, all her angels;**

**praise her, all her starry warriors!**

Praise her, sun and moon;

praise her, all you stars of light!

**Praise her, you highest heavens,**

**and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the Name of the Mighty God,

for she commanded and they were created.

**She established them forever and ever; she set  
boundaries that cannot be crossed.**

Praise the Creator of All from the earth,

sea monsters and all watery deeps,

**Fire and hail, snow and frost,**

**swirling wind fulfilling her word!**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**Animals wild and tame, creeping things and winged**

**birds! Praise the Almighty!** *(Wilda C. Gafney Translation)*

## **Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:14-18**

A reading from the letter to the Galatians.

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, dear siblings.. Amen...

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

*Let us prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel.*

Hallelujah! Let all creation rise in song:

Hallelujah! Fill the earth with songs of worship,

Tell the wonders of the Sovereign one!

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## **Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30**

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

**With our words and with our lives!**

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. '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.'

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## **Sermon**

Bishop Logan McMenamie

*Bell / Silence / Bell*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Hear, O Israel, **the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Chivonne Graff

## **Confession**

Resting in the knowledge of God's loving desire to refresh and renew the face of the earth, let us turn to the light and confess our sins...

*Silence*

**Creator, we confess that we have not honoured you. We have broken our relationships with one another, and wounded your fragile creation. We are truly sorry and repent of the ways we have turned from your call. Forgive us. Lead us from apathy to love. Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people and of your glorious creation, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen**

## **Absolution and/or Assurance of Grace**

## **Offertory Song: Instrument of Peace**

*During this offertory song, the table is set.*

*You are also welcomed (now, or later) to place any financial contributions to our common life in the vintage record player in the back of the worship space. Cheques can be made out to 'The Emmaus Community'. Charitable receipts are issued.*

*You are also welcome to place non-perishable food items in the "Campus United" basket for the UVic United Church Campus Ministry Food bank.*

*Refrain:* Lord make me an instrument of peace  
An instrument of peace,

Where there is hatred, let me sow love  
Where there is darkness, let me sow light  
For in the giving we shall receive  
And in the dying were given life. *Refrain*

Where there is sorrow let me sow hope  
Where there is doubt , let me sow faith  
Where there is injury your pardon give  
Your consolation to those in pain. *Refrain*

Lord make me an instrument of peace,  
An instrument of peace - Amen.

Attributed to St. Francis. Paraphrase/music: Wardell/Vice/Palmer/Fox/Sach - 2020  
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## **We Celebrate**

### **Prayer Over The Gifts**

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you  
from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life and the  
wine of your justice we pray in the name of Jesus Christ  
our brother. **Amen.**

### **The Holy Eucharist**

The Lord 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 God thanks and praise.**

Holy God how wonderful is the work of your hands  
...**Glory to you forever and ever**



...with all creation we sing...

**Holy Holy Holy Lord 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 Hosanna in the highest.**

As Jesus was eating with his disciples...

**...Glory to you forever and ever**

As supper was ending Jesus took the wine...

**...Glory to you forever and ever**

Holy God we give you thanks for the mystery of faith given to us in Jesus your child. **Christ has died Christ is Risen Christ will come again. X2**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts...**Amen**

As beloved children of a loving parent we pray as Jesus taught us...

### **The Prayer of Jesus**

As beloved children of a loving parent let us pray:

**Our Father (Mother/Source) 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.**

*Silence is kept.*

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God, given for the life of the world. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is gluten-free. It may contain dairy and/or almond flour. If you'd like a dairy or nut free option, please let the presider know. Juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the common cup, please do not dip the bread into the cup.*

### **Communion Song: Brother Sun**

Brother sun, sister moon  
Your light shines from the heavens  
Giving glory, all the glory to the Maker

Gentle wind, welcome home  
You've been traveling with your song  
Singing glory, all the glory to the Maker  
*Refrain:* Hallelujah, hallelujah! Singing glory  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Singing glory to the Maker Hallelujah!

Sweetest rain, serenade. Pouring down from the heavens  
Bring all your blessings, every blessing from the Maker *R.*

All you people, join in the song. There is work to be done  
For the glory, all the glory of the Maker  
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### **Communion Song: Lay Down Your Weary Tune**

*Refrain:* Lay down your weary tune, lay down  
Lay down the song you strum  
And rest yourself 'neath the strength of strings  
No voice can hope to hum

Struck by the sounds before the sun  
I knew the night had gone  
The morning breeze like a bugle blew  
Against the drum of dawn *Refrain*

The ocean wild like an organ played  
The seaweed wove its strands  
The crashing waves like cymbals clashed  
Against the rocks and the sand *Refrain*

I stood unwound beneath the skies  
And clouds unbound by laws  
The crying rain like a trumpet sang  
And asked for no applause *Refrain*

The last of leaves fell from the trees  
And clung to a new love's breast  
The branches bare like a banjo moan  
To the winds that listen the best *Refrain*

I gazed down in the river's mirror  
And watched its winding strum  
The water smooth ran like a hymn  
And like a harp did hum *Refrain*

Bob Dylan / © 1963

### **Prayer after Communion**

Oh God, we thank you that you have fed us with your body, your life given for the world. May this meal nourish us in our care for creation. May we be joyful and generous in our service and live with eyes open to wonder and awake to your presence in your creation. **Amen.**

## **We Are Sent**

### **Blessing**

Logan McMenamie

### **Closing Song: Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning**

*Refrain:* Keep your lamp trimmed and burning,  
Keep your lamp trimmed and burning,  
Keep your lamp trimmed and burning,  
For this old world it is almost gone.

Brother, don't you get worried...

Sister, don't stop prayin'...

Preacher, don't stop preachin'...

Blind Willie Johnson / African-American traditional

### **Sending**

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a Mother. Go in peace to follow the good road\*.

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

\*St Clare of Assisi



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